

2015 TOURNAMENT RULES



TOHO's "FREE CASH" - BIG BASS BASH

December 5th, 2015

- 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS:** These guidelines, as set forth on this entry form must be strictly followed by all contestants. It is each contestant's responsibility to read and fully understand these rules because entrants may be disqualified for noncompliance and may be required to forfeit all prize money and entry fees if they fail to comply with these rules and regulations. The decision of the tournament director will be final in all matters.
- 2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in this tournament is limited to the first 100 boat applicants. Alternative boat applications will be taken if any of the original 100 boat applicants are not eligible to fish the tournament, which will be directed by the tournament director. The "team" shall consist of a minimum of one or a maximum of two contestants fishing as a team. The Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone who has been previously disqualified from any fishing tournament for a serious violation, such as cheating or stealing.
- 3. REGISTRATION, TOURNAMENT DATE and ENTRY FEE:** Mailed entries for each team must be postmarked no later than 5 days prior to the tournament date to be eligible. **Tournament date is scheduled for December 5th, 2015.**
- 4. LAUNCHING AND TRAILERING:** Contestants will launch from the main ramp in the flight that your team was assigned, which will be highlighted as you enter the park on the day of the tournament. In addition, the tournament director will check each boat/livewell prior to competition. No trailering to the weigh-in site is permitted. Tournament will launch at the discretion of the Tournament Director at 7am. Any special weather circumstances may delay the start of the tournament. Check in time will be at 3pm unless otherwise noted by the Tournament Director. Any teams arriving late for check in will be disqualified.
- 5. TACKLE AND TROLLING:** Only one fishing rod may be used at any one time, and each cast must be completed before another is made. Tightlines UV Plastics are the only brand of plastics that may be used or be in the boat during tournament competition. Any brand of Jig, bladed jig, or spinnerbait may be used but a Tightlines UV Trailer must be used in conjunction with any other baits. Trolling with the combustion engine is not allowed.

6. BOATS, MOTORS, AND SAFETY: Any boat may be utilized if it meets all state and local legal requirements, including BIA horsepower ratings. All boats **MUST** have an adequate, functioning livewell with aeration provided. Coast Guard approved life vests **MUST** be worn and **FASTENED** while the boat motor is running, and all boats **MUST** have a working "kill" switch **ATTACHED** to the driver when the boat is on plane. In case of mechanical failure or in an emergency situation, contestants may transport their catch to the weigh-in site by way of another contestant's boat. **NOTE:** Tightlines UV Lure Co. and/or its employees or representatives will not be responsible for boating, water, travel, or any other accidents. Each contestant is solely responsible for his or her actions, including situations that result from inclement weather. It is each contestant's own personal decision to travel to and/or fish this tournament regardless of weather conditions. Tightlines UV Lure Co. does not encourage anyone to take undue risk simply to participate in this or any other tournament.

7. SPORTSMANSHIP: No fishing is allowed from outside a contestant's boat or within 50 yards of another contestant's anchored or tied boat that has its trolling motor in the stored position, without the express permission of its occupants. No ladders or platforms used for sight fishing will be allowed on tournament boats. "Hole holding" is not allowed and anyone displaying poor sportsmanship, breaking state or local laws, or violating any of the rules of this tournament will forfeit their entry fee and may (at the discretion of the tournament director) be disqualified from this tournament.

8. NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES may not be consumed during tournament hours. For the safety of all concerned, contestants must also not use narcotics or consume alcohol immediately prior to the commencement of the tournament or operate a boat under the influence of either alcohol or illegal drugs.

9. CONTESTANTS/AGE: Entered contestants in any boat may assist another contestant in that same boat in landing or netting fish. Contestants under 18 years of age may enter and fish **ONLY** if accompanied by their parent, grandparent, or legal guardian and the tournament application is truthfully completed and signed by such parent, grandparent, or legal guardian and Tightlines UV Lure Co. **MUST** be furnished with a signed and dated "Release of Responsibility." Tournament officials, staff, volunteers, other contestants, sponsors, and/or Tightlines UV Lure Co. will not be responsible for mishaps or accidents resulting from this tournament.

10. ON THE LAKE: Tournament waters shall include Lake Toho, Lake Cypress, Lake Hatchineha, Lake Kissimmee and all waters in between with the following exceptions. Any area south of the HWY 60 Bridge on Lake Kissimmee shall be deemed off limits. No casting upstream of the No Fishing sign on the Toho/Cypress Canal. Officials may be on the lake during tournament hours and all contestants are required to cooperate with inspection requests and comply with instructions given by tournament officials regarding rules and regulations.

11. PUBLICATION RIGHTS: By signing entry form, each contestant agrees to allow Tightline UV Lure Co. in conjunction with the "Tightlines UV Toho's Free Cash – Big Bass Bash" the sole and exclusive right to take and publish photographs, motion pictures, voice recordings, and/or videotape footage of him or her as a contestant and use this material, or dispose of it, in any legal manner without further permission or compensation to the contestant.

12. PRIZE MONEY: Each contestant, by signing this form, represents that he or she understands and agrees on the prize money and prizes. All contestants by signing this application agree to a polygraph test if requested by the Tournament Director. Any contestants receiving a cash payout or reward may be subject to a polygraph. Failure to complete or pass a requested polygraph will result in immediate disqualification.

13. **PRE-FISHING:** Guides may not be hired, fished with, or followed during practice days unless they are entered as a contestant.
14. **PRACTICE FISHING AND OFF LIMITS:** Toho Lake will have no off limits for pre-fishing / practice fishing.
15. **FISH LENGTHS AND LIMITS:** Dead fish will be penalized at one-fourth (1/4) pound per dead fish. Each team may weigh only five fish (largemouth bass) per tournament. All fish must be brought to the scales for weigh-in by one of the team members catching said fish. A 12-inch minimum length limit will be enforced.
16. **"SHORT FISH"** will not be weighed or included in the total. An official measuring board will be used by the tournament director and it is at the tournament director's discretion if a fish is of the 15-inch minimum length limit.
17. **TIES:** will split the prizes of that and the next place.
18. **THE "TEAM":** The "team" may consist of a male/male or male/female with no age minimum or maximum, as long as one team member is above the age of 18 years old. The tournament director reserves the right to appoint a non-fishing observer to accompany any team
19. **FISHING HOURS/LAUNCH TIME, DEPARTURE & PROCEDURE:** Departure will sequence in order which entry fees are received. Earliest postmark will determine. Tournament Director will launch the boats at the time of departure.
20. **WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN PROCEDURES:** The Check-in point and procedures are designated by the tournament director and advised at the day of the tournament.
21. **PRIZES:** First place will receive a guaranteed \$1,000 cash prize. Second place will receive product prizes, and additional prizes will be given back to 5th place.
22. **BIG BASS PRIZE:** For the team that brings in the biggest bass caught during the tournament, that will receive a prize that will be announced at the day of the tournament.
23. **VARIATION IN RULES:** Each team member agrees that the tournament director's decision will be final in all matters and agrees to abide by the tournament director's decision.
24. **DISPUTES:** If any contestant refuses to abide by the decision of the tournament director and elects to litigate any dispute arising out of the tournament, the contestant agrees, by signing this entry form, that venue of any such litigation is in Florida. Furthermore, contestant agrees to pay for all of the tournament sponsors attorney's fees and costs incurred by Tightlines UV / sponsors as a result of the contestant filing such litigation regardless of whether the contestant prevails. Moreover, any contestant who files a lawsuit regarding a dispute arising out of this tournament instead of abiding by the decision of the tournament director agrees to reimburse Tightlines UV Lure Co. / sponsors for any and all time spent by their employees on such litigation, (such as trial preparation, attending depositions, responding to discovery requests, etc.) at a rate not less than \$50.00 per hour. Such reimbursement will be made within ten days of the date the contestant or the contestant's attorney receives an invoice from Tightlines UV Lure Co. / sponsors, even if such reimbursements are billed for prior to the date set for trial.

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ENTRY FORM (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

BOATERS NAME:

ADRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE,

PHONE #:

AGE:

E MAIL:

BOAT MAKE:

MOTOR NAME:

HP:

PARTNER'S NAME:

ADRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE,

PHONE #:

AGE:

E MAIL:

SENDING THIS ENTRIES MEANS YOU HAVE READ ALL THE RULES
AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.

SIGNATURE:

SOCIAL SECURITY Last 4 digits:

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ENTRY FEE PER BOAT: \$0.00

Send To:
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