



## Official Tournament Rules

**Tournament Waters:** The official tournament waters are all bodies of freshwater reachable from the launch point with out removing the boat from the water.

**Eligibility:** The tournament is open to all pre-registered tournament anglers/participants. Each boat may have no more than three people plus the guide, on board. All guides are not eligible and shall not fish.

**Registration:** All guides shall attend a pre-tournament meeting.

**Sportsmanship:** All anglers/participants are expected to show courtesy to all persons involved in the tournament and as well as all other anglers/participants. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs/substances may be consumed during tournament hours.

**Protest:** There are only two (2) opportunities to protest. The first is prior to the morning of take-off for violations that are alleged to have occurred before the start of the tournament. Second is after the completion of weigh-in, but before the awards are made. There after all results are final official. In the event of a protest, the disputed awards will not be made until the matter is resolved. Each competitor agrees, by signing the application form, to submit to a polygraph examination if required by the tournament officials. The findings of a polygraph examination are final.

**Tackle & Equipment:** Live bait or artificial baits may be used. All bass must be caught and handled in a sporting manner.

**Boat & Equipment:** Each boat must have safety equipment, adequate to pass Coast Guard regulations, aboard at all times. Running of the main (outboard) engine during the tournament is not permitted. Operation of the trolling motor only is permitted during the tournament. Boats must have good operating livewells to keep the bass alive during the tournament.

**Scoring:** Only largemouth and/or peacock bass will be weighed in. A limit of three (3) fish per boat with no size limits. You may not have more than three (3) fish in your livewell at any time. All bass must be released unharmed immediately after weigh-in.

**Tournament Winner:** The anglers/participants in the boat that bring in up to three (3) fish with the greatest cumulative weight shall be the first place winner of the Tournament.

**Million Dollar Challenge:** The angler/participant in any boat that catches the single heaviest bass, largemouth or peacock, will get the chance to draw for the Million Dollar Challenge. In order to qualify for a chance to win the Million Dollar Challenge prize, the eligible contestant must successfully select the one (1) winning contest envelope from a randomly commingled group of Two Hundred Fifty (250) envelopes provided by Odds On Promotions, a division of Hole-in-One, International. **IMPORTANT: ONLY ONE (1) CONTEST ENVELOPE MAY BE OPENED.** Opening any additional contest envelopes or a master envelope corresponding to a prize level with a potential claim will cause all claims to be denied. In the event of a \$1,000,000.00, winner shall agree to donate 50% of prize as a tax deductible contribution to the Hot Rods and Reels™ Charity Fishing Tournament.

**Rule Interpretation:** Interpretation of these rules shall be left to the sole and absolute discretion of the tournament officials. All decisions of the tournament officials are absolutely final. Any violation of the tournament rules is grounds for disqualification from this and future tournaments. The tournament officials reserve the right to disqualify any participant at any time for any violation of these Rules.