

2010 HOOKERZ TACKLE BIG BASS BOUNTY (BBB) OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

We have read and understand the rules and enclose the completed application and our entry fee payable to: Hookerz Tackle. In signing this application, we hereby waive our legal venue, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament and agree to all their rules and decisions. Receipt date of entry determines starting position. Cash, check or money order must accompany this entry form to qualify for tournament entry. And that I maintain liability insurance and have verification of liability insurance on the boat I will use in this tournament, if requested by BBB official. NO POST DATED CHECKS. www.hookerztackle.com

A. Boater's Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Towing Vehicle _____ Email _____

B. Partner's Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Towing Vehicle _____ Email _____

Boat _____ Model _____ Motor _____ Year _____ HP _____ Locator _____ Trolling Motor _____

Mail to: Hookerz Tackle 223 Hanover Road Lexington, Ohio 44904 Phone (419) 612-6979 or (419) 565-0208

(Detach above and mail with fee) RETAIN THESE RULES

OFFICIAL 2011 HOOKERZ TACKLE BIG BASS BOUNTY RULES

These are the official tournament rules for all Hookerz Tackle Big Bass Bounty (BBB) events. Any local, state, and federal rule(s) which supersede these rules (if any) will take precedence over BBB rules. The BBB reserves the right to refuse entry into any BBB event at the discretion of the tournament authority. The following rules for the Big Bass Bounty Tournament will be interpreted solely by the tournament director. Any announcements made by the tournament director at the tournament site take precedent over written rules. All decisions of the tournament director are final. www.hookerztackle.com

1. PARTICIPATION AND ELIIGIBILTY - There are no restrictions as to race, gender, creed, or color for any BBB Angler or Volunteer Tournament Official. The minimum age for all BBB events is 16 years of age. Any BBB Angler under the age of 18 years of age must have written consent and the release of liability from a parent or guardian to participate in any BBB event. All tournament boats may be inspected by tournament officials at any time. If a contestant is disqualified for rules violations, all other contestants in his/her boat will be disqualified. No more than 2 contestants per boat.

2. ENTRY FEE / PAYOUTS - \$160.00 per boat pre paid via mail, \$170 via website or \$185 morning of event. Cash only entries will be accepted up to morning of tournament. Payouts based on full 75 boat field. BBB Reserves the right to add additional boats and adjust the payouts to reflect additions. If less than 75 boats payouts will be pro rated.

3. TOURNAMENT HOURS / MORNING MEETING - Check in will begin at 5:00 a.m. at the launch ramp for tournament; hours will be 7:00 am (SAFE LIGHT) to 3:00 pm. We reserve the right to assign flights, change hours and tournament dates if necessary. Morning meeting will start @ 6:15am @ the registration area.

4. TAKE-OFF - Will be in order in which entries are received. Take off will be at weigh-in site. We will have only one take off in the morning. If you come in to weigh-in a fish during the 1st, 2nd OR 3rd hourly weigh-in you can leave to go back out and fish until the next weigh-in or final check in time. Boat numbers assigned must be displayed during the tournament hours. Live-wells kill switches and navigational lights will be inspected during take-off. BBB Anglers will not be allowed to leave until all safety equipment is in working order.

5. MEDIA RELATIONS - BBB Anglers will cooperate with all media, promotional, and sponsor representatives covering all BBB events. By virtue of their entry and acceptance into all BBB events, the BBB has the expressed permission to use any photographs, audio and/or video recordings of BBB Anglers accounts, or interviews for the promotion of the BBB. Any photographs, audio and/or video recordings of BBB Anglers become the exclusive property of the BBB.

6. SPORTSMANSHIP - Sportsmanship, good judgment, as well as courtesy towards others on and off the water will be strictly adhered to at all times. The use of obscene language or inappropriate gestures is specifically forbidden at all times before, during, or after every BBB event, particularly in the immediate areas of the host marina, weigh-in area, lodging facilities, or tournament headquarters. No fishing within 50 yards of a competitor's boat that was first anchored (Anchor down, Power Pole's are considered an anchor device, and Trolling Motor in the stowed position). No hole sitting allowed.

7. TOURNAMENT PROTECTION - Any act(s) or inflammatory statement(s) by any Angler that, in the opinion of the tournament authority, is detrimental to the bass tournament, damaging to organized bass fishing, to the BBB, or any of its staff, sponsors, or to permitting agencies or their officers (such as park rangers, fisheries biologists, or other officials), during any BBB event will result in disqualification from that event and banned from all future BBB events. It is the responsibility of each BBB Angler to know, understand, and accept all BBB rules.

8. ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES/NARCOTICS - Any BBB Angler who is under the influence of, or in possession of alcohol or any banned or illegal substance or drug will be disqualified from that event and banned from all future BBB events.

9. SAFETY - All boats entered in BBB events must be equipped with a working "Kill" switch that must be attached to the driver whenever the outboard motor is running. Additionally, all Anglers must wear a Coast Guard approved (Type III PFD) life vest whenever the outboard motor is running. SOSpender type life vests that meet Type V PFD performance ratings are permitted. Waist-type life preservers are not permitted. It is the responsibility of all BBB Anglers to maintain and operate their boat in a safe and courteous manner. Unsafe or reckless driving, excessive speed, and violation of local laws will not be tolerated. BBB Anglers who purposely endanger their passengers and/or other boats on the water during tournament hours will be disqualified and banned from all future BBB events. Kill switches and navigational lights will be inspected during take-off. BBB Anglers will not be allowed to leave until all safety equipment is in working order.

10. INSURANCE & LIABILITY - It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to carry and have proof of \$100,000 liability insurance covering the boat operator and their passengers. All BBB Anglers are required to sign or acknowledge a waiver (on their entry form) absolving the tournament staff, sponsors, co-sponsors, tournament venues, and their employees from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in all BBB events or

11. LICENSES & REGISTRATION - Each BBB Angler must have in their possession a valid and current fishing license governing the fishable waters of the event. Any BBB Angler found to be in violation will be disqualified from that BBB event and is subject to citation. Boats used by BBB Anglers must have valid and current registration from the state in which it is registered.

12. OFF LIMITS & FISHABLE WATERS - Fishable waters in all BBB events will include any water reachable by boat that is open to all persons and is not otherwise restricted by local, state, or federal regulations. All fishing and landing of fish must be done from the boat. BBB Anglers may not leave the boat to untangle a fishing line or lure from any structure (trees, rocks, docks, etc) or part of the boat. BBB Anglers may not leave their boat in an effort to push their boat into or out of fishing waters that they could not otherwise reach; however, the use of push-poles is permitted. . No off limits time before tournament.

13. EQUIPMENT/TACKLE/TECHNIQUE RESTRICTIONS - There are no minimum boat size or minimum horsepower restrictions for BBB events. All BBB boats must be equipped with an aerated livewell and an ignition "Kill" switch. Engines may not exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat hull and no outboards over 300HP are permitted. "Stick" steering boats are prohibited as well. No live bait, cut bait, or prepared baits other than pork rind may be used. Fish attractants and scents may be used. All fishing must be accomplished with one rod and reel combination used at a time. This means that each cast must be completely retrieved before another cast can be made with another rod and reel. Trolling (the act of manipulating a lure solely with the trolling motor) is prohibited. At no time may an BBB Angler fish while the outboard motor is running. The intentional snagging of fish is prohibited. Landing nets are permitted and maximum rod length of 8'.

14. BAG LIMITS/SIZES - All BBB events are one-fish tournaments. At no time shall a BBB Angler have more than two fish in their live well. Qualifying fish (Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass) must be a minimum of 12 inches in length, measured laying flat with the mouth closed on a flat board fanning the tail. At no time shall a BBB Angler have more than two fish in their boat except while in the act of culling. BBB Anglers shall not have a line in the water while in the act of culling. BBB Anglers weighing in a short fish will be disqualified from that event. Courtesy board will be provided for anglers to use before presenting fish for weigh in.

15. SIGHT FISHING - The "sight fishing" rule is in effect any time that BBB Anglers are attempting to catch visible fish and is in place to prevent the intentional snagging of bass. A sight or bedding fish is defined as one that can be seen and is watched as it approaches and bites the lure. Any bass that is caught while sight fishing must be caught with the hook in the fish's mouth with the hook point entering from inside the mouth. Any sight fish caught by snagging or with the hook starting outside the mouth shall be deemed an illegally caught fish and must be released. This same fish may be caught again by legal method – with the hook starting from inside the mouth

15. WEIGH IN - Each contestant is allowed to have 2 fish in their possession at any time during the tournament. Fish entered into the semi-hourly contest do not carry over from hour to hour. Only the largest fish per contestant is eligible to win an overall prize. Each boat may weigh-in 1 fish per time slot, up to 4 a day. Once a BBB Angler presents his or her fish to the tournament Weigh master, it becomes their official catch. It cannot be touched again by the BBB Angler, except for photographs after it has been weighed and the weight recorded. Bass must be alive when they are brought to the weigh-in. Dead fish will not be weighed-in. Weigh In Times are 7-9am, 9-11am, 11-1pm and 1-3pm.. Angler must be in line and checked in before the close of that official weigh in period to count for fish to count for that quarter..

16. BREAKDOWNS/EMERGENCIES - BBB Anglers are not permitted to leave their boat or touch another boat, with the exception of an emergency or a mechanical breakdown. In the event of a mechanical breakdown, the BBB Angler with the mechanical breakdown can receive a tow from another BBB contestant, but they cannot fish while in tow. The BBB Angler providing the tow may continue to fish, if they so choose. If a mechanical breakdown occurs, the BBB Angler with the mechanical breakdown is requested to call the tournament director at a pre-determined cell phone number.

17. CELLULAR TELEPHONES/TWO WAY RADIOS - The use of cell phones or any other communication devices (including text messaging) by BBH Anglers is strictly prohibited except in the event of an emergency or to report a mechanical breakdown. BBB Anglers who use cell phones or any other communication devices for any other reason during tournament hours will be disqualified.

18. CITATIONS - Any BBB Angler who receives a citation from any local, state, or federal officer may, at the tournament director's discretion maybe disqualified from that event.

19. POLYGRAPH TESTING - All BBB Anglers, by virtue of their signed or acknowledged entry form, agree to submit to a lie detector test at the discretion of the tournament authority. BBB Anglers refusing to submit to a lie detector test or who fail a lie detector test will forfeit any and all tournament winnings and/or merchandise and will be banned from all future BBB events. BBB will have a Polygraph Administer on site at the end of the day's event.

20. PROTESTS - Protests regarding any rules violation(s) must be declared verbally immediately to the tournament director and then submitted in writing within 30 minutes of the end of weigh-in. The tournament director will review all protests, conduct interviews of potential witnesses (if necessary) and make a ruling on the protest as soon as possible. The decision of the tournament director will be final. (Note: To avoid protests and potential confrontations, it is recommended that you alert the would-be offender to check the rules).

21. ANGLER WITHDRAWALS / REFUNDS - BBB Anglers withdrawing from any BBB event for any reason must do so no later than 11:59 PM EST 3 days prior to the event in order to receive a refund of their entry fee. There will be a \$20 processing fee for all refunds. Any BBB Angler withdrawing after that time for any reason will forfeit their entire entry fee.

22. DECISIONS - All decisions of the tournament director shall be final. The tournament director has the right to cancel the tournament for any reason. Shall this occur a refund will be given to each contestant. The tournament could be postponed and date of tournament rescheduled due to reasons beyond our control.

23. TIES - All hourly ties will be broken by the earliest weigh-in time for that hour, if weigh-in times are the same a tie breaker will be determined by earliest application entry. Ties for the overall big bass will be determined by earliest application entry.

24. DEALER & TACKLE INCENTIVES – Boat dealer incentives will only be awarded to overall winning angler. Angler must be registered owner of the boat purchased from participating dealer(s).. Tackle incentives will be announced as they become available.. Incentives may and can be set based on a minimum amount of anglers..

**Rules, Payouts and Online Entry can be seen @
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