

2026 CHICKEN AND BREAD DAYS SPRING BASS TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION AND RULES

Contestants/Team Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

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Please read all official tournament rules and regulations prior to signing entry form. Violations of any rules regarding the following items will be cause for immediate disqualification.

- Fishing License
- Boat Registration
- Alcoholic Beverages/Drugs
- Kill Switch
- Horsepower Rating
- Life Jacket; Throw Cushion
- Running Lights

The tournament will be held regardless of weather. Should conditions threaten safety, please use caution.

FUNDS: Funds earned help continue the life of this tournament and provide City of Bowie beautification project funds.

DECISIONS:

1. All decisions of the Tournament Director are FINAL.
2. All protests must be registered in writing with a Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the final weigh in.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. All state & Federal penal code laws apply at all times.
2. All state, Coast Guard, Federal Parks & Wildlife regulations shall apply at all times.
3. Contestants must have a valid fishing license for tournament lake on their person unless exempt.
4. Each person in boat must be a paid contestant of official tournament and abide by all tournament rules and regulations. Boat must remain at weigh in while angler is weighing in.
5. Non-contestants are not allowed in paid contestant's boat at any time during official tournament hours.
6. Any contestant found to be in violation of any tournament rules will be subject to disqualification from this tournament and all future tournaments.
7. All bass caught by contestants fishing together will be disqualified if any of the said contestants are found to be in violation of any tournament rules and regulations.
8. Any person who has been disqualified from any prior tournament may be subject to being refused entry into tournament.
9. Tournament officials have the right to refuse ANY ENTRY.
10. Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or adult with written parental permission.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE:

1. Entry form with complete entry fee must be received before fishing.
2. NO REFUND OR SUBSTITUTION OF ENTRY FEES FOR ANY REASON.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

1. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed by tournament contestant nor are alcoholic beverages allowed in contestants boat during official tournament hours, unless tournament contestant is finished fishing/has had their boat inspection and polygraph for that tournament day.

SAFETY:

1. All boats must be equipped with some type emergency ignition cut-off device (kill switch) on any remote steered outboard while main engine is in use. Ignition cut-off device (kill switch) must be attached to boat operator at all times while the main engine is in use. Kill switch must operate properly. When the kill switch is activated, the outboard main engine must stop running immediately. However, kill switches are not required with hand operated engines unless equipped with one when manufactured.
2. Boat operator must show proof of valid registration.
3. US Coast Guard approved life jackets are required for each person in boat. Life jackets must be worn and fastened while main engine is in use.
4. No boat shall have a motor of higher horsepower than the approved Coast Guard maximum.

PERMITTED FISHING AREAS AND HOURS:

1. Official fishing hours will be safe light until 3:00 p.m. Scales close 3:30 p.m.
2. Official Tournament Lake Off Limits hours begins: Sunday night 11:59 p.m., April 5, 2026 until tournament day.
3. Controlled takeoff by boat entry number from Selma Park launch ramp (example: first boat entered first boat to leave). No casting until official clock.
4. No fishing within 50 yards of another contestant without permission.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:

1. All bass must be caught on artificial bait by casting. No trolling. Contestants may use only one rod at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat for substitute purposes.
2. All fishing must be done from boat. No bank fishing is allowed except for kids fish contest. Angler cannot leave boat to land fish.

WEIGH IN, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND CONSERVATION:

1. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from every participant.
2. All bass weighed in will become the property of the tournament and will be released back into the lake.
3. All contestants will be required to bring their boat and respective partner with them to the weigh in site when weighing bass unless competing individually.
4. No bass on ice. Bass must be alive to be weighed in.
5. All bass brought to the final weigh in of the day must be in an official weigh in bag with water. Only one fish may be weighed per team per hour.
6. Your biggest bass are registered into the final overall standings. No ties. In case of ties, can be combined and split with next place or flip of a coin. Five hourly weigh in awards (8-9, 9-10, 10-11, 11-noon, noon-1)
7. Any artificially weighed or preserved bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under state and/or federal laws.
8. Any questionable entry will be subject to inspection by a marine biologist or similarly qualified expert from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.
11. Minimum length of bass to be weighed is less than 14".
12. No team may have more than three bass in their possession at any time during official tournament hours.
13. Contestants are to be attentive to litter and should make every effort to maintain their trash in their boat and dispose of it properly.

POLYGRAPH:

1. Each contestant by signing the entry form, agrees to submit to polygraph.
2. Any contestant determined by the polygraph examination or other Tournament Officials to be intoxicated or any type of illegal drugs at the time said contestant is required to take the polygraph examination, or in violation of Tournament rules, will be disqualified from this and all future Tournaments.
5. Any contestant found to be in the possession of any illegal substance will be subject to disqualification and prosecution.

BOAT INSPECTION:

All contestants by entering the Tournament hereby agree to allow their boats to be boarded and inspected by the Tournament officials at any time during said Tournament to include, but not limited to, their boat registration, Coast Guard horsepower rating plate, and boat contents to include livewell, rod boxes, closed storage compartments, tackle boxes, life jackets, PFD's and safety equipment. The above mentioned rules are for your own safety.