

Official Rules + Regulations
River Country Bassmasters
Buffalo Lake Open
“Saturday” JULY 21, 2012

1. Entry + Eligibility: Entry fee is \$100.00 per team. (2 anglers per team) THERE WILL BE A 6 FISH LIMIT PER TEAM. Entries will be limited to the first 70 teams. All contestants must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible for cash awards.
2. Safety: Tournament contestants must observe safe boat conduct at all times. Each competitor must wear an USCG approved chest type life preserver any time the combustion engine is running. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED DURING THE TOURNAMENT HOURS !!!!
3. Boat + Motor: The horsepower of the motor may not exceed the USCG rating. Each boat must be equipped with an aerated livewell, large enough to maintain a live limit of bass.
4. Tackle + Equipment: Only artificial baits may be used. (Pork strips + rinds OK) Only 1 rod and reel may be used at a time. (Others may be rigged and ready) No live or prepared baits allowed. NO MOTOR TROLLING.
5. Scoring: Final winners will be determined by the total weight (Pounds to .00) during the tournament. THERE WILL BE A 6 FISH LIMIT PER TEAM. Only largemouth + smallmouth bass, 14 inches in length and longer will count toward the teams score. Golden rule will be used. All fish will be measured closed mouth, closed tail. All bass must be caught alive and in a sporting manner. Each team is expected to make every effort to keep their bass alive and healthy. There will be a 4-ounce penalty for each dead fish, and each dead fish will be counted as part of the teams 6 fish limit. In the case of a tie, the most bass registered by a team will prevail, if still tied the teams involved will split the prize money involved equally. A coin toss will decide trophies.
6. Sportsmanship: All competitors are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. All Wis. fishing and boating regulations must be followed.
7. Tournament waters: Tournament waters will consist of all navigable waters, unless designated at the pre-tournament meeting. **There is no cutoff for pre-fishing Tournament waters**
8. Pre-tournament meeting: Meeting will be held at the tournament headquarters, at 6:30 AM the morning of the tournament. All contestants must be present at this meeting, and all boats must be in the water, and inspected prior to this meeting.
9. Protests + Rule interpretation: Any protest must be filed with the tournament director within 30 minutes of the close of the tournament. The interpretation of the rules shall be the responsibility of the tournament committee. All decisions of the tournament committee present will be final.
10. STARTING POSITION WILL BE DETERMINED BY RETURN OF COMPLETED ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES. FIRST IN - FIRST PRIORITY FOR STARTING POSITION. CUTOFF FOR ACCEPTING REGULAR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 7, 2012. ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 7, 2012 WILL BE SUBJECT TO A LATE FEE OF \$20.00 AND MUST BE CASH OR CERTIFIED CHECK. NO TEAM ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT, WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

For more information contact rivercountrybassmasters@gmail.com

Tournament headquarters: Buffalo Lake Lodge, North Shore of Buffalo Lake. Take Cty. Hwy. C west at the Montello Fire Station

Make all checks payable to RIVER COUNTRY BASSMASTERS

Send Check and FULLY COMPLETED entry form to:

River Country Bassmasters

P. O. Box 333

Montello, Wis. 53949

Please include E-Mail address for future contacts.

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Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ City _____ Zip _____

Partner #1 Sign _____ Partner #2 Sign _____

E-Mail _____ E-Mail _____

