

Friends of Everbloom High School Bass Tournament

Tournament Rules and Information

1. If weather or conditions shuts down the tournament, entry fees will be refunded. The tournament is considered official after 3 hours of fishing.
2. Only largemouth or smallmouth bass of 12 inches or larger may be weighed.
3. There will be a one pound deduction for every minute a participant is late getting back for weigh-in up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for the day.
4. There will be a five fish limit per boat. Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has five fish in the live well. No more than five fish in the live well at any time.
5. Ties will be broken, if the poundage is equal, by largest fish, then by the number of fish caught, and finally by the lowest boat draw position (lowest being #1).
6. All participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. If they do not, disqualification will occur.
7. Participants must only use the gear that is in the boat. If participants "switch out" during the tournament, gear may be taken on and off the boat in a safe manner. Participants may use their own gear or the gear of the coach/boat captain.
8. Every boat must have an adult captain/coach for driving purposes and only that person can drive when the outboard is in use.
9. All boats must have an anchor. If a boat is anchored with the trolling motor out of the water, other boats must stay 50 yards away.
10. All boats must have a tournament ribbon attached to the trolling motor at all times.
11. The captain/coach of the boat may make suggestions but cannot fish in any respect or tie any lures on for participants.
12. Captain/coach or participants can operate the trolling motor.
13. Anyone on the boat may net fish.
14. All fish will be released immediately after weigh-in. A one pound deduction will be made for each fish not "ethically" released.
15. All fish that are put in the live well must be kept alive. Dead fish will have a ½ pound deduction and cannot count as the large fish for that boat. Dead fish may not be culled.
16. Teams of up to four participants per boat may be entered. Only two students may be in the boat at any one time. The total for each of the five fish limit for that boat will count for the boat total of the tournament.
17. **Evergreen Lake has a 10 hp limit. Motors over 10 hp may be used (only applies during tournament hours), but must be operated at no wake speeds at all times.**
18. Individual weight of the largest bass will also be recorded for the top fish designated by each boat. The big bass award will be given to the participant that weighs in the largest bass of the tournament.
19. No live bait or trolling is allowed.
20. Participants must stay completely in the boat unless they are using an authorized rest room facility or they are back at the dock switching participants.
21. Any transfer of fish from one live well to a different live well in another boat due to malfunction must be made in the presence of the tournament director.
22. Once competition is under way, contestants may not obtain fishing patterns or locations from non-competitors, follow a non-competitor's boat or participate in the practice of "hole sitting", a practice wherein a non-competitor sits on a fishing spot, holding it for a contestant. In addition, non-competitors may not place markers for contestants. All of these actions are prohibited and will result in the immediate disqualification of the boat.
23. The captain or the coach of the boat is allowed to talk to the participants, but cannot fish in any respect. Coaches may net fish.
24. Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any participant, coach, and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on the water. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries, conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification.
25. Any team wishing to make a formal complaint must do so in writing to the tournament director before the conclusion of the weigh-in. The tournament director will make all final decisions regarding disqualifications.
26. Damage of any kind to a team's boat, tackle or equipment, are the responsibility of the individual involved.
27. By signing the entry form, teams verify that liability insurance is in force on the boat being used in the tournament.
28. By signing the entry form, participants waive and release all other contestants, hosts, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of injury/damage in connection with the tournament.
29. Each boat must have a valid Illinois registration and carry all coast guard required equipment.

Registration Form

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Please print this form and mail it to the *Friends of Everbloom* at the address below to ensure your teams place in the tournament. Boat draw will be based on the date the registration is received. Teams may register the morning of the tournament. An adult must be the boat captain and is not allowed to fish.

Boat Captain: _____

Boat Captain Phone Number (cell preferred): _____

Boat Captain Email: _____

Number of boats participating: _____

\$40 per boat fee = _____ (If you register 2 boats, your fee is \$80. There is no limit to the number of boats a team may enter.)

How many anglers will be participating in the event? _____

1. Having read the official rules and regulations and completed the above entry form, we agree to abide by all conditions stated therein.
2. We understand that we are responsible for our own student/athlete participants.
3. Friends of Everbloom, hosts, and sponsors assume no liability for accidents before, during, or after tournament hours.

Boat Captain Signature: _____

Please mail your entry fee, registration form, and boat assignment form to:

**Friends of Everbloom
HS Bass Tournament
402. N. Kays Drive
Normal, IL 61761**

www.friendsofeverbloom.com

Boat Assignment Form

Please complete this form and either mail in with registration form or present to the tournament director on the day of the event. Print as many copies as needed.

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3. Friends of Everbloom, hosts, and sponsors assume no liability for accidents before, during, or after tournament hours.

Boat # _____

Boat Captain _____

Angler names (up to four per boat)

Anglers must sign below

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Note: All participants and boat drivers must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water.

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