

Sportspersons Ministries International

All Tournaments begin at 6:00 am and end at 11:30 a.m.
\$50.00 Entry Fee per boat

One time \$25.00 membership fee, includes an SPI discount packet with your SPI Tournament Trail Card (required for each tournament.)
Packet includes Discount cards and coupons. Subs are allowed (see rule #15) and need either a guest pass (\$10) or a SPI Discount Card (\$25).

- 1) **Sign ups for tournaments will begin at 5:10 am and will close at 5:45 am** (15 minutes before the scheduled take off time). Anyone who shows up after the designated sign in time will not be allowed to participate in that event.
- 2.) **All Competitors must wear their life jackets when their combustible engine is running.**
- 3). **One or two anglers per boat.** A two person team may have additional angler(s) if that person is 15 years or younger (Up to one 11-15 year old plus one 10 years old or younger, or Two 10 years old and younger)
- 4). **Livewell checks** will be done at every tournament.
- 5) There will be a **5 fish limit of bass, largemouth and smallmouth**, whether you are fishing as a team or an individual.
- 6) Teams must cull down to their limit of 5 fish before returning to the official ramp site. Each fish must measure a minimum of 14 inches (flat surface, mouth closed, tail touching). **The shortest fish in every bag will be measured by the tournament director,** once the contestant's fish have been presented to the scales. **A courtesy measuring board is available and allowed before presenting your fish to be weighed.** Teams presenting more than a tournament limit to the scales will be disqualified from that event. A dead fish will result in a 8-ounce deduction (.5 lbs) from the team's total weight. If the team's big bass is dead the penalty will be taken from that fish. Any team that weighs in a short fish (under the 14 inch minimum, flat with mouth closed, tail touching the line) will be penalized the weight of the short fish **PLUS** the big fish of their bag. One courtesy bump will be allowed at the scales before weigh in).
- 7) There will be a 1 pound per minute late **penalty for any boat coming in late** to the designated weigh in site.
- 8) **Total weight determines the winning team.** We will use Big Bass as a **tiebreaker** for total weight, and total weight as a **tiebreaker** for Big Bass.
- 9) Big Bass: Big Bass is included in the \$50.00 entry fee.
- 10) **All State and local regulations must be followed.**
- 11) Participants in **Sportspersons Ministries International tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy.**
- 12) **Alcohol or drugs will not be permitted or tolerated** at our events and will result in automatic disqualification.

13) **Only one rod and reel** (8ft. maximum length) may be used at a time. **Artificial lures only** (except pork strips). **No trolling.**

14) **No fishing will be allowed within 50 yards of an anchored competitor's boat.** A boat is considered anchored if it is held in a stable position by a rope attached to an anchor or by a power pole, with the trolling motor in the up position.

15) **Subs are allowed.** A sub can be used in two tournaments throughout the season. Subs need either a guest pass (\$10) or a SPI Discount Packet/Card (\$25). If they fish more than once, they must upgrade to a SPI Discount Packet/Card. Subs are not allowed at the Classic.

16) **Points are cumulative throughout the year.** The top 7 teams after the final event will receive a Classic bid. The team that has caught the biggest bass in the series will be invited to the classic. Two wildcard teams will be selected to fish in the classic that participated in at least 3 of 5 tournaments.

17) The top team at the end of the year will receive "Angler of the Year" plaque.

**Any rulings will be addressed by the tournament director
and a panel of anglers if necessary**

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