

# Donnie Ray Crawford Legacy Foundation 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bass Fishing Tournament



## 2023 Official Rules and Regulations

**1. RULES:** The tournament director and/or committee will interpret the following rules and all decisions are final. We reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone.

**2. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY:** At least one member of a participating team must be a minimum of 18 years of age. Entrants under the age of 18 must submit signature of his or her parent or legal guardian on entry waiver form.

**3. ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees are non-refundable after Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Entrants will be charged \$25.00 for any returned or stop payment checks, and if not made good within ten (10) days notice, such entrants may be banned from all future events. Entries may be mailed to 3737 S. 273 E. Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74014, submitted online at DonnieRayCrawford.com, or submitted at the pre-tournament registration. All other entries will be accepted at the ramp the morning of the tournament.

**4. PRE-REGISTRATION:** Event packets can be picked up on , Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Port City Raceway in Tulsa, OK 15625 E Pine St. Tulsa, OK 74116 inside "Bob's Turn 5" between 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Event packets may also be picked up at Bait Masters Outdoors at 1516 State Highway 51, Wagoner, OK 74467 on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Teams are held responsible for adherence to any updates, news and/or announcements provided via the DonnieRayCrawford.com website and Donnie Ray Crawford Legacy Foundation Facebook. Team number will be issued in order entry was received.

**5. DEPARTURE & RETURN:** We reserve the right to assign flights and hours if deemed necessary. The number of flights will be determined by number of entries.

**6. SCORING:** 4-fish limit, 14-inch minimum, measured on flat board (Wil-E-Go) in a relaxed manner with mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together swept in any manner necessary to hit the mark. Only largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass will be credited. Total weight determines placing. Ties will be broken by number of fish. Any bass not within legal limits will result in a two (2) pound penalty deduction, plus loss of said fish. Rulings will be final. All fish must be caught during tournament hours. **Each dead fish will result in a 1 lb penalty subtracted from total weight.** All fish will be released after weighing.

**7. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing from boat only, cannot leave boat in order to enter shallow areas or to retrieve a hooked fish. Fishing is confined to waters specified in the tournament. Only waters accessible from Taylor's Ferry North ramp by boat. No fishing within 50 yards of another contestants anchored boat with trolling motor in up position, without permission of the first boat to arrive. At no time may a contestant cast a lure, closer than 25 ft. of another competitor's boat. Partners must remain in sight of each other during tournament hours. In case of emergency, one or both contestants may return to weigh-in by means of another boat, provided it has an operating live well and the director must be notified of such prior to weighing. Return by any other means than by water is prohibited.

**8. OFF LIMITS AREAS:** "No Fishing" areas will be determined by "Tournament Launch" site. Prior to event an applicable "Off Limits" map will be made available via the DonnieRayCrawford.com website and the Donnie Ray Crawford Legacy Foundation Facebook.

**9. SAFETY & SPORTSMANSHIP:** Safe boating and fishing practices must always be observed. Coastguard approved floatation device and kill switch must be worn anytime boat is on plane.

**10. TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial bait or lures and pork-style baits may be used. No trolling, or snagging, and fish must be caught on rod and reel with one (1) line per angler in the water at a time.

**11. BOAT & MOTOR REQUIREMENTS.** Any brand of boat of 16' minimum length, powered by a minimum of forty (40) horsepower, provided it has a working aerated live well and meets U.S. Coast Guard and State regulations is allowed.

**12. MORNING CHECK-IN:** If you have not received registration packet you will need to check-in at Taylor's Ferry North on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**13. TAKE-OFF:** Honor System. Safelight to be announced. Flights to be announced in registration packets.

**14. WEIGH-IN:** The official weigh-in will begin with 1st flight at 2:00 PM. Each team must check in at courtesy dock at Taylor's Ferry or at entrance gate at Taylor's Ferry North. Fish will only be accepted in the tournament provided bags. Accepting fish in any other bag would result in disqualification. Teams without fish - PLEASE check in via text to 918-271-4027 and leave team number

**15. LATE PENALTY:** One (1) pound per minute up to five (5) minutes will be deducted, then disqualification. No exceptions.

**16. CULLING FISH:** No team may maintain more than four (4) fish in the live well at any time. One member must attend to culling immediately, anytime any additional fish have entered the boat.

**17. RESTRICTING, SEEDING, OR BAITING:** No restricting bass by any method which disallows natural movement throughout the entire impoundment, seeding bass from one impoundment to the tournament impoundment, or any coordinated effort in the use of live bait, in baiting holes for the means of attracting or maintaining bass.

**18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS & GUIDE ASSISTANCE RESTRICTION:** During tournament hours, contestants are restricted from acquiring any fishing information by means of telecommunication or assistance of a guide (professional or non).

**19. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** No alcoholic beverages allowed in possession during tournament.

**20. NO DEAD WATER TIME:** There is no restriction for time on water before this event.

**21. PROTEST:** Any protest must be in writing and filed with tournament officials prior to closing of the scales.

**22. POLYGRAPH:** By signature on entry form/waiver form, contestants understand that they may be subject to a polygraph test by a qualified examiner. Refusal to or failure of a polygraph test will result in disqualification. First, second, and Big Bass award winners must be present at conclusion of weigh-in for polygraph administration, unless prior arrangements are approved directly from the tournament director. Any contestants that are not present for a requested polygraph will not receive winnings.

**23. AWARD TIES:** Tie breaker, will be determined by the greater number of fish. If a tie still exists, the two (2) or more position payouts will be added together, divided by the number of ties, with the amount of payback awarded equally. Tie breaker for Big Bass will be determined by the greater number of fish. If a tie still exists, the team that entered first will win

**24. PAYOUT DEFINITION:** All payout checks will be made out in the name of the registered designated captain. Teams will be responsible for handling the division of payment concerning 1099's.

### **25. RAY CRAWFORD CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE:**

The team who finishes directly in front of the 2022 Championship Team will win the award and money. If for some reason, the 2022 Championship Team is not participating in this year's tournament, we will move to the 2021 Championship Team, same rules apply. Again, if the 2021 Championship Team is not participating in this tournament, we will then move to the 2020 Championship Team, same rules apply. If for any reason, our present or past Championship Teams do not weigh in fish, then by default, the team that weighs-in the lowest weight of fish will win the award and money. If the 2022 Championship Team has a consecutive win in the 2023 tournament, they will win the award and money. If there is a tie, we will determine the winning team by the greater number of fish. If a tie still exists, the team that entered first will win.

**OWDC tournament exemption and rules apply  
No culling dead fish**