



2021 AADE TEXOMA OILMAN'S GENERAL RULES

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or violates any local, state, or federal laws is subject to disqualification.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any person who is employed FULL-TIME and whose PRIMARY annual income is derived from being directly employed or engaged in the exploration, drilling, production, and/or servicing of oil and gas wells is eligible to fish in this tournament; any person now retired or unemployed, but who fished the tournament and was at that time employed or engaged in the exploration, drilling, production, and/or servicing of oil and gas wells will be eligible to fish in this tournament; spouses or dependent children of an eligible participant may fish only with that participant; dependent children living at home and/or is in school and does not carry a full-time job is eligible to fish. Any person who has monetary interest or investment in any oilfield company or well, but is NOT employed full-time by that company and their primary income is NOT derived from that interest or investment is NOT ELIGIBLE to fish in this tournament. Any person who has entered two or more recognized professional bass fishing circuit tournaments with an entry fee of \$600 per person in the past twelve months is NOT ELIGIBLE to fish in this event. Any person who has served as a professional bass guide on Lake Texoma during the 2020/2021 calendar year is NOT ELIGIBLE to fish in this event. All entries will be carefully screened to verify eligibility. The rules and registration committee reserves the right to refuse any entry application. The decision of the committee shall be final. Applicants may be required to furnish the committee with proof of eligibility.
3. **SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. All local, state, and federal regulations must be complied with. Competitors are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest when the outboard engine is operating above idle speed. All boats must be equipped with a properly functioning engine kill switch. Drunkenness on the part of any contestant will not be tolerated.
4. **TEAMS:** Teams will consist of no more than two (2) eligible individuals registering as such. One person may fish without a partner as long as a full team entry has been paid. Any contestant's action will directly reflect on his teammate. No one is allowed in the boat who is not a member of the team. There will be no use of guides during the tournament competition in any manner.
5. **TACKLE:** Only artificial lures can be used. No prepared or live bait other than pork rind strips may be used. Only rod and reel outfits may be used. Trolling is not permitted.
6. **SCORING:** Scoring will be based on the total weight in pounds of bass (largemouth, Kentucky (spotted), and smallmouth) with a minimum length of 14 inches measured on a flat board. Fish presented for weighing that are less than 14 inches in length will be disqualified prior to weighing and a one pound penalty per undersized fish will be assessed and deducted from the team's total weight. Only five (5) fish per team will be counted. Teams are not allowed to have more than five (5) fish in their permanent possession at any time, except for the purpose of culling their 6th fish. If more than five (5) fish are kept in a team's possession, that team will be disqualified and shall receive no weight. It is the responsibility of the team to keep fish alive. A determination of whether the fish are alive or dead will be made at the scales by the weigh master and a bonus of .10 pound will be awarded for each live fish weighed in. The decision of the weigh master is final. No tournament fish may be kept by any contestant with the exception of trophy and/or dead fish.
7. **TIES:** In the event of a ties for 1st place, positions will be determined by contestant's largest bass. In all other ties, if there is a difference in the monetary prize, the next prize(s) will be added together and divided equally between the tied teams.

8. **FISHING HOURS:** Fishing hours will begin at 6:30 AM and a team may be on their first fishing spot at that time. Safe boating including the use of navigation lights **MUST** be observed during pre-safe light conditions. Teams **MUST** be in line to weigh in by 3:00 pm. Teams arriving after the 3 pm deadline will not be allowed to weigh their fish.
9. **LAUNCH SITE:** Contestants shall be allowed to trailer their boats to any landing on Lake Texoma. Fishing is allowed during tournament hours **ONLY** and weigh-in time **MUST** be strictly observed.
10. **BOATS:** Boats may be used that are 12 feet in length or longer. Contestants may not change boats during tournament hours without permission from the tournament director due to mechanical failure.
11. **POLYGRAPH:** All contestants agree by their entry form signature to submit to a polygraph exam at the discretion of the tournament committee. Administration and interpretation of the polygraph exam is solely the responsibility of the tournament committee or its agent(s). Any contestant determined by the examiner or tournament officials to be intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs at the time of the exam will not be tested and may be subject to disqualification.
12. **ENCROACHMENT:** A team is not permitted to approach nearer than 50 yards to any other boat which is tied, anchored, power poled, or spot locked, unless permission from the other boat has been granted.
13. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entries may be submitted by mail or online at www.123signup.com/register?id=kfhyg. Entries must be post marked or entered online by March 30th, 2021 to be assured a spot in this year's tournament. Entries with shirt purchases must be received no later than March 15th, 2021.
14. **PROTESTS:** Any protest must be submitted in writing 30 minutes prior to weigh in. All decisions rendered by the tournament committee are final.
15. **REGISTRATION:** Each team must register with the tournament committee between 3 pm and 6 pm on Friday April 16th at the Catfish Bay Pavilion.