



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **RULES:** Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively by the Board of Directors. Decisions made by the Board of Directors shall be final in all matters. Protests must be made to a board member prior to the closing of the weigh-in scales.
2. **ELIGIBILITY, PARTICIPATION:** Participation can be by application only.
REQUIREMENTS:
 - Participants must be at least 16 years of age.
 - All Participants operating a boat must be 16 years of age or older and have all safety certifications required by law.
 - Team Participants may be 15 years of age and under to qualify as Youth
 - Youth Participants MUST be with an adult 21 years of age or older.
 - Application for membership must be accepted and paid. Membership fee will be \$40.00 (Forty Dollars US) per Angler (Singles Series) and \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars US) per team/boat (Team Series).
 - Competitor's boat must be at least 14 feet in length and at least with a 25-horsepower engine mounted. Boat must have a working livewell and functioning aerator system.
 - Competitors must abide by all Arkansas Insurance Regulations.
 - Competitors must abide by all Arkansas Boating Laws & Regulations.
 - Competitors must abide by all Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Laws & Regulations.
3. **ENTRY FEE AND DEADLINE:** The entry fee for EACH BEAVER LAKE ELITE SERIES (Singles) regular 5 tournaments will be \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars US). Big Bass is included. The entry fee to compete in the BLES Championship (Classic) will be \$100.00.
4. The entry fee for EACH BEAVER LAKE ELITE TEAM SERIES regular 4 tournaments will be \$150.00 (One Hundred Fifty Dollars US). Big Bass is included. The entry fee to compete in the BLES Championship (Classic) will be \$250.00.

DEADLINE

Completed and signed entry forms and entry fees will be picked up and accepted up to 5:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the regular season tournament scheduled event. Classic entries will be DUE on Wednesday prior to the start of the event. Entry fees may be paid in advance. Entry forms must be filled out completely for each tournament and presented with entry fee. Entry fees may be paid by Cash, Check or Online with a credit/debit card. Checks should be made payable to "Beaver Lake Elite Series". There will be a \$30.00 service fee on any returned check. Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. Entries may be submitted at Hook, Line & Sinker (Rogers), Southtown Sporting Goods and Extreme Sports Boats & McLarty Daniel Springdale Chevrolet.

5. **ANGLER OF THE YEAR AND CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** First place will receive 200 points, declining by an increment of 1 for each place after first. Ex. Second place will receive 199 points and so on. AOY will be awarded to the angler with the highest regular season cumulative points

6. **TOURNAMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Singles

There will be 5 one-day regular season tournaments and a two-day championship. The top 25 points AOY finishers and all ties will be qualified to have their entry fees paid in the championship. (**SINGLES SERIES ONLY**) Day 1 Take-off positions in the Classic will be determined by finishing AOY points position. Day 2 will be determined by Day 1 place after weigh-in. ***Anglers who have paid their entry for all 5 regular season events will be allowed to compete in the classic. No back pay will be allowed.

TEAM

There will be 4 one-day regular season tournaments and a two-day championship. Day 1 Take-off positions in the Classic will be determined by finishing AOY points position. Day 2 will be determined by Day 1 place after weigh-in. ***Teams who have paid their entry for all 4 regular season events will be allowed to compete in the classic. No back pay will be allowed.

7. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Anglers are permitted to fish anywhere on Beaver Lake with the following exceptions:
 - Within 50 feet of any commercial marine structure, meaning boat, body or bait may not be within 50 feet of each commercial marine structure.
 - Within the no-wake buoys at Prairie Creek including the Prairie Creek Pavilion to past the swimming area.

- Within any areas marked NO FISHING by the Army Corps of Engineers. This also includes all swimming areas and the buoyed off-limits area of Beaver Dam
 - Within 50 feet of another competitor's boat which was first anchored and secured in a fixed position (Trolling Motor Stowed).
8. **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. Pork and Pork type baits are allowed. Only one rod may be used at one time. Before another rod may be used, all other rods must be reeled in and inside the boat. Multi-Lure rigs, such as umbrella rigs, double drop-shot rigs or double-fluke rigs are NOT ALLOWED. Only one lure may be used at a time. Landing nets are allowed in BLES tournament (Singles & Team Included).
9. **METHODS OF FISHING:** All standard methods of fishing are allowed with exception of the following:
- Trolling – Either with the outboard motor or the trolling motor.
 - Snagging – Any visible fish, bedding or otherwise, must be caught inside the mouth.
10. **SAFETY:** Safety is the TOP PRIORITY of the Beaver Lake Elite Series. Competitors must wear a Coast Guard approved life preserver AND have a properly working “kill switch” attached any time the combustion engine is above idle (On Plane). Running lights must be operational and be used during low light conditions (ex. Take-off, Fog). All Anglers must observe Arkansas Boating Laws & Regulations.
<https://www.agfc.com/>
The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Boater Handbook can also be found on the fishbles.com website.
11. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Courtesy and sportsmanship are to be always shown by all competitors. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed on your person or in your boat during tournament hours and during the weigh-in.
12. **SCORING/POSSESSION:** Largemouth, Smallmouth, Mean Mouth and Spotted Bass will be eligible for weighing. There will be a 5 bass tournament limit. Anglers must CULL immediately after catching their sixth Bass. NO FISHING IS ALLOWED UNTIL THE CULL HAS BEEN MADE. A contestant found to be fishing with more than the posted limit (5) of Bass in their live well will be disqualified. Largemouth, Smallmouth and Meanmouth bass must measure a minimum of 15 inches to qualify as a “Keeper” and a Spotted bass must measure a minimum of 12 inches to qualify

as a “Keeper”. Any Spotted bass other than a pure spotted bass will be considered a Meanmouth bass. (If the fish is brown, it must be 15”). Bass will be measured on a flat board with mouth closed, tail pinched and in a “fanning” manner. Once the Angler/Team has dumped fish into bump sink they become property of Beaver Lake Elite Series. WEIGH-IN will open One (1) hour prior to official weigh-in time. Ex. Scales will open at 3pm on the March event, etc.... and will close 30 minutes after the last check-in time. In the event an issue with scoring or any other rule should arise, the competitor will be asked to wait until a board decision has been made.

13. **PENALTIES:** These penalties will be applied to the angler’s final weigh-in totals and will be enforced by the Board of Directors.

- Short Fish: A short fish will not be counted in fish total or weighed. A One (1) pound penalty will be assessed to the angler’s final weight.
- Dead Fish: There will be a 4-ounce (.25) penalty assessed to an angler’s final weight for each dead fish.
- Over Limit: Too many fish presented at weigh-in will constitute a disqualification of the angler/team presenting the fish.
- Late Check-In: **DISQUALIFICATION.** Angler/Team MUST be checked in at the check point (Check-in boat anchored in the mouth of the first cove to the north as you enter buoyed area of Prairie Creek from main lake) prior to their assigned check-in time to be considered “On Time”. If your check-in time is 4:00pm, 4:00:01 (One Second after 4pm) is late. Please notify an official if you leave early.

14. **TIES:** Ties will be resolved by adding points and money together and splitting between the tied competitors. Trophies will be given based on the coin toss by the Tournament Director or a Board member. Big Bass ties will split the prize money. Ties for Angler of the Year points will be broken by the heaviest cumulative weight for the entire season. Classic ties will be determined by the heaviest stringer of the 2 days.

15. **COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, walkie-talkies, etc. to communicate fishing information of any kind during the tournament hours is prohibited.

16. **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:**

- The Board of Directors has the right to delay take-off in case of fog or inclement weather.
- Competitors are only allowed to leave the boat under dire circumstances or restroom breaks. Competitors are NOT ALLOWED to leave the boat to make a cast, land a fish, or access fishing water in any way.

- Anglers may make arrangements to get another boat in case of mechanical failure. An angler may also ride with another competitor but is not allowed to fish and may not assist the competitor giving the ride. Must be approved by tournament Director. Michael Ramey- 214.842.1420
- In the event of a failed boat. Anglers/Team may seek assistance from another competitor to take fish to weigh-in. Anglers/Team needing assistance in weighing their fish from another Angler/Team must have approval of Tournament Director. The Angler/Team weighing the fish must have that bag checked in by assigned time.

17. **QUALITY ASSURANCE TEST:** With an angler's signature on the membership form weather paper or electronic, that angler agrees to submit to quality assurance tests (Polygraph) in any or all BLES Singles or Team tournaments. Refusal to submit to a test by the angler will result in an immediate disqualification of that angler and subsequent disqualification from any future BLES events. No monies and/or awards will be given if an angler fails to pass a quality assurance test or refuses to submit to the test.

18. **PAYBACK:** The total purse for each event will be based on the total number of paid entries for each event.

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