

"Hook 'em at the Hollow"

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There will be a pre-tournament meeting held on Friday night October 28, 2011 at 6 pm CST at the cafeteria on Trooper Island. Only one person from the team is required to be there. We will go over the tournament rules and have a chip draw for blast off positions. We will also provide a dinner that evening for those present. The tournament will start and end at the dock on Trooper Island. Those that do not attend the pre-tournament can register at the cafeteria on Trooper Island between 5:30 – 6:30 A.M. CST on October 29, 2011.



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**October 29  
Dale Hollow Lake**

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## 1. TOURNAMENT HOURS

The tournament date will be October 29, 2011. The tournament hours will be from safe light to 3:00 p.m. CST. We reserve the right to assign flights and change hours if necessary.

## 2. LAUNCH SEQUENCE

Starting positions will be determined by a drawing of all participants just before the closing of the Friday night meeting. Participants not in attendance will be assigned a starting position by the Tournament Directors.

## 3. SAFETY

Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest, securely fastened, at all times while the boat is being propelled by the combustion engine. Furthermore a kill switch must be fastened to the driver anytime the combustion engine is propelling the boat. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification of the offending team's catch. Running lights must be operational and turned on at the blast-off of each tournament. Each competitor's boat must be equipped with a livewell system capable of keeping a tournament limit of bass alive.

## 4. SPORTSMANSHIP

Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. NO TEAM MAY FISH WITHIN 50 YARDS OF ANY OTHER BOAT WHICH IS ANCHORED WITH THE TROLLING MOTOR UP, FURTHERMORE NO TEAM MAY FISH WITHIN 25 YARDS OF ANY OTHER BOAT WITHOUT THE OTHER BOATER'S PERMISSION. PERMISSION MAY NOT BE GRANTED TO ANY TEAM AT THE EXCLUSION OF ANY OTHER TEAM. No hole sitting by a non-competitor to aid a tournament participant will be allowed. Violators will have their catch disqualified.

## 5. TACKLE AND FISHING METHODS

Only artificial baits may be used. No live or cut bait is permitted (pork baits are permitted). All bass must be caught alive in a legal and sporting manner. No snagging. Each competitor may only

use 1 rod at a time. No more than 1 line in the water at a time per angler. Trolling with the combustion motor is not permitted. No competitor may leave the boat to land or catch fish.

## 6. STATE AND FEDERAL GAME REGULATIONS

All participants are required to abide by all state and federal laws and game regulations. Any participant who consumes, or is under the influence of alcoholic beverages, stimulants or depressants during any Cunningham Memorial Bass Tournament will have their catch disqualified. (Prescribed medications taken per doctor's instructions are excluded.)

## 7. SCORING

A limit of 5 bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted bass) may be weighed in. Lengths will be measured with mouth closed tail pinched on a "Golden Rule" ruler. A short fish brought to the scales will not be weighed, and will result in a 1 pound penalty. Dead fish will be penalized .50 (1/2) pound. The dead fish penalty will also apply to any fish weighed as a Big Fish if that fish is dead. All culling must be done on the lake; no team may have more than the tournament limit in the livewell at any time during the tournament. Largemouth bass minimum length will be 15 inches. Spotted bass will determined by tongue patch and must be 15 inches. Smallmouth must be at least 12 inches. Dale Hollow has a slot limit on smallmouth between 16 and 21 inches (This means that if a smallmouth is caught it must measure less than 16 inches or more than 21 inches to keep. If the fish touches 16 or 21 or anywhere between the fish is illegal). Each angler may keep one smallmouth over 21 and one smallmouth under 16. Mean Mouth Bass are not recognized at this tournament.

## 8. EMERGENCIES

Competitors shall remain with their partners in the boat at all times during the tournament, except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for "nature calling", severe storm or other such hazard. Competitors may leave the

boat to dislodge it, but only to return the boat in the direction it came from. Leaving the boat to advance it is not permitted. (In falling water conditions, a team may leave the boat to advance it only to return from water they accessed without leaving the boat.) If for any reason either or both team members decide to leave the tournament waters early, both members shall bear full responsibility for notifying a tournament official. If one team member leaves the water early, he/she may not return and resume fishing. However, his/her partner may continue fishing for the remainder of the tournament hours. In case of a breakdown, one partner may return with fish by another tournament boat while the other partner is permitted to stay with the disabled boat.

## 9. WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES

Weigh-in will be on a first come first serve basis. Once fish have been presented to a Tournament Official to be weighed-in all fish become the property of the Cunningham Memorial Bass Tournament and no additional fish may be brought to the scales. Teams not weighing any fish are still required to check in with tournament officials in order to account for all teams. Once a team member has checked in or left the boat for the purpose of checking in, neither team member may fish or continue fishing. If a tie occurs during the weigh-in the prize money for the positions will be combined together and split between the participants. For example, if 1st & 2nd tie (\$1000 & \$700) both team will receive \$850.

## 10. LATE PENALTY

Competitors who are not checked in by the check in deadline will be penalized at a rate of 1 pound per minute, up to 15 minutes at which time their catch will be disqualified. Late penalties will be deducted from "Big Fish" weight as well as total weight.

## 11. RULES INTERPRETATION

Interpretation of these rules will be left to the Tournament Directors. Infractions of any rule may result in disqualification of catch.