

4rd Annual Ross Granger Memorial Bass Tournament

Greetings to all bass anglers! We invite you to participate in the Third Annual Ross Granger Memorial Bass Tournament on Saturday, **March 12th of 2022** at San Miguel State Park in Toledo Bend. This tournament will benefit the Ross Granger Memorial Fund. This fund awards scholarships to deserving high school graduates who would like to pursue a college education. Ross Granger was a 2015 graduate of Erath High School in Erath, Louisiana, and had a profound passion for baseball. Ross received the Dean's Scholarship at Tulane; however, he decided to forgo this outstanding opportunity in order to accept an athletic scholarship to play college baseball at LSUE. Tragically, Ross Granger was diagnosed with a brain stem astrocytoma just two months after high school graduation. He valiantly fought his cancer, but sadly passed away on November 11, 2016, at the age of 19. Before his passing, Ross requested that we establish a foundation to award scholarships to worthy high school graduates. He also requested that the foundation raise funds to support the Jimmy V Foundation and the Miles Perret Cancer Center. If you are interested in fishing this tournament, or if you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact the representatives below for an entry form. Entry forms will be sent to those who request them. Fishermen will be able to fill out entry forms and pay the entry fee the day before the tournament at **check-in on March 11, 2022** at San Miguel State Park. The best method of contacting us is by email. Please include your name and a brief statement with your question and we will contact you as soon as possible! For entry forms, sponsorship forms, and questions please email CKourtlen Duhon at ckjduhon@yahoo.com

This tournament has been changed to a ONE DAY TOURNAMENT!

Thanks!



Captain Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

By checking this box, I the Captain have read, fully understand and acknowledge the rules of the Ross Granger Memorial Bass Tournament.

Co-Angler Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

By checking this box, I the Co-Angler have read, fully understand and acknowledge the rules of the Ross Granger Memorial Bass Tournament.

*****Entry Fee will be \$250 per boat. Only checks and cash money will be valid ways of payment. Make checks out to “Ross Granger Memorial Fund.” Payment should be sent with the completely filled out entry form to P.O. Box 311, Erath, Louisiana, 70533.**

Acknowledgement: By signature hereto, I acknowledge that I am an experienced fisherman, and that I further understand the inherent dangers associated with sports fishing, and that I have read, understand, and hereby agree to abide by and follow the stated rules and/or any rules set forth in connection with this tournament.

Liability Release: In signing this agreement, I hereby release and hold harmless the Ross Granger Memorial Fund, its board members, volunteers, sponsors, and contributors (collectively the “Fund Parties”) from any and all damages, lawsuits, claims, demands, costs, or expenses (“Claims”) relating to injury of any persons or damage to any property which may be sustained or which may be caused by reason of participating in or and/or in connection with this tournament.

Covenant Not to Sue and Waiver of Subrogation: I further agree by signing this agreement that I waive any and all rights to pursue Claims against the Fund Parties on account of any injury or damages suffered or caused by reason of participating in or and/or in connection with this tournament, whether known now or which may develop in the future, including but not limited to court costs and attorney's fees incurred in connection with said actions. I understand that in waiving my right of recovery from the Fund Parties, I additionally waive any right of recovery against the Fund Parties by my insurance carrier for any amounts they pay on my behalf.

*****I signify by my signature below that I have read and understand the agreements above labeled “Acknowledgement,” “Liability Release,” and “Covenant Not to Sue and Waiver of Subrogation.”**

Captain Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Co-angler Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Please DO NOT send the rules pages when mailing the paid entry form!!

This is for the fisherman to keep!

Ross Granger Memorial Bass Tournament Rules

Registration

Every team must check in on **March 11, 2022** at San Miguel State Park from the times of **3:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. (If you have trouble making the designated time for check-in please contact CKourtlen Duhon at (337)288-9865)**. Entry forms will be posted on the Ross Granger Memorial Fund website (rossgranger.org) page under the "Events" tab. All paid entry forms and paid sponsorship forms can be sent to P.O. Box 311, Erath, Louisiana, 70533. You may also pay at check-in. This year teams will be able to pay online on OneCause. This is to help teams pay before the event. **This year, ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE PAID AND HAVE ALL PROPER DOCUMENTATION SIGNED AND TURNED IN BY 9:30 PM ON CHECK-IN DAY AND BEFORE GETTING ON THE WATER SATURDAY, March 12, 2020.** If you do not have all proper documentation turned in, and entry fee paid before **March 12, 2020**, your fish will be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you have travel issues and cannot make the times of check-in, simply call CKourtlen Duhon at (337)288-9865 so that we can possibly see if we can set something up.

Sportsmanship

Each participant in this tournament will be expected to maintain a high level of sportsmanship, safety, and courtesy. Each fisherman must practice high levels in favorable conservation in keeping the lake water clean and maintaining humane actions when dealing with fish in the lake. Anyone displaying poor sportsmanship, conservation, violates any federal, state, or local laws, rules, statutes, or regulations will immediately be disqualified from the tournament and all future tournaments. **Electronics may not be used to contact fisherman on another boat during the tournament times.** The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated sportsmanship requirements or any rule of the tournament.

Eligibility

Anyone who is now serving as a guide or has served as a guide within the last **4** years is not eligible to fish in this tournament. Anyone who is fishing professionally in the present or has fished professionally within the past **8** years will not be eligible to fish to fish this tournament. All entries will be carefully looked at to verify eligibility. Any fisherman is subjected to a polygraph test by the tournament to find out if eligibility rules and requirements have been broken or disobeyed. The tournament board has the right to reject or disqualify any application that contains false information. Any ruling by the tournament board on eligibility infractions is final and without recourse. The Ross Granger Memorial Bass Tournament Board has the right to reject any application or remove any participant for any reason. Participants in this tournament must have a valid, up to date, freshwater Texas or Louisiana fishing license in possession during tournament fishing hours. If you have ever been disqualified from any tournament for cheating, you are not eligible to fish this tournament. The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry

application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated eligibility requirements or any rule of the tournament.

Safety

All Coast Guard, Parks & Wildlife, Federal, State, and local regulations apply at all times during the tournament hours. Safe boat conduct must be practiced and observed at all times. Coast Guard approved life jackets must be worn at all times while boat engine is on. Kill switch must be worn on life jacket at all times while boat engine is on. The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated safety requirements or any rule of the tournament

Alcohol and Drugs

Alcohol and drugs cannot be consumed during any time during tournament hours. Consumption of alcohol or drugs cannot occur before weighing in fish or prior to taking a polygraph test by you or your partner. Prescription drugs are allowed so long that you follow the allowed dosage that the drug requires. Anyone can be denied weigh-in if alcohol or drugs is present when in line or at the weigh in stations. The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated alcohol and drug requirements or any rule of the tournament.

Teams

There must be 2 and no more/no less than 2 registered people per boat. Any team that participates with a nonregistered person in their boat will be disqualified immediately. This tournament is an individual team tournament. Any illegal action by one person will also be reflected on his partner. Teams cannot use guides during tournament hours. Any team that receives help from a guide during tournament hours is going to be disqualified. This included trailing boats not registered in the Ross Granger Memorial Bass Tournament. The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated team requirements or any rule of the tournament.

Launch Sites

Fishing teams can dock their boat at all legal docks on the lake. Participants cannot leave the launch until 5:00 A.M. on tournament mornings. Fishing cannot start until 7:00 A.M. The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated launch sites requirements or any rule of the tournament.

Tournament Times

Fishing times will begin at 7:00 A.M. each morning. **Weigh-in will be from 3:00 PM to 5:00PM on tournament day. The scale closes at 5:00 PM. All boats in line for 5:00 PM will be allowed to weigh in. Any boat not in line by 5:00 PM, will not be allowed to weigh in.** Teams will be told at check in the weigh in time. It is the responsibility of the team to understand and abide by their weigh in times that they are told at check-in. Weigh in times will be strictly enforced. Scales will not open until 3:00 PM. The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated tournament times requirements or any rule of the tournament.

Cheating

Obviously, anyone caught cheating will be disqualified from this year's tournament and from participating in future tournaments. This is an event where we come together to have a great time and compete against each other, doing the sport we love. If you feel as though you have to cheat, are you really as good of a fisherman as you claim to be? Not only will you be banned from future events but you will have to answer to God himself. **Proverbs 12:22 says, "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight."**

Ties

In the event of a tie for first place, the tie will be broken by a coin toss with both teams present. If one team is not present, the present team will automatically be granted the 1st place prize. If neither first place teams are present, tournament board members will conduct the coin flip. The deciding factor for a tie for the Big Bass prize will go the same way first place ties are settled. All other ties will be decided by combining the place prize and dividing by the number of places tied. Each team will then receive their equal share.

Scoring

Scoring will be based on a 5 fish limit per day. Only largemouth and Kentucky spotted bass (black bass) will be weighed in. Length is a minimum of fourteen (14) inches measured on a flat board with the tail compressed. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. A penalty of .20 of a pound will be assessed for each dead fish weighed in. All live fish are to be released back into Toledo Bend. Teams are not allowed to have more than five (5) fish in their boat at once. Culling must be done immediately and the sixth fish must be released back into the lake. Culling a dead fish is not allowed. Fish that are under the 14-inch limit will get disqualified at weigh-in. If more than 5 fish are present at weigh in the team can be automatically disqualified. The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated scoring requirements or any rule of the tournament.

Boats

Boats must be at least 14-foot long. Fisherman may not change boats during tournament hours. Overpowered boats are not allowed. Boats must contain a live well capable of keeping their fish alive. Teams must be advised that if they throw any trash into the water of Toledo Bend, the team will be disqualified. The tournament board members have the right to refuse an entry application and/or disqualify any participants that may have in any way violated boats requirements or any rule of the tournament.

Protest and Complaints

All protests must be submitted to our tournament office to a member of our tournament board within 30 minutes after the designated weigh-in times. All decisions rendered by the tournament board is final.

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If you have any questions, please contact CKourtlen Duhon at ckjduhon@yahoo.com or (337)288-9865.

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