

# the boat house

## **NO-ENTRY FEE BASS TOURNAMENT**

### **\$1,000 First Place**

A tournament exclusively for personnel that falls under the category of Homeland Security.

Police officers, firefighters, first responders, active military personnel, reservists, and members of the National Guard, etc.

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You may also mail in your entry form to *The Boat House of Huntsville*, 11271 S. Memorial Pkwy, Huntsville, AL 35803  
or fax your entry form to 256-233-2295

## TOURNAMENT RULES 2010 HOMETLAND SECURITY

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The following rules shall apply to The Boat House/American Bass Anglers Homeland Security tournament. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director.

**Participation and Eligibility:** Participation is by invitation only to all active employees of the Department of Homeland Defense, all first responders including Law Enforcement, Fire, EMT and Active Duty Military Personnel. Beginning April 1, 2010 Retired Military may participate provided slots are available.

**Registration:** This tournament is limited to 200 boats. Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Early entries may be made by mailing in registrations or in person at either the Athens or Huntsville the Boat House locations. In the event less than a full field pre registered, onsite registration will be conducted at the ramp from 4:00am to 6:00am. Boat position will be determined by date and time of registration. All contestants must sign in at the launch site prior to 6:00am. Any person under 18 years of age must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the entry form. All persons entering the tournament must sign a liability release form the morning of the event.

**Boat and Motor:** All boats must be at least 16ft in length (no Stick Steering Boats or cumbersome craft) and conform to all Coast Guard regulations. Boat engine must not exceed 250hp or the horsepower limits for the boat and must have a working engine stop switch. Boats must be equipped with an aerated livewell with space to maintain alive a limit of bass.

**Permitted Fishing Methods:** Only artificial lures may be used (except pork). Trolling is prohibited. Only one rod and reel combination may be used at any one time and all bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner.

**Safety:** Contestants understand that participating in fishing tournaments in an open boat is inherently dangerous. Safe boating conduct will be observed at all times. Extreme caution must be exercised and boat operator must be aware that there could be large cruisers and/or barges operating on tournament waters that displace extremely large volumes of water, which create unusually large wakes and turbulence. During competition, each competitor is required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver (PFD). This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is no longer in gear. Violation of either the PFD or safety-stop switch portion of this rule will result in disqualification.

**Permitted Fishing Locations:** Fishing is permitted only on Wheeler Lake except those areas posted off limits. No Locking.

**Official Checkpoint:** There will be only one official checkpoint for checkout and check in. Failure to check in by the appointed time will result in disqualification.

**Scoring:** Place of finish will be determined by pounds and hundreds of bass per boat. Only Largemouth, Spotted and Smallmouth bass will be weighed. The creel limit shall be 5 bass per team with a minimum size limit of 12 inches measured on a flat board. Short fish will incur a 1 pound penalty and dead fish will not be weighed. All fish become the property of the tournament once presented for weigh-in. Late Penalty: Being late for check in will result in a 1 pound penalty for each minute late up to 15 minutes. Any team later than 15 minutes will be disqualified.

**Polygraph:** By signing the official entry form contestants agree to submit to a polygraph/voice test examination should he/she be accused of any rule violation. The winner will be given a polygraph examination.

\*This Is a Triton Gold sanctioned event.

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# Homeland Security Bass Tournament Entry Form

**Boater**

**Co-Angler**

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**Name (Last, First and MI)**

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**Name (Last, First and MI)**

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