

Rules and Regulations:

The following rules will apply to the tournament and remain unchanged throughout the event unless State or local laws are in conflict. The interpretation and enforcement of rules will be left to the Tournament Committee. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Committee will take appropriate action, and all matters are final.

1. Participation and Eligibility: There will be no age limit; however, all competitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. If competitor is over the age of 16 but under the age of 18, and not accompanied by an adult, written permission must be given by a parent/guardian indicating approval to participate.

2. Entries: Any competitor receiving a citation for violation of any law will be disqualified. A completed entry form and full payment is required before the start of the pre-tournament meeting to be eligible for any prizes.

3. Boat and Motor: All boats must be at least 14 feet in length. There is no horsepower restriction. All boats must have a kill switch in working order and a functioning, aerated livewell of adequate size. A kill switch and livewell check will take place prior to take-off.

4. Boating Conduct: Competitors are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest at all times the outboard is operating. It shall be strapped with the kill switch attached. Violation will be immediate disqualification.

5. Tackle and Equipment: All fish must be caught in a conventional sporting manner. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Only one rod may be used at a time. Only artificial lures may be used, with the exception of pork rinds.

6. Permitted Fishing Locations: Fishing to take place on any of the Madison Chain lakes. Locking up to Mendota is permitted, but the 18", one (1) fish per angler limit shall be enforced by all anglers on Lake Mendota.

Fishing is not permitted within 100 feet of a competitor's anchored boat if the trolling motor has been stowed. Competitors cannot leave the boat at any time unless it is an emergency or to weigh-in their fish.

7. Official Checkpoint: All competitors must register, attend the pre-tournament meeting, take-off, and weigh-in located at Olbrich Park. Launching your boat in the morning at Olin Park is encouraged.

8. Scoring: Hourly tournament standings will be determined by the total weight of one largemouth OR one smallmouth bass over the minimum length of 17 inches. Fish will be measured on a Golden Rule bump board, with mouth closed and tail fanned to the longest position. **No dead fish may be presented at weigh-in. If the bass is still alive at the scales but deemed un-releasable a 0.75lb penalty will result.** Any competitor who attempts to weigh in a fish shorter than 17 inches will not be allowed to register another fish during that hourly session. Any competitor that wants to weigh a fish during the final hour must be back to the official take-off location (off plane) by 3:00:00pm. Late is late. A tie for total weight will be split equally amongst the winners.

9. Pre-Tournament Meeting: An on the water pre-tournament meeting will take place at 6:45 am in front of the Olbrich break wall. Registration will close at 6:45 am. Every boat must be in attendance.

10. Alcohol and Drugs: No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be tolerated in the boat during tournament hours.

Tournament Headquarters:

**Olbrich Park
Madison, WI**

For questions contact:

Kevin Yeska
(608) 609-6794

Justin Novara
(414) 795-9177



**GO BIG OR DON'T WEIGH IN!
Saturday, May 8th, 2021
7:00am - 3:00pm**

**Lake Monona
Olbrich Park**

\$160 per Boat

Tournament Format:

Each hour of the eight-hour tournament will be separated by a weigh in. If an angler or his partner catches a legal (>17") largemouth **OR** smallmouth bass the team is able to return to the tournament headquarters to weigh-in said fish.

Tournament committee members will weigh and release the fish for the anglers. Anglers can then return to the water to attempt catching another legal fish. Fish weighed-in by a team during an hourly session can be upgraded at the scales within the same hour of fishing if they would like. A team can return to the weigh-in site at any time to weigh a fish, but teams are not required to return to headquarters after each hourly session has concluded.

To help maintain our valuable bass population, no more than one fish per angler may be in the livewell at any time, however, culling is permitted. Teams do not have to consist of two anglers. Anglers are allowed to fish alone, to where it is legal to hold two fish in their livewell at one time. A legal fish can be caught during one hour's session and weighed in during another hour's session, but that fish can't be weighed in more than once.

Teams are allowed to call the tournament director at the weigh-in and ask what the current weight standing is prior to weighing in their fish. The tournament director's number will be provided prior to take-off.

\$160 per boat with 85% payback*

(\$50 returned to tournament director for DNR registration)

Entries limited to the first 73 boats

Registration will begin at 5:30 am

Pre-tournament meeting at 6:45 am

Teams must be present at the mandatory, on the water pre-tournament meeting or face team disqualification

Payouts:

13.0% of the total pot will be awarded to the team that catches the heaviest bass of the tournament

9% of the total pot will be awarded for the heaviest largemouth **OR** smallmouth bass brought in during each hourly session

Prizes for each hourly session and the grand prize winner will be awarded after the tournament has concluded. A team can win multiple sessions throughout the day.

If zero legal fish are weighed during any session, the session's payout will be divided equally amongst the grand prize and the other hourly payouts.

**\$9,880
AWARDED**

9% Awarded Session #1: \$1046
9% Awarded Session #2: \$1046
9% Awarded Session #3: \$1046
9% Awarded Session #4: \$1046
9% Awarded Session #5: \$1046
9% Awarded Session #6: \$1046
9% Awarded Session #7: \$1046
9% Awarded Session #8: \$1046

13% OVERALL BIGGEST BASS \$1,512

*Prize money is based on a full field of 73 entries. Prize payouts may be adjusted pending the number of boats registered the morning of the tournament.

EARLY ENTRIES: TO RESERVE A TAKE OFF POSITION EARLY ENTRIES SHALL BE MAILED IN NO LATER THAN MAY 3rd. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MADTOWN BASS

Mail completed registration forms and check to:

**Kevin Yeska
3131 View Road
Madison, WI 53711**

"DAY OF" ENTRIES MUST BE PAID IN CASH. FOR "DAY OF" ENTRIES, BOAT POSITIONING WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS THE MORNING OF THE EVENT

Entry Information:

Partner #1 (please print neatly)

Name: _____
Phone: (____) : _____
Email: _____

Partner #2 (please print neatly)

Name: _____
Phone: (____) _____
Email: _____

Having acquainted ourselves with the rules, we have completed this application and are enclosing our entry fee of \$160, payable to Madtown Bass. By signing this application, we hereby agree to waive our rights to file suit against the Tournament Committee of the Monona Big Bass Bash, due to damages and/or injuries that may be incurred during the tournament.

Partner #1: _____
Date: _____

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