

**2nd ANNUAL REDWATER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BASS TOURNAMENT**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ Lake Wright Patman  
Check-In and Weigh-In Location is Intake Hill**

# **Official Entry Form**

**Complete Entry Form and Participant Agreement, Release, Acknowledgement of Risk Form on the back of Entry Form and mail with payment to:**

**REDWATER VFD  
ATTENTION: BASS TOURNAMENT  
P.O. BOX 316  
REDWATER, TX 75573**

**Boater's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if "Youth" (under 18 years of age)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if paying for and entering "BIG BASS" pot

**Tournament Contact:  
Merle Luster  
903-671-7298 / 903-824-7298  
[MLUSTER@UACCH.EDU](mailto:MLUSTER@UACCH.EDU)**

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, & ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK**

In consideration of The Redwater Fire Department allowing me to participate in this tournament, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have read and understand the description of the tournament and the Official Rules of this tournament. I will obey all rules and understand that any violation may result in immediate disqualification without refund of my entry fee. I agree to submit to and accept the results of any polygraph test that may be given related to this event.

2. I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risks of which include, though not exclusively, drowning, collisions in the water, and injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia. I voluntarily assume responsibility for these risks, identified and not identified, and all risk of injury or death or damage to myself or my property or to others, including spectators and their property, arising from my participation in the tournament.

3. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify The Redwater Fire Department, its officers, volunteers, sponsors, tournament officials and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of The Redwater Fire Department, its officers, volunteers, sponsors, tournament officials, and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease, and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged while I am engaged in this event, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against The Redwater Fire Department, its officers, volunteers, sponsors, tournament officials and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, even if they or any of them negligently caused the bodily injury or property damage.

4. Any suit brought by me against The Redwater Fire Department as a result of my participation in this tournament will be brought in state or county court in Bowie County, Texas, where the principal office of The Redwater Fire Department is located. Should it become necessary for the Redwater Fire Department or someone on its behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, or any portion thereof, I agree to pay the reasonable costs and attorney's fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

5. I have sufficient health, accident and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by myself or others as a result of my participation in this event. If I have no such insurance, I represent that I am capable of paying for any and all such expenses or liability.

6. I have no past or present medication or psychological condition that might affect my participation in the tournament in such a way as to cause harm to myself or others.

7. I give The Redwater Fire Department permission to use my name and photograph for promotional purposes.

My signature below reflects that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. References herein to "I", "my", "myself", and other first-person references shall include any child or ward for which I sign.

**BOATER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTNER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTNER'S PARENT (If Minor):** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **RULES FOR THE REDWATER VFD BASS TOURNAMENT**

1. All State, Federal, Federation and local lake laws will apply.
2. Tournament fishing hours are from 6:00 am until 3:00 pm
3. Entry-fee is \$80.00 for the tournament with an optional \$5.00 entry for the Big-Bass pot. Eighty percent of the tournament fee (\$64.00) will be paid-out and 20% (\$16.00) will go to The Redwater Volunteer Fire Department. One hundred percent of the Big-Bass pot will be paid back in two places (60%-40%). One spot for every ten entries will pay unless there is less than twenty entries at which time three spots will be paid.
4. Weigh-in will open at 11:00 am. Once you have weighed in fish you may not add to your total by returning later with additional fish. Contestants must stop fishing no later than 3:00 pm and in weigh-in line by 3:15 pm or weight will be forfeited for the tournament.
5. Contestants 18 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult or if fishing alone, must have written parental consent and release.
6. All contestants must register before fishing. Registration forms and payment may be submitted through mail or the day of the tournament.
7. All contestants MUST check-in the day of the tournament in ensure accountability in the event of an emergency. Tournament day check-in will begin at 5:00 am.
8. All decisions of the tournament officials are final.
9. Fish will be measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail pinched.
10. There will be a 4-ounce penalty for each dead fish brought to the scales.
11. Only Largemouth Bass will be weighed and must be brought to the weigh-in in a bag of lake water.
12. Only fish caught in a sporting manner on artificial baits (pork rind accepted) will be weighed.
13. Any contestant who enters the weigh-in line with more than five (5) fish or the tournament number requirement will be penalized. The largest fish will be culled and culling will continue with the largest fish until the tournament limit is reached.
14. All fish must meet the minimum and maximum length limits as established by the Texas Parks & Wildlife laws for the tournament lake. It is the responsibility of each angler to check the TPWD guidelines before each tournament. Violation of this rule will result in one pound penalty plus the loss of the fish's weight in violation.
15. Contestants who are intoxicated will lose that days catch.
16. Boat fishing only will be allowed; no bank fishing. All contestants must wear life jackets when the combustion engine is running or when state law requires it.
17. In the unlikely event of a protest, the protested party must submit to a polygraph exam if so requested by the tournament director. It will be the protested party's financial responsibility to complete the arranged exam set by the Tournament Director. Time and date of said exam shall be scheduled and set forth by the Tournament Director.
18. Anglers may use nets to assist in the landing of their fish. Landing nets may not exceed 6.5 feet in total length.
19. The Redwater Volunteer Fire Department Bass Tournament will observe an off limit period prior to the tournament. The lake will be off limits the entire day prior to the tournament.