



**Shepherd FFA
Alumni Bass Tournament**

**Supporting
The Future of Shepherd FFA**

June 30, 2012 · Safe Light – 3:00 PM

Hookers On The Lake (Formerly
Waterfront/Hilton) – Lake Livingston

373 Navaho Trail, Onalaska, TX – 936.646.4665

Team Event - Entry Fee: \$100 per Team

Big Bass Side Pot Entry – \$10/person

Boater: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Non-Boater: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Having read all the rules, I have completed this form and enclosed entry fees. I hereby waive and release Shepherd FFA Alumni, all contestants, hosts, sponsors, and officials from all claims and/or damages incurred in conjunction with this tournament. I further understand that the tournament committee reserves the right to refund my entry fees if my application is rejected for any reason. I swear that the above facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Tournament officials' decisions are final.

Boater Signature: _____

Non-Boater Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Early Registration Mailing Address:

Checks Payable To: Shepherd FFA Alumni
10950 Hwy 150, Shepherd, TX 77371

Registration - Launch Site 5:00 – 6:10 AM tournament day.

Updates Available On Facebook at:

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- Rule Changes:** The following rules shall remain unchanged throughout the event, but the tournament director shall have the right to make changes for safety considerations. All decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters.
- Participation & Eligibility:** You must have a valid Texas fishing license in your possession at the tournament.
- Alcoholic Beverages & Drugs:** No alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs are allowed in the boat or to be consumed during tournament hours.
- Sportsmanship:** Any contestant(s) who display poor sportsmanship, violates the rules or any federal, state, or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified and shall forfeit all entry fees and/or prize money.
- Boats & Motors:** All boats and motors must meet all U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations. No motor shall exceed the BIA rating for that boat. All boats must have a working kill switch and working aerated livewell.
- Safety:** U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type life preservers must be worn and fully fastened by all boat members at all times that the combustion engine is in operation and the kill switch must be attached to the operator.
- Tackle & Equipment:** All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner on artificial lures. No trolling with the combustion engine or snagging fish is permitted. No live or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rind. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one rod may be used at any one time. A cast must be fully retrieved before another rod is picked up. The use of electronic tracking equipment is not allowed at any time. Hole sitting by or for entrants will be grounds for disqualification.
- Take-Off:** This will be a trailer tournament. All boats must check in at the host marina prior to launch. The official start take-off time will be determined the morning of the tournament and will be given at check-in. You may launch at any time but may not take-off from your launch area until the designated time. All boats will have a livewell check at check-in by tournament officials.



- Protests:** Protests must be submitted in writing before the scales are closed. No verbal protests.
- Polygraph:** Any contestant who has failed a polygraph in connection with any bass tournament for cheating will not be allowed to fish.
- Scoring & Penalties:** Will be determined by the total weight of not more than 3 bass per team. Only Largemouth and Kentucky bass will be counted. No fish under the 14" length limit will be weighed. All fish will be measured on a Check-It Stick with the mouth closed and tail compressed. A dead fish penalty of .25 lbs per fish will be deducted from total weight and big bass weight. Any team with a fish in their bag under the 14" limit will be disqualified. If there is a dispute of an undersized fish, it may be counted legal if it measures on your own pre-manufactured measuring stick as determined by the tournament director. Any team returning to the weigh-in late will be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the team is disqualified.
- Culling Fish:** Culling of fish is each team's responsibility and no more than 3 fish may be kept in the livewell. No culling of dead fish.
- Permitted Fishing Waters:** Any waters reachable by boat without getting out of the boat, and is not restricted by state, local, or federal laws is legal. A contestant or his partner may not leave the boat to retrieve fish, line or lure from any structure.
- Breakdown/Emergencies:** In an emergency or major equipment failure, you may be towed by any boat on the water, but may not bring your team's fish to weigh-in except in you or another tournament contestant's boat.
- Awards Ceremony Attendance:** Those who cannot attend will forfeit any claim to trophies or merchandise earned in the tournament.
- Liability:** It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to have adequate public liability insurance covering him/herself and passengers. All team contestants are required to sign a waiver absolving sponsors, co-sponsors and their employees, Shepherd FFA Alumni, and all contestants from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury obtained as a result of your participation in the tournament.

