



# OPERATION SCREEN YOUR ATHLETE **BASS TOURNAMENT**

**Lake Alan Henry • Hourly Bass Tournament • Start Time 6:00AM**  
**Registration/Check-in and Livewell check begins at 5:00AM at the Public Boat Ramp**

*Operation Screen Your Athlete is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by a group of healthcare professionals to provide free cardiac screenings to help prevent Sudden Cardiac Death in youth. Operation Screen Your Athlete of Lubbock, Texas provides the free cardiac screenings to all of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico youth.*

**1. RULES AND REGULATIONS AGREEMENT:** All contestants must strictly follow the guidelines set forth in here in. It is each contestant's responsibility to read and understand these rules. Entrants may be disqualified for noncompliance and be required to forfeit all prize money and/or entry fees. Each entrant agrees that by signing a registration form the decisions of the tournament directors will be final in all respects.

**2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation is limited to contestants that have paid the required entry fee. More than one paid contestant is allowed in a boat, but contestants are **NOT ALLOWED TO SHARE FISH**. Each fish weighed in must be caught by that contestant. Operation Screen Your Athlete Directors and members are eligible to participate in this tournament and are subject to the same rules, rights, and privileges as any other contestant. Operation Screen Your Athlete reserves the right to refuse or deny entry to anyone who has been previously disqualified from any fishing tournament for a serious violation. Contestants must catch all fish from a boat. Non-contestants are not allowed in a contestant's boat during tournament hours without the prior approval of the Operation Screen Your Athlete directors, except in the event of an emergency. Individuals who hold a current guide license/permit and have guided on Lake Alan Henry (within a one year of tournament date) are not eligible to participate. Individuals who have hired a fishing guide on Lake Alan Henry in the previous 3 months of the tournament date are not eligible to participate.

**3. TOURNAMENT FEES:** The tournament fee will be \$50.00 per contestant. There will also be an **OPTIONAL Big Bass Pot** for \$10.00 per contestant.

**4. TOURNAMENT PAYOUT:** This is an hourly tournament. Each hour starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 3:00PM will be paid at the following rates: 1st Place \$125.00, 2nd Place \$50.00 and 3rd Place \$25.00. The **OPTIONAL Big Bass Pot** will be a 100% pay out for the largest Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass or Spotted Bass weighed in during the tournament.

**5. ALL FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND LAKE LAWS AND RULES MUST BE OBEYED:** All contestants must obey all laws and lake rules. All contestants must possess a valid lake permit and fishing license to participate in this tournament.

**6. REGISTRATION:** Registration will be available at the top of the boat ramp starting at 5:00AM the day of the tournament. Early registration may be available. You will be officially registered once the registration fee is paid in full.

**7. LAUNCHING AND TRAILERING:** Contestants may launch from any public or private boat ramp on the tournament lake to which they have legal access. All live wells will be inspected prior to a contestant launching his/her boat into the lake.

**8. TACKLE AND TROLLING:** Only artificial baits may be used (pork rind trailers are the only exception). Trolling with the combustion engine is not allowed. No limit on the number of rods on deck, maximum of two rods in use by contestants.

**9. GIVING ASSISTANCE:** Entered contestants in any boat may assist another contestant in that same boat in landing or netting fish. No contestant can leave the boat to land a fish. Landing nets are permitted. Emergency assistance is always permitted.

**10. WEIGH-IN:** This is an hourly tournament and the weigh-in hours will be 9:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, and 3:00PM. The weigh-in will take place on the crappie dock. Each contestant must hand their fish to the weigh master in a weigh bag. It is the contestant's sole responsibility to properly hand their fish to the Weigh Master. Operation Screen Your Athlete is not responsible for any mishandling of fish during the weigh-in process. Only Largemouth Black Bass, Kentucky Spotted Bass and Smallmouth Bass caught on artificial bait will be weighed in. No iced, frozen, or pale gilled fish will be weighed. Dead bass **WILL BE WEIGHED** and a 1 pound penalty will be assessed. All bass except trophy bass will become the property of Operation Screen Your Athlete for live release. All ties will be decided by a coin toss. All decisions of the weigh master are final. All protests must be submitted in writing no later than 15 minutes after the close of the final weigh-in.

**11. MAXIMUM STRINGER:** This is an hourly tournament and each contestant may only weigh ONE fish per hour.

**12. BOATS, MOTORS, AND SAFETY:** Any boat may be utilized if it meets all state and local legal requirements. All boats should have an adequate, functioning live well. Coast Guard approved life vests must be worn while the combustion engine is running. All boats must have a working "kill" switch attached to the driver when the boat is on plane. NOTE: Operation Screen Your Athlete, Directors or members will not be held responsible for boating, water, travel or any other accidents. Each contestant is responsible for his or her actions, including situations that result from inclement weather. It is each contestant's own personal decision to travel and/or fish regardless of weather conditions. Operation Screen Your Athlete does not encourage anyone to take any risks to participate in this tournament.

**13. NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** At no time during tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs other than prescription are allowed in the boat nor are they to be consumed during official tournament hours.

**14. SPORTSMANSHIP:** No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of another contestant's boat that is anchored or tied or has its trolling motor in the stored position without the expressed consent of its occupants. No ladder or platforms used for sight fishing will be allowed on any contestant's boat during tournament hours. "Hole holding" is not allowed. Anyone displaying poor sportsmanship, breaking any Federal, State, Local, Lake or Tournament laws or rules will forfeit their entry fees. They may also, at the discretion of the tournament officials be disqualified from this tournament.

- 15. CONTESTANTS AGE:** Contestants must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this tournament.
- 16. ON THE LAKE:** Operation Screen Your Athlete Directors will be on the lake during tournament hours. All contestants are required to cooperate with inspection requests and comply with instructions given by the tournament officials regarding rules and regulation.
- 17. PUBLICATION RIGHTS:** By signing the registration form, each contestant agrees to allow Operation Screen Your Athlete to have the sole and exclusive right to take and publish photographs, motion pictures, voice recordings, and/or video footage of him/her as a contestant and all material or disposal of it in any legal manner without further permission or compensation to the contestant.
- 18. PREFISHING:** Contestants may pre-fish the lake the day before the tournament day. Guides may not be hired, fished with, consulted or followed during practice or tournament fishing.
- 19. FISHING HOURS:** Fishing hours will be from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM with the first weigh-in at 9:00AM.
- 20. ADVERSE WEATHER – TOURNAMENT STARTS AND CANCELLATIONS:** In case of adverse weather it is the individuals' decision to fish or not. If a tournament is to be cancelled it will be done before the tournament starting time. Once a tournament starts it will be completed with each scheduled weigh-in. It will be the individuals' decision to continue to participate in the tournament once it starts.