

# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BLACK BASS ANGLERS GEORGIA OPEN NATIONAL RULES ( LAKE BLACKSHEAR )



Event # 9---OCTOBER 14, 2017

1. This event is open to all Black Bass Anglers in the USA and our IFBBA International Black Bass Anglers!
2. This is a catch and release event. No culling in the weigh in water launch area
3. All contestants must fish from a boat.
4. All contestants must wear a securely fastened life preserver while the boat is on plane. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut off device (kill switch) and must be securely attached to the driver while the boat is on plane.
5. The decision by the IFBBA Tournament committee will be final on any tournament issue! (no exceptions)
6. All fish must be a minimum of TWELVE inches (12"). Anyone bringing a short fish to the scales will be disqualified for that day Black Bass are considered largemouth bass, spotted or Kentucky bass, and smallmouth bass in Lake Blackshear.
7. **All Federal, State, local laws, and regulations to include tournament traffic control must be observed. All contestants must have a valid Georgia Fishing License .**
8. The daily limit will be **FIVE (5) fish per day** per team. All fish must be weighed on the day they are caught. Big Bass will be the largest bass based on weight, not looks!
9. All anglers will launch at first light each day and you will have until 3:00pm to be at the check in station at the Blackshear Ramp. This will be your check in point each day! You have a 10 minute grace period to be at the check in station. Anyone who comes to the checkpoint after 3:10 pm will be disqualified for that day! (No exceptions)
10. Every dead fish brought to the weigh in will cost the angler team 25% of your total weight for that day! KEEP THEM ALIVE!  
**NO culling of dead fish, as this is a State Law**
11. All fishing rods must not be longer than 8' foot or 2.4 meters. Trolling with the combustion engine is not allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or rod used.
12. Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork rinds.
13. There will be no pooling of fish within boats or between boats. No frozen, mangled, or pale gilled fish will be weighed.
14. Complaints must be filed within 30 minutes after the weigh in with the tournament committee. This must be done in writing. Petty gripes and unfounded criticisms will not be tolerated by anyone.
15. All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.  
**SPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT IS A MUST!** Any contestant caught violating a rule will be disqualified for that day.
16. This is a Open Buddy Team Tournament of the IFBBA. Enjoy yourself while you compete against anglers from all over the world and the USA.
17. Five places will be paid out. After that, there will be a One place per Five boats. The IFBBA reserve the right to change and/or adjust the financial purse of this event based upon conditions and/or situations out of its control, (i.e. number of participants, weather, etc).
18. No alcohol or narcotics are allowed in boats nor may be consumed during tournament hours.
19. All winners will be required to take telecommunication voice stress test to determine that the winners have been honest.
20. **BOATING SAFETY IS A MUST.** All boats are subject to be inspected by the Georgia Parks & Wildlife, Be correct on the water. Ensure everything is working properly.
21. Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors at the IFBBA sole and absolute discretion. Competitors are allowed to leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather, at which time no fishing may occur.
22. You may pre-fish everyday until Friday, October 13, 2017. All participants must be off the water by 4:00pm Eastern Standard Time on all those days. No guides may be hired after Sunday before our event. (No exceptions)
23. **Entry fee: \$200.00 per TEAM.** A \$100.00 dollar deposit is due by September 15, 2017. This must be done on [www.ifbba.com](http://www.ifbba.com), click on Pay Now with PayPal
24. After September 15, 2017 there will be a Late fee of \$50.00 per team. No Exceptions. NO REFUNDS ever. BALANCE MUST BE PAID AT Pre-tournament

<b>BOATER'S NAME:</b>	<b>BUDDY'S NAME:</b>
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	<b>*ADDRESS:</b>
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTRY:</b>	<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTRY:</b>
<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	<b>TELEPHONE:</b>
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>
<b>LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY# _____ (U.S. ANGLERS ONLY)</b>	

Having read the rules, I have completed this entry form and have paid the specified entry fee. In signing this registration form, I hereby release IFBBA, all other contestants, sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of injury or damages that I might incur in connection with this tournament. By my signature, I agree to all of the rules and accept all decisions of the IFBBA as final.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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