

LAKE ERIE BASS FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP, BE AWARE OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING. ALWAYS ASK YOURSELF WOULD I WANT SOMEONE TO DO THIS TO ME?**
2. **NO LIVE BAIT, THIS MEANS MINNOWS, CHUBS, NIGHTCRAWLERS, LEECHES, CRAYFISH ETC. ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED.**
3. **NO TROLLING. TROLLING IS DEFINED AS USING YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR AND DRAGGING YOUR LURES BEHIND THE BOAT.**
4. **NO FISHING RESTRICTED WATER. RESTRICTED WATER IS AS FOLLOWS: CANADA, ANY WATER BELOW THE PEACE BRIDGE, BUFFALO RIVER AND ANY TRIBUTARY WHICH EMPTIES INTO LAKE ERIE.**
4. **ONLY 2 FISH MAY BE WEIGHED-IN. ANYONE BRINGING MORE THAN 2 FISH TO THE WEIGH-IN WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
5. **ONLY 2 FISH MAY BE IN YOUR LIVWELL AT ONE TIME. WE WILL HAVE PATROL BOATS ON THE LAKE; THEY MAY ASK TO BOARD YOUR BOAT AT ANYTIME TO CHECK YOUR LIVWELL. IF YOU ARE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS RULE YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
6. **ONLY BLACK BASS (SMALLMOUTH BASS) CAN BE WEIGHED. THEY MUST BE AT LEAST 20" IN LENGTH. CLOSED MOUTH, TAIL CAN BE FANNED. ANY SHORT FISH BROUGHT TO THE WEIGH-IN WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**
8. **LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN WHEN COMBUSTION ENGINE IS RUNNING.**
9. **LUNKER MUST BE ALIVE TO COLLECT ANY LUNKER PRIZES.**
10. **ANYONE LATE WILL INCUR A ONE LB PER MINUTE PENALTY. AFTER 5 MINUTES- DISQUALIFIED.**
11. **THERE WILL BE AN 8OZ PENALTY FOR ANY DEAD FISH BROUGHT IN.**
11. **ONLY ONE ROD MAYBE USED AT ONE TIME PER ANGLER. AGAIN ANYONE CAUGHT USING MORE THAN ONE ROD WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
12. **TIES FOR ALL PLACES WILL BE BROKEN BY THAT TEAMS LARGEST FISH. IF STILL TIED PRIZES WILL BE ADDED TOGETHER AND EVENLY DISTRIBUTED. EXCEPT FIRST PLACE - IF A TIE OCCURS THERE WILL BE A ONE HOUR FISH OFF, IF WEIGHT IS THE SAME AS WELL AS LUNKER.**
14. **ANY TIE FOR LUNKER WILL BE BROKEN BY THAT TEAM'S TOTAL WEIGHT.**
15. **AT NO TIME WILL ANOTHER TEAM'S BOAT BE WITHIN 50 YARDS OF ANOTHER PARTICIPANTS BOAT EXCEPT DURING TAKE-OFF AND IDLING BACK INTO THE HARBOR AREA.**
16. **ALL BOATS WILL COME OFF PLANE GOING OUT OF THE SOUTH GAP. YOU MUST COME OFF PLANE FOR 50 YARDS. BOATS NOT COMING OFF PLANE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED NO EXCEPTIONS! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COME OFF PLANE WHEN RETURNING.**

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST CHECK IN AT END OF TOURNAMENT. WE DON'T WANT TO BE SENDING BOATS OUT LOOKING FOR YOU!