

2014 Weekday Warrior Bass Tournaments

Rules and Regulations

1. In submitting an application/registration for the Weekday Warrior Bass Tournaments you agree to accept all rules, conditions and judgments set and made by the Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc., Board of Directors and its' volunteers. Further, to the fullest extent of the law, you shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc., all individuals serving on the M.R.A.I. Board of Directors, all volunteers for this event, and the City of Baltimore, from and against all claims, damages, loss and expense.
2. Checks must be received at least ten (10) days prior to the tournament date. Cash will be accepted up to one hour prior to the start of the event. Registration fees for Liberty and Prettyboy tournaments are \$80, Loch Raven tournament is \$90.
3. Starting positions will be determined by a random drawing, held at the ramp at 6:30 a.m.
4. M.R.A.I. Board of Directors and volunteers will be permitted to fish all tournaments.
5. Tournament hours are 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
6. All boats must be present at the launch area and prepared to launch by 6:00 a.m. All registrations must be made by 6:00 a.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
7. A maximum of two persons are allowed per boat, at least one (1) being eighteen (18) years old or older. **No boats with a single fisherman will be allowed to participate.**
8. If a member of a pre-registered team is unable to participate in a tournament, a substitute may be used as a replacement. That replacement must sign the registration form to be eligible to participate.
9. All boats must have an operating livewell with automatic mechanical circulation or recirculation of water, or oxygenation of water. The livewell must be of sufficient size to maintain 8 fish. All livewells will be subject to inspection prior to the start of the event. Boats with livewells that are deemed to have insufficient capacity or aeration will not be permitted to fish in the tournament. Should the team have previously registered and paid their entry fee, said fee will be refunded.
10. ID ribbons must be clearly displayed from the bow mount motor. (rear motor if no bow mount)
11. **BLAST OFF** - Boats will be permitted to leave in waves of five (5) - i.e. starting positions 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, etc., with a thirty (30) second interval between waves. A team from the last wave will be designated as the tournament starter.
12. All boats must pass by the starter boat before turning around to fish waters behind the official starting location.
13. **Artificial Baits Only - No Live Bait Allowed.**
14. **No Trolling of Baits Will Be Allowed**
15. **The use of Alabama Rigs is strictly prohibited regardless of the amount of leaders or hooks.**
16. **Similarly, only one bait is allowed to be used at a time.** (i.e. – no Carolina rigs with multiple baits, no drop shot rig with a jig used as the weight, etc.)
17. **Only One Rod and One Reel Can Be Used at a Time.** If you “hang” a bait, you must either retrieve that bait or “snap it off” before using another rod and/or lure.
18. Boats not at the official weigh-in site by the prescribed time will be disqualified.
19. Only Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass will be weighed in. A daily limit of eight (8) bass per team can be weighed in at **all tournament locations.**
20. All fish must be a minimum of twelve (12) inches in length measured from **closed mouth to any part of the tail.** Checking in a short fish will disqualify the entire catch. The M.R.A.I. measuring rule will be the sole determining factor in assessing the length of the fish.

21. Weigh-in Procedure: All teams weighing fish are not allowed to trailer their boats before weighing. Keep all fish **in your boat** until you are called to weigh-in. You will be called to weigh-in your catch in waves of five (5) boats, just as you were launched. Failure to follow weigh-in procedures will result in disqualification.
22. Dead fish penalties are as follows:
 - a. The penalty for the first dead fish of a team is 0.25 lb.
 - b. The penalty for two dead fish is 0.50 lb.
 - c. The penalty for three dead fish is 1.0 lb.
 - d. The penalty for four dead fish is 2.0 lbs.
 - e. The penalty for five or more dead fish is disqualification.
23. If the fish presented for lunker weigh-in is dead, a 0.25 lb. penalty will be deducted from the weight of that fish.
24. After a team presents its fish for weighing, one member of that team **must** take the fish back to the lake for release after being weighed. A Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc. volunteer will monitor the release and make certain all efforts are made to revive and release the fish. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Please bring fish that are unable to swim away back to the weigh-in location. Dead fish will be distributed to those wishing to take fish home.
25. Ties for prize-winning positions will be broken in the following manner: 1) highest number of fish wins, 2) largest fish wins. If this does not break the tie, the position will be deemed a tie and the prizes will be added together and equally split between the tied contestants.
26. Any person that wishes to protest the score or conduct of a fellow competitor must do so in writing within thirty (30) minutes of the official weigh-in time (4:30 p.m.) or before prizes are distributed, whichever occurs first. The accusing party will be responsible for the cost for a polygraph test should it be needed to resolve the protest.
27. All persons must agree to submit to a polygraph test or forfeit the prize should a protest be lodged against them. Contestants agree to abide by the results of such a test. The contested prizes will not be distributed until the results of the polygraph test are reviewed.
28. At Liberty Reservoir all boats must use the main ramp only, unless instructed to do otherwise.
29. No boat may fish within fifty (50) feet of a participating tournament boat.
30. Any individual that is not a current member of the M.R.A.I. receiving cumulative tournament winnings in excess of \$600 must complete a W-4 form prior to receiving any payment that would exceed the \$600 threshold.
31. The Board of Directors may reject a registration at any time. Upon rejection, the M.R.A.I. will return any prepaid tournament entries. All participants agree that this will be the full extent of any termination.
32. All decisions of the M.R.A.I. are final. M.R.A.I. reserves the right to refuse any application, or return any previously accepted application. Any changes to said rules can be made only by the M.R.A.I.