

**SEMINOLE COUNTY, GA**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**“TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT”**

MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

REYNOLDS LANDING PARK

Safe Daylight – 3:00 p.m.

\$200 Team Entry Fee

Three Fish Limit

**GUARANTEED \$3,000 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**

\$500 Big Fish

PAYING 1 IN 5

FOR INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION CONTACT:

**Tommy King, 229-726-0387, Tournament Director**

## **OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES**

**REGISTRATION** – Boat numbers will be determined by when entries are received (first come, first out). Competitors may register by mail or in person at the tournament site. Registration forms must be filled out completely and signed by both team members. Each team must check in on Saturday with Tournament Officials by 6:00 a.m. Each team must have a boat check and rules briefing to ensure a timely launch. Failure to do this will result in disqualification. Registration at the tournament site on tournament day will be accepted on a cash basis only prior to check in. The tournament director and county representatives shall have the final say on all decisions, official rules, suspending or cancelling due to weather conditions and declining a registration.

**INSURANCE** • Liability insurance with coverage in reasonable amounts is required of all contestants in tournament. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in the boat. Random checks will be conducted. Failure to provide proof of insurance when requested by the tournament director may result in disqualification.

**GUIDES** – Fishing guides are not allowed to participate. No hiring of guides anytime within seven (7) days prior to the tournament.

**SAFETY** – Safe boating must be observed at all times. **ALL NO WAKE ZONES MUST BE OBSERVED.** Each angler is required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved persona floatation device anytime the combustion engine is running from takeoff until weigh-in. All boats must be equipped with a factory installed emergency ignition shut off device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is running. Anglers may fish and charge batteries using an onboard charger by letting the combustion engine idle in neutral, only if the boat is equipped with a certified and functioning wireless ignition shutoff device, and everyone in the boat is wearing a fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation device. All persons must be seated and a driver must be behind the steering wheel in full control of the boat whenever it is on plane or the combustion engine is running and in gear. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.

**SPORTSMANSHIP** – Competitors are expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship and courtesy; failure to do so will result in disqualification. The following activities are prohibited:

- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kinds of mind-altering substance during registration, pretournament meeting, during tournament hours and extending through the weigh in procedure. Abuse of, or addition to, mind-altering substances.
- Boat operation in an unsafe or unsportsmanlike manner.
- Violation of a posted no-wake area.
- Conduct or actions reflecting unfavorable upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules.

**TACKLE AND FISHING METHODS** - Only artificial lures may be used. All bass must be caught in a legal, live, conventional manner using a rod and reel in hand. Each competitor may have only one rod in use at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is not allowed.

**BOAT AND MOTOR** – Fishing boats may be used that are 14 feet or more in length. No barges or similar cumbersome crafts will be permitted. The tournament officials reserve the right to prohibit any boat from participating if the boat is unsafe or the operator is not qualified to drive the boat.

**BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT** – Every boat must have all required Coast Guard equipment. In addition, it must have live well space properly aerated to adequately maintain a live limit catch of bass.

**BOAT IDENTIFICATION** – Every boat will be given a numbered card or chip. This will be used for identification and determining flight or take off position.

**PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS** – Fishing on Lake Seminole is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of any marina or within 50 yards of another competitor’s anchored (trolling motor up) boat. **NO LOCKING ALLOWED!**

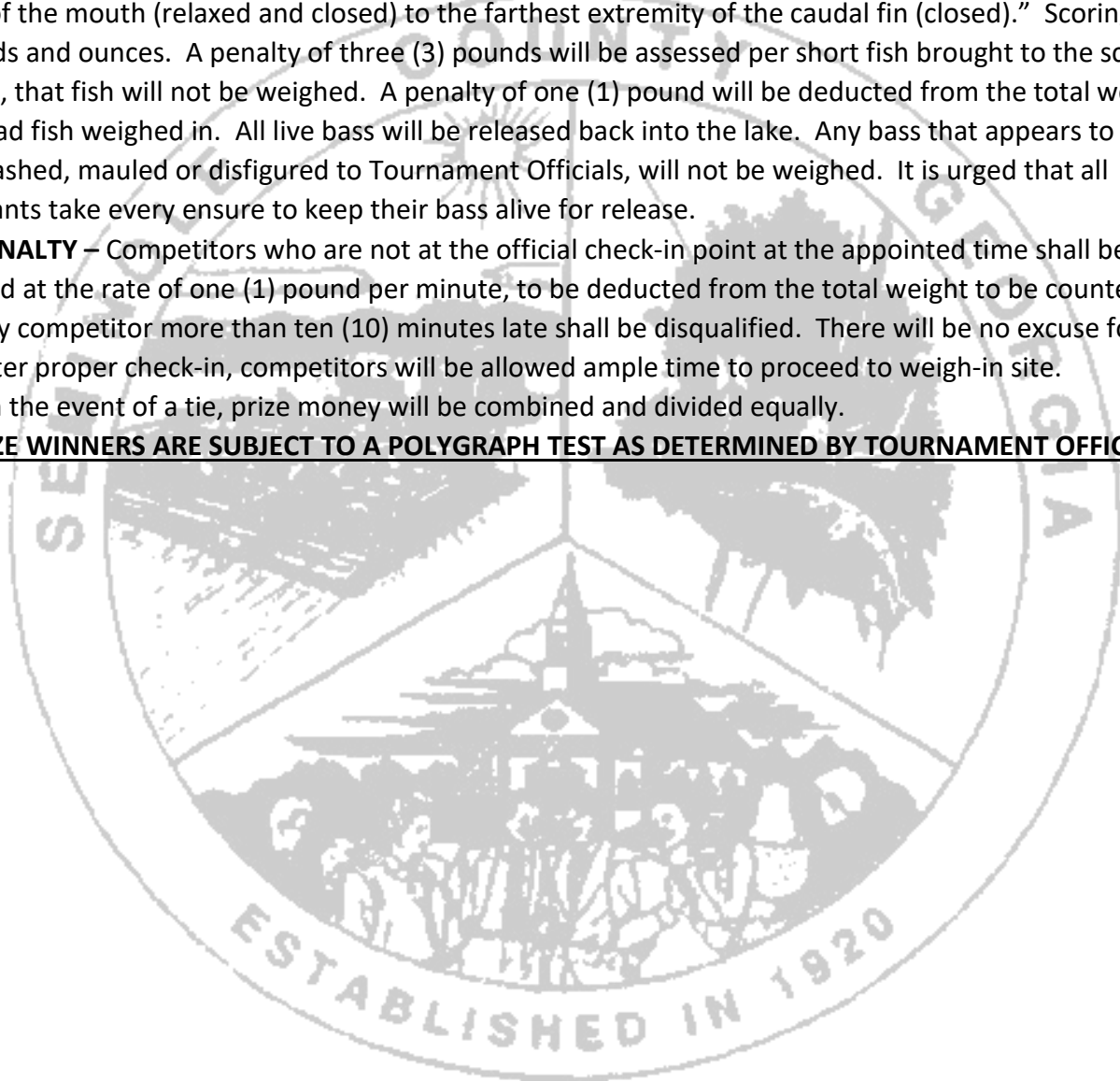
**OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT** – There shall be only one official point for check-out for morning departure and check-in for the afternoon. This point will be designated at registration time. At the check in, all competitors and their boats must be identified by the numbered card or chip and proceed to the designated weigh in area.

**SCORING** – Large mouth, small mouth, spotted and shoal bass will be weighed. The limit shall be three (3) of the above species per boat. Only bass as described above which measures 12 inches or more shall be presented for weigh in. The accepted method of measuring bass shall conform to Georgia law which is: “from the tip of the mouth (relaxed and closed) to the farthest extremity of the caudal fin (closed).” Scoring will be in pounds and ounces. A penalty of three (3) pounds will be assessed per short fish brought to the scales. In addition, that fish will not be weighed. A penalty of one (1) pound will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish weighed in. All live bass will be released back into the lake. Any bass that appears to have been mashed, mauled or disfigured to Tournament Officials, will not be weighed. It is urged that all contestants take every ensure to keep their bass alive for release.

**LATE PENALTY** – Competitors who are not at the official check-in point at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of one (1) pound per minute, to be deducted from the total weight to be counted for that day. Any competitor more than ten (10) minutes late shall be disqualified. There will be no excuse for being late. After proper check-in, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to weigh-in site.

**TIES** – In the event of a tie, prize money will be combined and divided equally.

**ALL PRIZE WINNERS ARE SUBJECT TO A POLYGRAPH TEST AS DETERMINED BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS!**

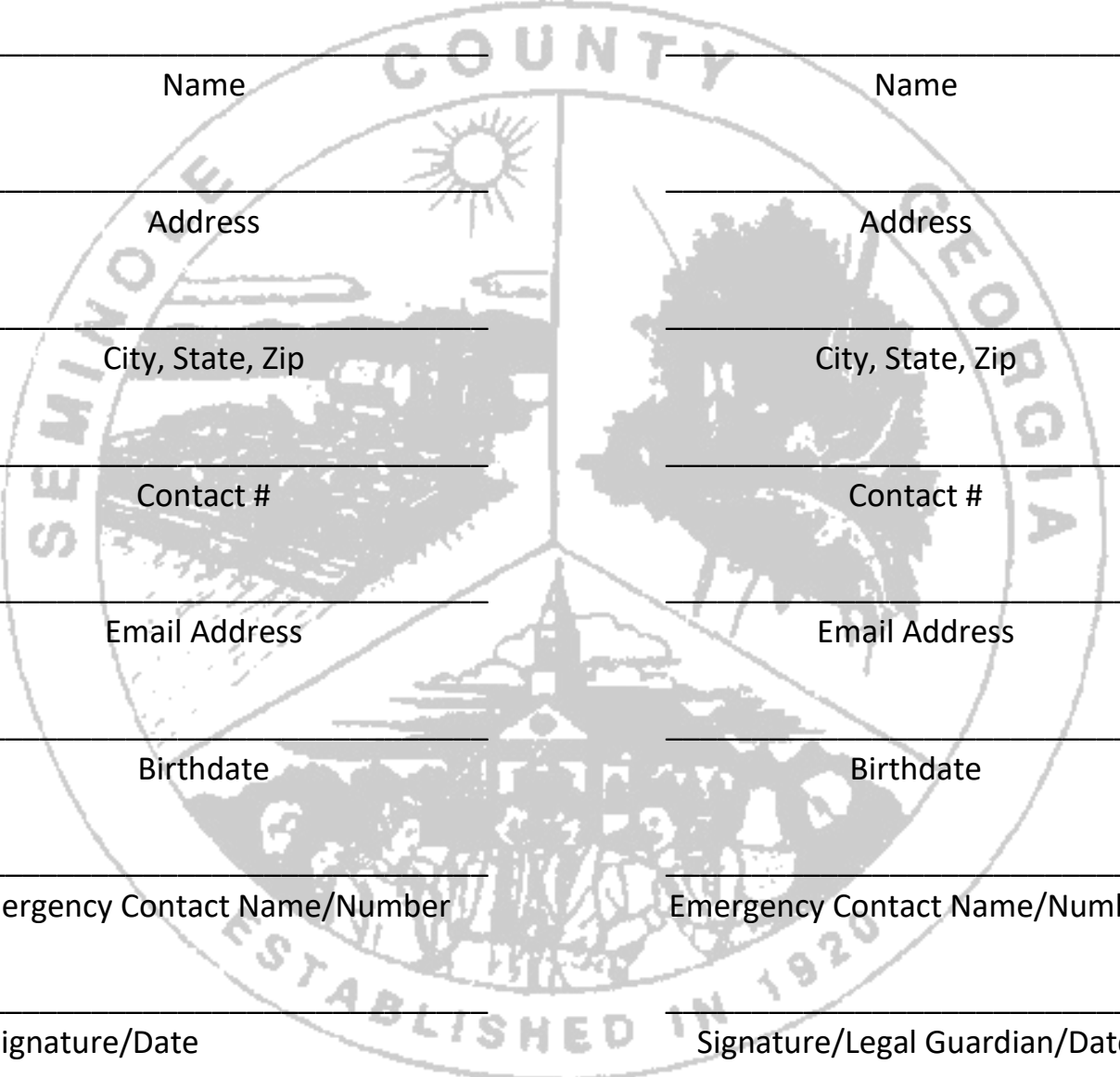


Complete, sign, initial, and return this registration form and waiver for each participant along with a \$200 check or money order payable to:

SCBOC  
Attention: Paula Granger  
230 Cherry Street  
Donalsonville, Ga 39845

Angler #1 (boat operator)

Angler #2



_____	_____
Name	Name
_____	_____
Address	Address
_____	_____
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
_____	_____
Contact #	Contact #
_____	_____
Email Address	Email Address
_____	_____
Birthdate	Birthdate
_____	_____
Emergency Contact Name/Number	Emergency Contact Name/Number
_____	_____
Signature/Date	Signature/Legal Guardian/Date

Register early! Boat numbers will be assigned as registrations are received and fees are paid. Entries will also be accepted on tournament day prior to check in. Teams only, no single angler will be allowed to participate.

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

By signing above and initialing below, I agree I have read and agree to follow all tournament rules as listed; failure to comply will result in disqualification and removal from the tournament.

Angler 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Angler 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DANGERS, RISKS, AND HAZARDS  
OF FISHING, BOATING, OR VISITING**

This is my acknowledgement that this document is sufficient that natural and manmade dangerous conditions, risks and hazards do exist on the property, whether public or private, hereafter "premises", of which I intend to fish or visit. My presence and activities on the premises expose me and my properties to dangerous conditions risks and hazards, including but not limited to the following: hazardous water, seen and unseen objects, other fishing or boating activities, poisonous snakes, insects, spiders, and plants, use of all motorized vehicles by me or others, hazardous and dangerous weather condition, animals both wild and domesticated that may be potentially dangerous, deep and/or swift water, dead fall trees and limbs. **I HEREBY STATE THAT I EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL SUCH DANGEROUS RISKS AND HAZARDS.**

**IN CONSIDERATION OF THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE PREMESIS AND TO THE EXTENT ALLOW BY LAW, I HEREBY RELEASE AND AGREE TO PROTECT, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS SEMINOLE COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ITS RESPECTIVE AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS, COMMISSIONERS AND ASSIGNS, HEREAFTER, "SEMINOLE COUNTY", FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, CAUSES OF ACTION AND DAMAGES, INCLUDING IN ANY WAY, ATTORNEY'S FEES RESULTING THEREFROM ANY ACCIDENT, INCIDENT OCCURRENCE ARISING OUT OF AND INCIDENTAL TO OR IN ANY WAY RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THE PREMISES AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED BY SEMINOLE COUNTY'S NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS MEGLIGENCE OR MY OWN.** This release applies during the time that I am permitted on the premises and shall survive for any and all injuries or damages that may occur while on the premises, but may manifest subsequent thereto. I hereby further convey and agree that I, my heirs, successors and assigns will not make any claims or enter into any suit or action at law or in equity against Seminole County or its respective agents, employees, employers, commissioners, and successors or assigns.

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Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE  
(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my child and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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Parent/Guardian Signature (Print Name)

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature (Print Name)

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Date