



## PITTSBURGH THREE RIVERS REGATTA BASS TEAM TOURNAMENT

July 4, 2011

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

**This tournament is a fundraiser for La Roche Fishing Club and PA Bass Federation Nation.**

- 1. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in this tournament is by invitation only. Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is impaired in such a manner as to endanger the safety and well being of his partner or himself shall not be eligible. The Tournament Director reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to the deadline and also the right to extend the acceptance date.
- 2. CONFORMITY WITH RULES:** Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of these Tournament Rules. The failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these rules or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification. Each competitor agrees to submit, by his or her signature on the application, to a polygraph test should he/she be accused of any rule violation. The admission and interpretation of the polygraph test shall be solely the responsibility of the Tournament Director and its agents, and shall be used (or not used) at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Without limiting the foregoing, the Tournament Director shall have the sole discretion to select the place, at which such polygraph test shall be administered, the individual who administers such test, and the scope of the questions that may be asked during such test. The participant shall be available, at his expense, at the location selected by the Tournament Director and shall cooperate in all respects with such examination. Any additional polygraph tests that Participant requests to take shall be at Participant's expense.
- 4. SAFETY:** Horsepower must comply with BIA regulations. Boat operators must be sixteen (16) years of age or older. During the Tournament, each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket. This life jacket must be worn while the combustion engine is operating. The life jacket must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in this condition until the competitor reaches his fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Tournament officials have the right to delay or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather.
- 5. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Competitors in Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Bass Team Tournament are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any other competitor during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification for this tournament.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS SPECIFIC RULES:** Checks accepted between February 14 and June 30 only. Check must be made out to: **PA Bass Federation Nation**. Cash only accepted day of tournament.

**Boat checks** begin at **4:00 AM** at the **South Side access**. The **First flight start** time will be **6:00 AM**. **Additional Flights will be sent in 30 minute increments.**

**Check-in** time for the First Flight will be at 3:00PM at the South Side access with additional Flights in 30 minute increments.

Prizes and awards by total weight with **first place guaranteed \$3000**. Number of places prizes awarded will be based on number of teams registered. The PA Bass Federation Nation will handle all monies and ISM-USA provide all pay out checks. **NOTE: Teams who finish in the top 3 places must have a team representative at The Rivers Casino, main stage, at 8PM to receive their pay out check and award.**

Ten (10) fish limit, 12-inch minimum size on Bass - measured mouth closed.

Contestants must register as a team, two members only per boat (owner and rider).

Artificial lures only. No live or preserved bait except pork baits.

No trolling; only one rod may be used at a time. All fishing from boat only and contestants may only leave their boat in an emergency and must contact Tournament Director before or as soon as physically possible once leaving the boat.

Kill switch mandatory on engines 20 H.P. and up.

One functional live well or one cooler with a 12-volt aeration system that maintains a live limit of fish is mandatory.

During the tournament, a competitor may not have the assistance or advice of any non-competitor for the purposes of locating or catching bass. During the competition day of the tournament a competitor may not use a CB radio, walky-talky, VHF Marine band radio, cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching bass. Competitors are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only for navigation information or in the event of an emergency.

At no time should a Team possess (in the livewell, weigh-in bag or any combination of the two) more than a tournament limit of bass. In the event that a team possesses more than a tournament limit, the Tournament Official shall disqualify the Team.

Penalty of one (1) pound and loss of fish for short fish. One (1) pound per minute late penalty, five (5) minutes late results in disqualification.

Boat owner will be responsible for his boat's wake.

Protests must be made within thirty (30) minutes of end of weigh-in, in writing.

Four (4) ounces will be deducted from total weight for each dead fish.

Penalties assessed for late check-in and/or dead lunker will be applied to lunker.

No littering on or off the water.

50-yard rule will be enforced (anchor down, electric motor up)

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations will be cause for disqualification.

No refunds.

Ties will be broken by the weight of the heaviest fish in the tied teams live well. Each team will weight a lunker.

No boats inside the marker buoys at dams, but angler are permitted to cast beyond the buoys. No fishing in lock entrance.

Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass only.

Competitors are responsible for their own dead fish. Do NOT dispose of them at or near tournament site.

Failure to obtain a boat check will result in disqualification.

Coast Guard and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Regulations prevail [[www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us)].

Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any and all applications.

The Tournament Committee's decision is final.

All teams will register for the tournament a minimum 30 minutes prior to the starting time of the first flight.

The Gator Grip Golden Rule will be the Official Ruler for the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Bass Team Tournament. No "Courtesy Dinks" will be allowed, however, you may compare your ruler to the Official Ruler.



**PITTSBURGH THREE RIVERS REGATTA 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BASS TEAM TOURNAMENT**  
**July 4, 2011**  
**\$3000 Guaranteed for First Place Team**  
**APPLICATION**

Boat Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ HP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this document, I agree to abide by the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Annual Bass Team Tournament rules. I also agree to follow any reasonable on-site directions given to me regarding the operation of the tournament. I fully understand the hazards involved in this type of activity and agree to assume all risks of such activities. The operators of the *Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Annual Bass Team Tournament* reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. I hereby release the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Annual Bass Team Tournament, ISM USA LLC and any and all subcontractors of ISM USA LLC, EQT, The Rivers Casino, the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc., the City of Pittsburgh, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Bass Federation Nation, La Roche College and all event sponsors from any and all damages, costs or injuries of any kind. Furthermore, I agree to defend and hold harmless the above-mentioned parties from any and all accidents caused fully or in part by my acts or negligence. I also promise to permit no one on my boat who has not signed as a "Rider" on this or an attached application during the entirety of the tournament.

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fee enclosed (\$100 per team) \_\_\_\_\_ See Rules and Regulations #6 for prizes.  
 Lunker paid (\$20 cash per team, only accepted day of tournament) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: CHECKS PAYABLE TO, "PA Bass Federation Nation". **NOTE: Participants receiving a payout check must have a team representative at the Rivers Casino at 8 PM to receive their pay out check.** Checks accepted from February 14 through June 30. **NO applications will be accepted before February 14, 2010.** Cash only accepted day of tournament.

Applications received by May 15<sup>th</sup> will receive priority launch times. Applications received after May 15<sup>th</sup> will receive randomly assigned launch times. Boat checks begin 4:00AM. First flight launches at 6:00 AM and every half-hour thereafter. Weight-in begins at 3:00 PM at the South Side Access and every half-hour thereafter.

Send Applications and Fee to: **Regatta Tournament, c/o Dave Kreutzer, 212 Coal Bluff Road, Finleyville, PA 15332**