



Tri-City Lodge #50

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE  
TRI-CITY LODGE #50

Presents

ALLEGHENY RIVER BASS TEAM TOURNAMENT  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2011



**FIRST PLACE GUARANTEED AT LEASE \$1,000**

ENTRY FEE: \$100 per team (Team is two persons per boat).

LIMIT: 5 fish 12" minimum.

BOAT CHECK: 5:30 am Oil City Boat Launch – Wyllis Street

TOURNAMENT HOURS: 7 am to 3 pm (Teams must check in by 3pm).



WAIVER: The undersigned hereby knowingly and willingly releases, remises, and forever discharges, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Fraternal Order of Police, Tri-City Lodge #50, municipalities, host businesses and food vendors from all losses, liabilities (including liability for attorney's fees,) claims, damages, and costs (known collectively as "losses") that may now exist or may hereafter arise in connection with or as a result of my participation in the Allegheny River Bass Tournament, except to the extent that any such losses are a direct result of the gross negligence or reckless behavior of the of the Fraternal Order of Police, Tri-City Lodge #50, municipalities, host businesses or food vendors.

Team Captain:	Rider:
Address:	Address
Address:	Address
Telephone:	Telephone:
Boat make & model:	Boat Reg. #
Insurance, Company for boaters liability:	Policy#:
Signature, Team Captain:	Date:
Signature, Rider:	Date:
Parental Signature (if under 18):	Date:

Make Checks Payable to **FOP Tri-City #50**. Entries accepted at Ramp, cash ONLY. Boat numbers assigned by Date application received.

**MAIL ENTRY TO:** Eric Heil  
1025 Halyday Run Rd.,  
Oil City, PA 16301

## TOURNAMENT RULES – FOP ALLEGHENY RIVER BASS TOURNAMENT

**RULES:** All contestants will strictly abide to tournament rules. Interpretation of the rules shall be left to Tournament Officials. **ELIGIBILITY:** This is two-person team tournament with anglers fishing from boats. Entrants must (a) complete and sign a tournament application; (b) pay the entry fee; and (c) provide own boaters liability insurance.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** All competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, or a drunken condition being exhibited by any competitor due to previous consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from the tournament.

**SAFETY:** Competitors shall observe safe boating at all times. The boat operator is responsible for boat wake. Each contestant is required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver (PFD) any time the combustion engine is operating. Boats will be operated in a safe and sane manner. Violations of this rule shall be reason for immediate disqualification.

**BOAT & MOTOR:** All tournament boats must be 14' or more in length. Each boat must have the required state and federal safety equipment and horsepower rating plate. Horsepower may not exceed USCG rating plate. Engine must be equipped with an emergency ignition kill switch. No canoes or inflatable watercraft.

**LIVEWELL:** Each boat must have a functional livewell system with water exchange system capable of maintaining alive a tournament limit catch of bass. Each livewell system will have a properly functioning aerator operating on a 12-volt battery. (Flashlight battery systems do not qualify. No non-insulated plastic chests.)

**BOAT INSPECTION:** Prior to the day's start, each boat must be given an inspection check by Tournament Officials, including compartment and safety equipment inspection (fire extinguisher, throwable, PFD for each team member, sound device, plus livewell). No boat may begin the day of fishing without this check. A boat ID number will be given and it must stay with contestant and be turned in to the check-in station whether they weigh fish or not.

**TACKLE & FISHING METHODS:** All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner by rod and reel during tournament hours. Only artificial lures (including pork baits) may be used. Live bait is not permitted. There will be no live bait on board any boat during the tournament. Each angler may use only one fishing rod at a time; other rods may be pre-rigged. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing is permitted anywhere on the Allegheny River and its tributaries that is legally accessible by boat from the take-off point. All fishing and landing of fish must be done from the boat. Anglers may exit the boat to get it through shallows or in other emergencies. The boat must remain on tournament waters during the tournament hours. No positioning of boat as to impede the flow of boat traffic. All boats are to respect the 50-yard limit of competitors and non-competitors that are anchored on a spot first. An anchored boat is one held in a stable position by an anchor line with trolling motor raised. In case of emergency, contestants may return with their catch by check-in time in another boat without penalty. No anchored competitor may permit fishing within the 50-yard radius to selected contestants while excluding others.

**OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** There will be one official point for checkout and for check-in. At the time of checkout, all competitors and their boats shall be in full compliance of all rules set forth by tournament officials. At check-in, all teams shall identify themselves by their boat number and then proceed directly to the designated weigh-in area. Check-in with Tournament Officials is mandatory. Failure to check -in with the timekeeper at the weigh-in will be cause for automatic disqualification.

**SCORING:** The scoring will be based on the total weight of bass caught by each team. Not to exceed the tournament limit of five (5) bass. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be weighed. Each bass must be at least 12" long. At no time shall a team possess more than the tournament limit. Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to measure the established minimum length shall result in a 16-ounce penalty for each short bass in addition to the loss of the short bass for weigh-in. If in the judgment of Tournament Officials any bass has been mashed, mauled, mangled, frozen or otherwise altered, such fish will not be counted in a team's score. Any team attempting to weigh-in bass not taken during the tournament hours will be automatically disqualified.

**LIVE FISH:** An 8 ounce penalty will be subtracted from the total weight for each bass that is deemed by Tournament Officials as unable to be released alive. All fish will be brought to the scales in a bag supplied by the officials. At no time may a contestant return a dead bass to the water during the tournament. If a bass dies during the tournament in the livewell, it counts in the catch of the team. There will be an immediate disqualification for culling a dead fish.

**BIG BASS:** If a team's largest bass is dead, appropriate deductions will be made from total weight score. In determining the lunger award, the actual weight of the big bass will be used. In case of a tie, any lunger award monies will be split.

**TIES:** Ties will be decided by the weight of the big bass in the team's catch.

**LATE PENALTY:** Any team not at the official check-in area by the appointed time will be penalized at the rate of 16 ounces per minute, deducted from the total team weight. Any team more than '5 minutes late shall be disqualified. All fishing must cease at check-in.

**PROTEST:** Any contestant wishing to protest the score or conduct of a fellow competitor must do so immediately at the time of weigh-in & before awards are presented. The accusing party must be prepared to pay the fee for any polygraph test conducted to resolve any protest. This does not mean a polygraph test will be automatically administered to resolve a protest.

**RIGHT TO REFUSE:** Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse or not accept entries from any team. Decisions of the Tournament Officials are final.

**TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS:** For on-site decision purposes, the Tournament Director shall convene a committee consisting of the Tournament Director and four other individuals, including two competitors with fishing experience and two competitors with tournament experience.

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