

## 2019 Better Half Tour – Bass Fishing Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. All Teams must complete the official entry form and pay a tournament registration fee to participate.
2. All state and local laws will be respected, observed and obeyed.
3. Off Limits area will be announced online, prior to launch and available during registration.
4. All contestants must wear Coast Guard Approved PFD's while gasoline motor is running.
5. NO fishing permitted while gas motor is running and in gear. This is a safety issue - practice safe boating always!
6. All boats must have required safety equipment and be equipped with a working ignition kill switch. Horsepower must not exceed the original Coast Guard rating plate/sticker.
7. All boats must have a working livewell of adequate size. **Please take GREAT CARE of your fish!**
8. A five(5) fish limit will be observed, sixth(6) fish must be culled immediately. NO culling at check-in. Teams with more than five(5) fish will be disqualified. Only largemouth, smallmouth or spotted bass accepted at weigh-in.
9. **All fish must measure 12-inches.** Short fish will be disqualified and team will receive a one-pound(1#) penalty (*per short fish*) assessed against remaining legal fish. Dead fish will receive a 1/2-lb. (8-oz.) penalty per fish assessed against total weight of legal fish.
10. In the event of a total weight tie (*for any position*), team with the biggest fish wins the tiebreaker. If neither team weighed an individual fish, monies will be split evenly.
11. All fish must be caught with a rod and reel. Team members must fish from their boat only. Trolling is prohibited.
12. Only one(1) rod per team member may be used. Only artificial lures are acceptable (*pork-type trailers acceptable*)
13. Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters except areas designated "Off Limits" by tournament officials and/or State Park regulations. Any team found fishing in designated off-limits areas will be disqualified.
14. All boats must check in on time with the check in official. Check-in official will keep the official time. Teams reporting late will receive a one-pound (1#) penalty per minute late and will be disqualified after five(5) minutes. Teams not catching fish must still report to the check-in official or tournament director.
15. Any protest must be presented in writing to the tournament director prior to the presentation of awards and prizes,
16. If a team must leave the tournament early, please call or text 330-289-1001. We care about your safety!
17. Tournament directors reserve the right to adjust the tournament times or cancel the event after a lengthy delay due to dangerous conditions. Cancelled events will be re-scheduled with all entry fees and team placement numbers honored at rescheduled event.
18. Tournament directors reserve the right to refuse entries from teams practicing dishonest methods.
19. Tournament directors reserve the right to interpret or ammend rules and regulations when necessary.
20. Any rules, interpretation of the rules, or rules not covered under the above guidelines will be governed by event officials only and those decisions will be binding. Binding decisions of officials are not subject to formal appeal.

BOAT OWNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

- With full knowledge of the tournament rules and regulations of the Better Half Tour, we agree to abide by all the stated conditions and the final judgement of the tournament officials.
- We knowingly release the Better Half Tour, tournament sponsors, FutuRealm LLC and all of their subjects from any responsibility, costs or expenses for any damages or injury incurred while participating in this event.
- We have and will maintain liability insurance on the boat which is used in this tournament.
- By signing below, we, the above team, confirm that we have read and understand the rules and regulations.
- We waive the right to sue due to any negative publicity resulting from any officials actions.
- We freely participate with the understanding of the inherent risks of such events and will not hold any of the above mentioned individuals and groups responsible for the event liable.

BOAT OWNERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please make checks payable to FUTUREALM LLC and mail to:

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