

2010 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. MEMBERSHIP, ALTERNATES, REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATIONS & ENTRY FEES: See applicable entry and membership fees in our brochure or on the website www.fomlegend.org. One member of a team may fish by himself but must pay full entry fee. Professional guides of the host lake are not eligible if they have guided on that lake within 8 days prior to the tournament. One member of each team must be 18 years of age or older and under age contestants must have written consent from parent or legal guardian. Entry Fee's may be paid by mail, on our website with a credit card www.fomlegend.org or on Friday 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in cash. Credit card cut off time is 8 p.m., Thursday before tournament. Entries will be taken the morning of the tournament starting 1 hour before and until the first flight starts fishing. Entry fee's are non refundable as of 6:30 p.m. Friday before the tournament. Returned checks will result in a \$25 service fee and checks not cleared within 10 days will result in disqualification from future events. All payout checks and 1099 forms will be made out in the name of the designated captain. A waiver and release form must be signed by all participants once per year.

2. PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING, FLIGHTS, OFFICIAL TIME & START FISHING TIMES: There will be a non-mandatory pre-tournament meeting Friday at 6:30 p.m. and it is recommended that one team member attend. There is no check in or take-off Saturday morning and its your responsibility to know your team number, flight and official time. Each team will be assigned a yearly team number to be used for check-in at every tournament. Flights are filled in the order entries are received for that tournament with one flight for every 65 boats and each flight 15 minutes apart. Your flight, start fishing time and check-in time will be posted on our website (www.fomlegend.org) Monday evening before each tournament and will be updated daily through Thursday and will be posted at the Friday night meeting. Official time is posted on the website and at the Friday night meeting and weigh-in. There will be a short devotional and prayer Friday evening.

3. FISH TYPE, LIMIT, CULLING, TACKLE, FISHING AREAS , OFF LIMITS, DEAD WATER: Largemouth bass, spotted bass, and smallmouth bass will be counted. Spotted bass length limit will be the same as largemouth. Total limit for each team will be five (5) fish. There is no off limits or dead water time prior to tournament. You may launch **1 time only** from any ramp that is accessible by water during tournament hours to the weigh-in site. Fishing is not permitted in any area that is designated off-limits by Federal, State, Local regulations or Tournament Officials. **Fish must be culled immediately** and no more than five (5) fish may be kept in livewells at any time. Only artificial bait or lures and pork-style baits may be used. No trolling or snagging, and fish must be caught on rod and reel with one (1) line per angler in the water at a time. All fish are to be caught by one of the team members during tournament hours on the tournament lake. Restricting Bass which disallows its natural movement throughout the entire impoundment is prohibited. Landing nets are allowed for netting hooked fish only. Underwater camera's are not allowed. No fishing within 25 yards of another contestant without permission of other boat. Partners must stay together during tournament hours except in the case of emergency. Contestants may not leave the boat to fish, land fish or make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.

4. BOATS, MOTORS, CELL PHONES, SAFETY AND SPORTSMANSHIP: Boat minimum is 16 feet and gasoline engine minimum is 40 H.P. with working aerated live wells and kill switch. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State regulations and maximum horsepower must not exceed the U.S. Coast Guard or manufacturer's horsepower rating. Cell phones may only be used during tournament hours in case of an emergency. **Life jackets must be worn and kill switch attached any time boat is on plane.** No alcoholic beverages in boat. Any contestant intoxicated or under the influence of non prescription drugs during tournament hours or prior to taking polygraph will be disqualified. All Local, State and Federal regulations and no wake zones must be obeyed. Unsafe operation of a boat or un-sportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and can result in disqualification.

5. CHECK-IN, WEIGH-IN , SCORING & PROTESTS: You may return to the weigh-in site by water or trailer, but if your boat does not have **re-circulating** live wells you must return by water and boats returning by water must weigh in before loading their boats on trailer. First flight weigh-in will begin at 3:00 p.m.. Each contestant must check in prior to their check-in time or be assessed a 1 pound per minute penalty up to ten (10) minutes after which they will be disqualified. Check-in will begin at 2:40 p.m. at the check-in boat on the water and at the weigh-in site. Teams without fish need not check in. Creel is final when turned over to weigh-in officials. Fish will be measured on a Golden Rule flat metal board, mouth closed and any way tail will touch. A short fish is a 1 lb. penalty and loss of that fish. Dead fish are weighed at the discretion of officials and will result in a 1 lb. penalty deduction per fish. If big fish is dead, penalty will be deducted from that fish. Big bass will be weighed at the discretion of the Weigh Master or by request of the contestant. Checking in more than five (5) fish will disqualify team. All fish must be brought to the weigh-in line in the provided official bags. In case of a tie, number of fish will decide and if still tied money will be split evenly between tied teams. One member of the team must verify and sign weigh-in slip for their weight to be official. In the event of an emergency, team members may return to check-in in another contestants boat as long as the team's fish are marked or kept separate and they check in on time. The tournament director is to be notified immediately of such situations. Protests must be made in writing to Tournament Officials within ten (10) minutes after the last check in time. Decisions on protests will be decided by evidence, interviews, and/or polygraph of both teams with Tournament Officials decision final.

6. ANGLERS OF THE YEAR AND CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT: Points will be awarded in each tournament based on (1.00) point for each pound of fish weighed in. The team that accumulates the most points during the regular season will be named 2010 Anglers of the year, and will receive their entry fee paid for 2010 Championship tournament. Teams must fish all (five) 5 regular events or fish 4 (four) events and finish in the top 75% of the point standings to qualify for the Championship. In addition each team will be allowed a once per season qualifying exception for a no-show provided the team pays their entry prior to the beginning of the tournament and tournament director is notified. Alternates for Championship must have fished at least 1 (one) 2010 regular season tournament. Entry fee for the Championship is \$280.00.

7. RULE DECISIONS & POLYGRAPH EXAMS: Interpretation of rules is at the discretion of Tournament Officials and is final. Rules are subject to change and changes will be announced at the pre-tournament meeting and take precedence over written rules. **Failure to read or ignorance of rules or rule changes is no excuse.** By signature (actual or electronic) on Waiver and Release form and participation in this organization, contestants agree to a polygraph exam by a qualified polygraph examiner. Polygraph exams will be given and results are final. By participating in this event, each person agrees that decisions made by Tournament Director are final and not subject to legal challenge.