



**Fifth Annual
Optimist Club of Grand Prairie
“Big Bass Bonanza” Open Tournament
2009 Official Rules**

1. Decisions of the Tournament Director are final and are not subject to appeal. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director.
2. Participation/Eligibility: Tournament is Open to all anglers except any one who has been paid as a fishing guide on Joe Pool Lake in the last 18 months. Parent or legal guardian must accompany any contestant under 18.
3. Contestants must be entered in tournament before fishing the waters of Joe Pool Lake on Saturday, May 16, 2009. Start time is 7:00 A.M. and Finish time is 3:00 P.M.
4. Registration: Contestants who register before 12:00 P.M. May3, 2009 will be eligible for a special drawing of prizes worth \$500.00. Contestants will be given a launch number when their entry form is received by mail or at registration. Contestants will be released by consecutive numbers starting at 6:45 AM. For more information call 972-641-1642. Open registration will be held at Lynn Creek Park, Friday May 15, 2009 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. and will begin again 5:00 A.M until 10:00 A.M. Saturday May16, 2009.
5. Safety: Each contestant must be seated and wearing a U.S. Coast Guard Approved, personal flotation device when boat is on plane. All state and federal laws will be enforced.
6. Permitted Fishing Method: All fish must be caught with artificial baits (pork rind accepted). Only one fishing rod may be used at a time.
7. Permitted Fishing Location: All water of Joe Pool Lake accessible by boat except any Off Limit areas.
8. Park entry and launch fees included in tournament fee.
9. Trailering or Fishing from bank: Not allowed
10. Registration/Launch/Inspection of boats: Lynn Creek Park. Contestants may launch at state park but must come to Lynn Creek Park Tournament launch site to have boat inspected before fishing.
11. Live Fish: Every effort will be made to protect the healthy return of the fish to the lake. Dead fish will not be weighed and must be retained by the contestant for consumption.
12. Weigh in time: Each contestant can weigh in only one fish per hour for Big Bass of the hour prize money or retain fish until finish time. Contestants who are not checked in at 3:00 P.M. sharp will be disqualified and any not previously weighed fish will not be weighed. One trophy per contestant.
13. Sportsmanship: All contestants will practice good sportsmanship. No fishing within 50 yards of any person whose boat is anchored.
14. No alcohol, drugs or firearms allowed in boat during tournament hours.
15. All Ties will be determined by the flip of a coin.

Entry Form

I have read and understand the rules for this Open Tournament. I have completed this application and have included my \$40.00 entry fee per person. I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament , federal, and state rules, regulations, and laws. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release Grand Prairie Optimist Club, all sponsors, and officials from all claims or injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament. I hereby declare I have all State required Liability Insurance Coverage for my Vehicle and watercraft.

Please Print Information:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Make check payable to (Optimist Club of G.P.)

Phone: _____

Mail to:

Optimist Club of Grand Prairie
P. O. Box 531078
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053
(972-642-7224)

Email: _____

TX Boat Number _____

Non Boater _____

or you may present this form at registration

T-Shirt Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____