



Rippin' Lips for Red Tournament Rules

1. RULE CHANGES: The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the event. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification, and forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Director and tournament officials will be final in all matters. It is at the Director's discretion to make a change where safety of the contestants is a concern. All federal, state and local laws must be obeyed and it is the contestant's responsibility to know these laws. All contestants must read and sign the entry form. Your signature on this form will constitute a certification that each contestant has read and understands the rules and entry form as well as the participation agreement form to release all liabilities and risk.

2. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: The 2024 Rippin' Lips for Red (RLFR) Tournament is an individual tournament, not a team tournament. Participation in the 2024 RLFR Tournament will be open to all anglers of all ages. No more than 3 anglers can fish from a boat, and boats may not exceed the number of passengers they are rated for by the US Coast Guard.

3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS: At no time during tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs, other than prescription, allowed to be consumed while on the water. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any prizes.

4. SPORTSMANSHIP: All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws, or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be

disqualified. Any contestant who was previously disqualified from a fishing event that resulted from unexplained or explained rule violations that result in a contestant's honesty, integrity, character, and qualifications for entry into the RLFR event being questionable or has been previously convicted or charged with a crime involving moral turpitude, except with full disclosure to the Tournament Director, and subject to his sole and absolute discretion, will not be permitted to enter the event. Contestants must have a valid Texas Fishing License for the tournament, (unless exempt) and another form of identification as required by law on their person.

5. BOATS & MOTORS: There is no horsepower limit; however, no engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have an aerated livewell large enough to sustain a tournament limit

6. SAFETY: Boating Safety must be observed at all times. A U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver must be on and fastened any time the combustible engine is operative, and the kill switch must be attached to the driver. In case of any emergency or mechanical breakdown, contestants may take their catch, get into another contestant's boat and return to the host marina.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. Trolling with combustion engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made.

8. PROTESTS: All protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the final weigh-in.

9. POLYGRAPH: All contestants, winners and non-winners, are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to a polygraph test will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any prizes. Any contestant who has failed a polygraph test, for cheating, in connection with any bass tournament will not be eligible to compete in the 2024 RLFR Tournament. Contestants must pass polygraphs at tournament location in order to receive cash and prizes.

10. SCORING: This is a big bass tournament and only live bass may be presented at the scales. An individual's largest bass will determine tournament standings for the overall prize(s) and payout(s). Only one bass

per individual, per hour, may be submitted for the hourly payout. There is no limit on the number of hours an individual may submit their catch to the scales. Only bass caught during official tournament hours may be presented to the scales. No individual may possess more than five (5) fish at any time. Bass entered in the Big Bass of the Hour contest do not carry forward from hour to hour. In the event of an hourly first place tie, the winner will be determined by which angler weighed-in the winning fish first. All other ties will result in the prizes/awards being combined and divided equally between the respective contestants. Only largemouth, smallmouth and guadalupe bass will be weighed in. A 14" inch minimum requirement for qualified bass.

11. MEASURING OF FISH: The official measuring board of the RLFR Tournament is the ProRule Measuring Board. Bass are measured on a flat ProRule board, mouth closed, tail compressed and swiped to achieve greatest overall length. No bass that are less than 14 inches in length will be weighed in. The natural state of the fish (length, weight) may in no way be altered to gain advantage in this tournament. Such acts will result in immediate disqualification.

12. PERMITTED FISHING WATERS: Fishing is restricted to the navigable waters of the lake. Fishing is restricted to the navigable waters of the tournament lake only. All fishing must be done from a boat. Boats may be trailered to and from the weigh-in. No tube, wade, or bank fishing is allowed. No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of a non-anchored tournament boat without that boats permission. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of a contestant's boat which was first anchored or tied with their trolling motor in the stored position, without the anchored boat's permission. Only contestants may be in the boat during tournament hours. Switching or sharing fish with other contestants and/or individuals will result in immediate disqualification. The practice of "hole-sitting" by non-contestants will not be tolerated. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land a fish. Contestants must be able to drive the boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat.

13. REGISTRATION: Early Registration may be submitted by mail to: Cade Riley Memorial Bass Tournament P.O Box 1746, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. On-site registration will be taken at Llano County Park (or alternative location) during registration hours Friday, July 26th from 4pm until 8pm, and Saturday, July 27th from 5:00am until 6:30am. All contestants will receive a tournament packet with rules and weigh-in instructions. Early registrants will receive their tournament packet in the mail if registered by July 18th.

14. FISHING HOURS: 6:30am until 1:00pm on Saturday, July 27th. You may be on the water beginning at 5:00 am, but no casting until 6:30am.

The scales will open the bottom 1/2 hour of each hour beginning at 7:30am, and close at 1:00pm Saturday. The scales will be closed the top 1/2 hour of each competition hour, all anglers in line before the top of the hour will get to weigh their fish. Hours paid will be 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, and 1pm. YOU MUST BE IN LINE BEFORE THE TOP OF THE HOUR TO QUALIFY. For example, anybody who get in line at 1:01pm or later would not be allowed to weigh for the final payout.

15. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee for a minor (17 and under) will be \$50, entry fee for adults (18+) will be \$100.

16. CONSERVATION: Adequate livewells are mandatory on each boat and must provide aeration to maintain fish in good condition, as every effort will be made to release as many live, releasable fish as possible, following weigh-in. No dead bass will be weighed during the 2024 RLFR Tournament.

17. APPLICATIONS: All applications for entry in the 2024 RLFR Tournament, determinations of winners and rights to awards and prizes and interpretation of all rules are subject to the sole approval and discretion of the Tournament Director.

18. SPONSORS: The sponsor of the tournament expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any entry form or contestant application for any reason or no reason at all.

19. RULE VIOLATIONS: All bass caught by contestants fishing together in one boat will be disqualified if any of the said contestants are found to be in violation of any tournament rules and regulations.

20. ASSISTANCE: In the event of an emergency situation, competitors should call 911 first, and then notify the Tournament Director.