

- REGISTRATION -

BY ENTERING TOURNAMENT, YOU AGREE TO ADHERE TO RULES LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT!

TOTAL WEIGHT: _____

TOTAL FISH: _____

Team Member #1 _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/ZIP _____
 Phone _____
 E-Mail _____
 "Day-Of" Contact* _____

Team Member #2 _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/ZIP _____
 Phone _____
 E-Mail _____
 "Day-Of" Contact* _____

* - Please provide a phone number or e-mail address where you can be reached in the event of postponement.

Company Name (Only applicable for Sponsors * Teams)

I'd like to donate additional funds in the amount of \$ _____, which I have added to my team's \$80 registration fee. (Optional)

DETACH FORM @ DOTTED LINE AND RETURN (WITH ENTRY FEES) TO: CHILDREN'S HOMES, INC. • 5515 WALCOTT ROAD • PARAGOULD, AR 72450

TOURNAMENT RULES

By entering tournament, you certify that you have read and understand the rules.

Entry fee of **\$80.00** should be made payable to: Children's Homes, Inc. (No post-dated checks will be accepted.) Online registration available at www.childrenshomes.org. Mail-in entries must be received by **Friday, March 25, 2022**. Receipt date of entry determines starting position.

By entering tournament, you hereby waive and release all other contestants, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament.

REGISTRATION & PRE-REGISTRATION: Registration will be 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Lake Norfolk Marina. At least one member of each two-person team must check in at a registration table. This includes participants registering the day of the tournament and participants who preregistered.

QUALITY ASSURANCE TEST: By participation in this tournament, contestants agree to submit to and successfully pass quality assurance tests. These may include all or part of the following: polygraph tests, urinalysis, blood tests, and observer, in or out of boat. Refusal to submit by either or both anglers will result in immediate disqualification.

RULES: The following rules for the tournament will be used. These rules will be interpreted solely by the Tournament Committee and all decisions are final.

- **HEADQUARTERS, TIME & DATE:** Saturday, April 2, 2022. **Henderson Recreation and Park Area (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ramp)**, Henderson, Arkansas, Tournament hours: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. We reserve the right to alter hours if deemed necessary.
- **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** The Tournament Committee will consist of three (3) members of the Rules Committee.
- **FISH:** 15-inch length limit on Largemouth, Spotted Bass, & Smallmouth presented for weigh-in. (See penalties for presenting short fish in SCORING subsection.)
- **PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in this tournament is open to any properly licensed person paying the required entry fee and signing a completed official form. Entry forms will be accepted only from two-person teams. Persons under 18 years of age must enter with a parent or other responsible adult. Written permission is required.

The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse or withdraw the entry of any person if there is a reason to believe such entry might endanger the safety of any person or cause unrest, confusion or disruption of the tournament. Entry fee money will be refunded if entry is refused or withdrawn by the tournament committee. Two-person teams must remain together for duration of tournament. **No single-member teams will be allowed to fish. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- **ENTRY FEE:** \$80 per boat. Entries will be accepted by mail or at Lake Norfolk Marina beginning at 5:30 a.m. the morning of the tournament. Entries by mail must be received on or before Friday, March 25, 2022.
- **DEPARTURE:** Will be sequence in which entry fees are received plus the earliest postmark will determine starting position. Boats will depart in flights (First Flight Boats 1 through 39, Second Flight Boats 40 through 79, etc. as necessary) 10 minutes will separate each flight. Updated lists of departure order will be posted to www.childrenshomes.org and www.facebook.com/childrenshomesinc as applications are received.
- **STARTING AND TAKE-OFF PROCEDURE:** Starting may be delayed in the event lake, weather or other conditions may cause safety problems. Each boat must be inspected and registered at the check-out boat before proceeding to the starting area. Only those boats and contestants in compliance with safety standards and tournament rules shall be started.
- **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial bait or lures may be used. Pork-style baits are allowed. **Alabama Rigs are allowed.** No trolling. All bass must be caught on rod and reel. Only one rod may be in use at a time. Other rods may be rigged and ready for use. Must observe Arkansas Game and Fish regulations.
- **BOATS:** Boats may not be trailered during the tournament.
- **SAFETY AND SPORTSMANSHIP:** Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed. Intentional snagging of a fish shall be reason for disqualification. Sportsmanship and courtesy are expected from each participant. Life jackets must be worn when combustion engine is operating and kill switches must be in working order. Children 12 years old and younger must wear a USCG-approved PFD (life jacket) securely fastened to their persons at all times while on any vessel. Participants must adhere to state and federal laws regarding the proper use of PFDs (life jackets).

- **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Anywhere on the tournament lake except within 50 yards of (a) a commercial marina or their docks per U.S. Army Corps regulations, (b) another contestant's boat without permission, (c) the weigh-in area, including Henderson Cove. All fishing must be done from the boat, no departing boat to land fish. All participants must leave the official dock by boat and return by boat.
- **SCORING:** Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, and Smallmouth Bass which are legally caught will be counted. Total stringer weight per team will determine place. Length limits will be 15 inches for Largemouth, Spotted Bass and Smallmouth. Any short fish presented for weigh-in will cause one pound to be subtracted from total stringer weight plus the loss of the short fish. Competitors will be penalized for dead fish at 4 oz. per dead fish. **Five (5) fish per boat may be weighed in.** Any frozen or iced fish presented for weigh-in will result in immediate disqualification. Any team bringing in more than their limit will be disqualified. All fish will be measured with mouth closed.
- **TIES:** In case of a tie, the winner will be the team with the most fish. If both teams have the same number of fish, the team with the biggest fish will be the winner. If a tie still results, winner will be determined by earliest entry.
- **PROTEST:** Protest must be filed in writing with the Tournament Committee within 30 minutes of the conclusion of weigh-in.
- **NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY REASON!**
- **WEIGH-IN PENALTY:** 1lb. per minute up to 10 minutes, then disqualification. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** At the end of the tournament day, participants who have not returned and checked in on time shall be penalized.
- All fish presented for weigh-in become the property of Children's Homes Bass Classic.
- Children's Homes, Inc. is not liable for property damage or personal injury that may arise from or be incident to the benefit.
- Prior to tournament start, all outboards shall be turned off at the Henderson Cove Buoys. The use of the trolling motor is required due to the amount of boat traffic in the cove and for efficient check-in for the tournament. Outboards can be used when preparing for take-off.

REMINDER: Launch order is determined by the order in which registration forms are received. To see updates on the launch order visit [facebook.com/childrenshomesinc](https://www.facebook.com/childrenshomesinc) or childrenshomes.org. Other items of interest may be found on our Facebook event page.



This year, **Registration** will be located at **Lake Norfolk Marina**, beginning at 5:30 a.m. on April 2. **Launch**, which begins at 7 a.m., will also take place at Lake Norfolk Marina. **Weigh-in**, which begins at 3 p.m. will be located at the **Henderson Recreation and Park Area (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ramp)**. Children's Homes, Inc. looks forward to our new partnership with Lake Norfolk Marina, and we thank Lake Norfolk Inn for their assistance in registration in previous years. We remind our participants that the Inn is a highly convenient location if you wish to stay overnight the night before the tournament. For reservations, visit www.lakenorforkresort.com.

