

COOPER RIVER BASSMASTERS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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COOPER RIVER BASSMASTERS OFFICIAL RULES

The following rules and regulations of the CRBM Toys For Tots Tournament and their interpretation will be left exclusively to the tournament officials. This tournament will be a 1-day tournament. The decisions of the officials shall be final in all cases.

NO OFF-LIMITS IMPOSED FOR PRE-FISHING.

1. **TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS**
Cypress Gardens Boat Landing will be the official tournament headquarters. All participants will depart and return to this location.
2. **TOURNAMENT HOURS**
Blast-off will be at Safe Light and weight-in will be at 3:00PM. A pre-tournament meeting will be held before blast off the date of the tournament.
Anglers must check-in prior to blast off and check-in after returning for the day.
3. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS**
Fishing is permitted within all areas of the Cooper River to include Bushy Park.

LOCKING THROUGH TO LAKE MOULTRIE/MARION IS ALLOWED.
4. **BLAST OFF**
Blast-off will be determined by the order of the official registration. Live wells and safety equipment will be checked prior to blast-off.
5. **WEIGH-IN**
Black Bass will be the only fish recognized at weigh-in. There will be a (5) fish limit per team. Fish must measure a minimum of 12" on the "Golden Rule" with mouth closed. Any attempt to weigh a fish that does not meet these requirements will result in the team's catch being culled, starting with the largest fish first. A fish care penalty of 4(.25) ounces per fish will be assessed for all fish care issues. For late weigh-ins, a 4(.25) ounce penalty per minute will be assessed. A team more than 15 minutes late for weigh-in, will be disqualified.

There will be no re-weighing of fish after weight has been called by the tournament director.

6. **BOATS & BOAT SAFETY**
All fishing will be permitted only from the boat occupied at blast-off. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed immediately prior to or during the tournament. Any violation of these rules will result in immediate disqualification. All rules and regulations of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department will be observed. **Life jackets or vests & kill-switch must be worn when the combustible engine is running and in gear.**

YOU MUST OBEY ALL NO-WAKE ZONES.

7. **TACKLE**
All fish must be caught using a rod and reel. Only manufactured tackle and artificial lures may be used. The use of live or prepared baits is PROHIBITED. (Pork rinds are considered artificial.) Use of these baits will result in disqualification and denial to participate in our future tournaments. No trolling as a means of fishing shall be allowed. A landing net may be used to lift fish from the water. Only one rod may be used at a time per each person.
8. **SPOTSMANSHIP**
No participant will fish within 50 yards (approximately 12 boat lengths) of another participant's boat if that participants trolling motor is up and his anchor is down. Any participant, who displays poor sportsmanship, violates any of the tournaments rules or South Carolina State fishing laws or boating laws will be promptly disqualified.

9. **PROTESTS**
Protests must be supplied to the tournament director within 20 minutes after weigh-in. Tournament officials' decision in such a case is final.

10. **SCORING**
Winners will be determined by total-catch weight. In case of a tie, the boat with the biggest fish will be declared the winner.

11. **BIG FISH**
An optional Big Fish Pot of \$10.00 will be offered. Moneys will be paid separate from entry fee. **CASH PAYMENT ONLY.**

12. **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**
Because there are inherent dangers associated with Outdoor activities that could result in injury, death or damage to equipment that are beyond our control we ask that you sign this form as a release agreement releasing all members, officers and all those associated with CRBM from any and all actions.

Participants accept responsibility for their own actions.

13. **PHOTO/MEDIA RELEASE**
By signing this page, you are also agreeing to permit photographs, video or digital tapes, movies and/or sound recordings of yourself (or your child) for the purpose of television, radio, newspaper, internet and/or news stories. You (or your child) will not receive payment for these pictures and will have no right to view or approve them before or after they have been used. Also understand that there is no time limit to this agreement.