



## NTBA Rules & Regulations

**Participation:** Each Angler must be 18 years of age or older. If under 18 you must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18. Individuals who have fished a tournament in the last 24 months with an entry fee of 1000.00 or more are not eligible to fish this tournament. Absolutely no guides from the the Ky lake area will be allowed to fish.

**Membership:** Each angler is required to pay a 50.00 membership fee to the NTBA.

**Liability Waiver:** Each anglers is required to sign the liability and membership form. If under age 18 parent or legal guardian must sign liability waiver.

**Fishing Methods:** No live bait. No trolling. Only one rod to be used at a time. All fish must be caught alive in a sporting matter

**Limit:** There is a 5 fish limit for all NTBA tournaments. Anyone bringing in more than 5 fish will have their bag culled starting with their biggest fish. All culling must be done on the water prior to trailering your boat.

**Short Fish:** You may ask for one courtesy check, but you must pick the fish. After that all other fish brought to weigh-in must be of legal size. Short fish will be culled from the bag along with the biggest fish

**Dead Fish:** There will be a penalty of 1/2 the weight of a dead fish from total weight and as big fish. Only one dead fish is allowed to be weighed in.

**Ties:** All ties will combine the next two places and will be split

**Big Bass:** Ties for big bass will be split

**Late Weigh-Ins:** Your chip must be in the can by time given by tournament director or your fish will not be weighed in.

**Boat Inspection:** All livewells will be checked before you enter the tournament waters

**Safety:** During tournament hours life jackets must be worn any time the combustion engine is running

**Sportsmanship:** All contestants must follow high stands of sportsmanship.

**Off Limits:** Off limit areas will be announced at each tournament by the directors

**Protests:** All protests must be made in writing before the scales are closed. No exceptions

**Cell Phones:** Cell phones can be used in emergency situations. No fishing information may be exchanged

**Polygraph:** A polygraph can and will be given to any competitor

**Tournament rules are subject to change by tournament officials at any time. Competitors will be advised of any changes prior to start of tournament. All rulings and decisions by tournament officials are final.**