

Tournament Rules for the 2022 Cheatham County Chamber High School & Jr Open.

Launch time will be “Safe Light” or “Safe Conditions” I will call numbers whether you are in the water or not! All teams will be due back at 3pm. All Coaches/team captains: Please email all team rosters fishing this event to info@cheathamchamber.org no Later than 5pm on Monday, September 12th, 2022. Entries need to be paid at registration or the morning of the tournament. Boat numbers will be drawn/posted once registration closes.

Early registration will be on Friday, September 16th from 12pm – 6pm at the Cheatham County Chamber office, 328 Frey Street, Ashland City, TN. Life Vest/Person Flotation Devices (Type III) must be worn by all individuals on board anytime the main motor is in use, ALL Buckles buckled, and all zippers zipped all the way up **Tennessee State Law require all individuals 12 years of age and younger to wear a PFD at all times while on the deck of a vessel. Anglers under the age of 16 are NOT authorized to use the inflatable life vest.

1. You must maintain 50 yards away from another competitor, unless you invite the competitor in...once you invite a competitor in all are invited.
2. NO Hole sitting (You may NOT have anyone sit/hold/block and area)
3. All Boat Captains and Anglers must have read and understand the general tournament rules posted by BASS for High School and Junior Tournaments.
4. At NO TIME will High School Boat Captains fish or touch any rod, reel. Line or bait during tournament hours.
5. A Boat Captain can “Coach” anglers while on the water...Captains MAY NOT demonstrate...verbal coaching only. Boat captains can coach but will never touch or handle any fishing rod, lures or line during competition hours. Including lunch break. Captains can net if a single angler is in boat.
6. Trolling Motor Operation – Manually or by REMOTE, In the interest of Safety...High School Teams: A boat Captain may operate the trolling motor to “Make Safe” the anglers and vessel, this is the only time a High School Captain should be operating the trolling motor. ** JUNIOR Boat Captains** if the anglers are not familiar with operating the trolling motor, you MAY operate the trolling motor...BUT PLEASE teach them.
7. Junior Boat Captains-may assist/instruct with tying lures, measuring a catch, clearing backlashes (reel must be detached from rod) and may net fish (the effected angler must be observing the boat captain and not fishing while you teach him/her. Junior Captains may NEVER FISH!
8. ALL, it is the ANGLERS responsibility to ensure length limits of all fish and number of fish in the livewells. Anglers MUST cull immediately upon catching the 6th fish...no more than 5 fish are to be in the livewell at any given time.
9. Anglers will present the days catch to the scales. There will be a NO courtesy check station at the weigh-ins. Once a catch is presented to the scales, the catch may/will be checked as needed by the weigh master. Dead fish penalty is .25 pounds.
10. Anglers are not authorized to use electronic devices (cell phone, for example) unless emergencies arise including during lunch break. No phone fishing

11. Boat Captains may and are encouraged to video and/or take pictures during the competition hours and post them to Facebook or send them to the tournament directors for use on Facebook.
12. All Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency rules must be adhered to at all times. It is the Anglers responsibility to be familiar with and understand TWRA Regulations. If you have a question, contact the tournament Director. A ticket during tournament hours from TWRA/USCG/TVA is a automatic Disqualification for the tournament day.
13. All Boat Captains and Anglers must have read and understand the general tournament rules posted.
14. Licensed or unlicensed fishing guides or Professional Anglers may NOT be boat captains, unless the guide/Professional Angler is a “Direct Family” member such as Dad, Stepdad, Mom, Stepmom, Brother.
15. Guides may be hired/used prior to event up to the tournament briefing.
16. No anglers or boat captains may be on the tournament waters after the registration/tournament briefing the evening prior to the event.
17. All Protest or complaints shall be filed either prior to the start to the weigh in or immediately following the weigh in...once we start issuing awards, it’s over. Period!

The tournament limit for Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, and Smallmouth Bass is **5 per team** in combination. **Size restrictions include a 14-inch minimum length limit for Largemouth Bass and an 18-inch minimum length limit for Smallmouth Bass.**

This tournament is meant to be a teaching, learning and enjoyable experience. It is the responsibility of all Coaches, Boat Captains and Tournament Officials to teach and ensure good sportsmanship and prepare our anglers for the next level of life and tournament competition.

If you have questions, please contact chamber director Misty Keenan, misty@cheathamchamber.org, 615-792-6722.