West Texas Bass Trail 2023

Rules Violation Penalty Allocation

1. Violation of any of these rules results in mandatory disqualification:

* Altering of bass weight, size, or length by any means.
* Presenting fish at weigh-in not caught during tournament hours or on the tournament lake.
* Use of profane, abusive language toward the tournament director, staff, or designee.
* Refusing to take and/or pass a polygraph test. If one team member fails, the second member may be tested.
* Culling of a dead bass. (State Law)
* Entering legally restricted waters or off-limits areas for the purpose of fishing.

1. Violation of any of these rules results in ineligibility:

* Fishing on the tournament lake during the official off-limits period.
* Providing guide services on the tournament lake, for any form of compensation, within 30 days of the tournament.
* Previously failing a polygraph test in connection with cheating during a tournament.
* Fishing the tournament without a valid fishing license.

1. The following violations will result in the team’s tournament weight being cut in half:

* Presenting a bass to the scale that doesn’t meet the minimum length requirements of the tournament lake regulations. (Minus the weight of the illegal fish)
* A team having more than 5 fish in the live well except during the short period of time while culling fish.

1. Violation of these rules will result in a 2 lb. Penalty: (Tournament Director’s Discretion)

* Failure to wear lifejackets while the big motor is in gear during tournament hours.
* Operating a boat above idle in a legally marked NO WAKE ZONE.
* Violating sportsmanship rule.

1. Rules violations that result in a 1 lb. Penalty:

* Presenting and weighing any dead fish to scales as part of a team’s limit (This penalty shall be deducted from the total weight of all bass presented to the scales). This penalty is incurred per dead fish. The team’s tournament weight will be adjusted accordingly.