

# 14th Annual Bass Tug Team Tournament

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TEAMS

Big Bass  
Pays Two  
Places

\$1,000 -1st Place  
(Based on 40 entries)

July 25th, 2009  
LeClaire, IA

Mandatory 5:00AM Meeting

## Tournament Sponsors



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\_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00 registration fee includes \$10.00 Big Bass Fee \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Late Registration Fee

Registration is \$80.00 per boat, 2 persons per boat. Please return this application and a check or money order to Quad City Bass Club, Inc./Ron Rieck 2324 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. • Davenport, IA 52802 • 563-322-7558 • 563-340-3204

All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. July 22, 2009 to be in the drawing.

**#1 RULES:** The following rules of this tournament will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament judges. The decision of the judges shall be final in all matters. All rules have "loopholes" and it is our intent to provide an honest, sportsman like tournament. Contestants are reminded that the "spirit of the rule" will prevail in all cases. Decisions of the tournament committee will be final. Local, State, and Federal laws must be obeyed at all times

**#2 TEAM:** Participants must enter as a two person team. Each team will consist of two anglers per boat with one member being at least eighteen (18) years of age. Anyone under the age of eighteen must be accompanied by their guardian. **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 14.**

**#3 LICENSES:** Each contestant must possess a valid Iowa or Illinois fishing license.

**#4 SAFETY:** All boats must meet federal, state and local safety regulations. Each contestant will be required to wear a life jacket (PFD) while the main combustion engine is operating. All boats with a combustion engine must have an operable kill switch and said kill must be in use whenever the main combustion engine is operating. No boats may exceed BIA or Coast Guard rating.

**#5 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOAT DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS. No alcoholic beverages are allowed until after the catch for the day has been weighed in. Any intoxicated anglers will be disqualified at the tournament directors discretion.

**#6 TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures can be used: no prepared or live bait other than pork rind and bait scents may be used. Only rod and reel outfits, not to exceed 8 feet in length, are permitted. Only one such outfit may be used at a given time. Hooking and landing of fish must be done from the boat, and use of landing nets is permissible. No trolling is allowed. Boat must have Aerated Live Well.

**#7 FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing will be permitted on the Mississippi River with all pools open to fishing. No trailering of boats during tournament hours. No fishing will be allowed within one-hundred (100) feet of any gas docks. No fishing will be allowed within one-hundred fifty (150) yards of the tournament headquarters or the start/check in area.

**#8 WEIGH IN:** Each team will be allowed to weigh in a maximum of six (6). Only Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass will be accepted at the weigh in. All fish must be at least fourteen (14) inches long. These fish must have been caught by your team as officially registered only. (NO POOLING OF FISH). No more than a tournament limit is allowed in the

livewell at any given time. Any Bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled, frozen or otherwise altered or preserved will be weighed in and credited only at the discretion of the tournament judges. Anglers should make every attempt to bring only live fish to the weigh-in through the use of aerated livewells. Specifically designed bags which increase survival rate will be furnished. YOU MAY NOT USE YOUR OWN BAGS.

**#9 AWARDS:** The heaviest catch will determine the winning team. In the case of ties Big Bass will determine the tie breaker. In the case it is still tied, a "coin flip" will determine finish.

**#10 START POSITION:** The order of departure will be determined by a drawing after you check in. A single file start will be done. Entries received after 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 22, 2009 will not be eligible for the blast-off drawing.

**#11 RETURN CHECK IN:** The official check-in point will be the City Ramp in LeClaire. There will be an official checking in boats near the ramp. All boats must be checked in by 1:00 p.m. Your chip with your blast off number must be in the can by 1:00 or you will not be allowed to weigh any fish or contact a tournament official in case of losing your chip.

**#12 SPORTSMANSHIP:** In the interest of good sportsmanship, it is expected that competitors will not crowd or otherwise impede on each other. No two boats will be allowed to pull up to each other during tournament hours. Each boat shall stay fifty (50) feet away from any other boat at all times except at the start of the tournament, and while boats are locking through any lock and dam.

**#13 PENALTIES:** Short fish will be assessed a penalty of one (1) pound and will not be counted. Dead fish will be assessed a penalty of .38 lbs from the total weight, per fish. THIS IS A RELEASE TOURNAMENT. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP YOUR CATCH ALIVE. (Dead fish will not be allowed as Big Bass.) Any violation of a State or Federal Law and are cited, your team will be disqualified.

**#14 BIG BASS:** Big Bass is a completely separate item and has no bearing on the winning team. There shall be only 1 Big Bass chosen by each team as their official Big Bass. There shall be 2 places paid for big bass. (*Dead fish will not be allowed as Big Bass.*)

**#15 TOURNAMENT HOURS:** Tournament hours will be from Safe Light - 1:00 pm. Tournament check-in time is from 4:15 am - 5:00 am. *PLEASE BE ON TIME*

**#16 PRIZE MONEY:** All prize money will be awarded on the day of the tournament. Pay back will be one place in every six boats with maximum of seven places.

**#17 TOURNAMENT SITE:** The tournament site will be the city ramp in LeClaire, Ia.

**#18 WEATHER CONDITIONS:** In the event that the weather is adverse (heavy rain, lighting, wind, or fog) the departure and check-in times will be adjusted accordingly.

**#19 TROPHIES:** There will be trophies for first, second and third place teams, and also a trophy for big bass of the tournament.

**#20 ENTRY FEES:** There will be a \$80.00 per team entry fee including big bass pot. Big Bass pays 2 places 70% and 30% (95% prize payback). Entries received after July 22, 2009 will pay a ten dollar (\$10.00) late fee and will not be in the drawing for blast-off position.

**THIS WILL BE ENFORCED FULLY**

**#21 OFFICIAL BOATS:** Officials may be on the river during contest hours and can approach, observe, or inspect any contestant's boat at any time. An official may disqualify a contestant at any time if in violation of these rules.

**#22 DAMAGES** of any nature to any contestant's boat, tackle, or equipment are the responsibility of the individuals involved.

**#23 COMPLAINTS** must be submitted IN WRITING to the Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the weigh-in.

**#24 FAILURE TO READ THESE RULES** or ignorance of these rules, is no excuse. KNOWLEDGE OF THESE RULES IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Penalties will be levied, as necessary, regardless of ignorance of rules.

**#25 VERIFICATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE:** By signing an entry form, teams verify that liability insurance is maintained on the boat being used in this particular tournament.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** All entries to be in the official drawing must be paid by 5:00 p.m. on July 22, 2009 to be eligible for the blast-off drawing. Check-in begins at 4:15 a.m. on July 25, 2009.