

2020 Lake Carroll Bass Tournament Rules:

- 1. Lake Carroll Rules and Regulations:** All Lake Carroll Rules and Regulations must be followed during tournaments. Any citation issued by Lake Carroll Security during a tournament will result in team disqualification.
- 2. Entrance Fee and Payouts:** Any boat with a valid Lake Carroll sticker and property owner can enter a tournament. At least one participant from each team must register and pay the tournament fee of \$20 per angler with a minimum of \$40 per boat before each tournament. From each entrance fee, \$5 per boat per tournament will be donated to the Lake Carroll Fishing Club for fish restocking or for tournament supplies. For each tournament except the season's final tournament, \$20 will be held back from the pay-out to be paid out during the season's final tournament. All remaining funds will be paid out each tournament.
- 3. Mandatory Pre-Tournament meeting:** There will be a short meeting 20-30 minutes prior to each tournament to review tournament rules and lake conditions, draw take-off numbers and identify the take-off boat. **All** tournament participants are required to attend the pre-tournament meeting.
- 4. Tournament Start Time:** The tournament will start when the pre-tournament meeting has concluded.
- 5. Tournament End Time:** A team's boat must be inside the West Marina's no-wake buoys prior to tournament end time as specified during the pre-tournament meeting in order to weigh their fish. All fish culling must be done prior to this time or disqualified.
- 6. Take-off Rules:** For the safety of Lake Carroll boaters, at the discretion of the Lake Manager, scheduled takeoffs will be enacted at the start of tournaments. Printed numbers will be randomly drawn and issued to each boat at the beginning of the pre-tournament meeting. Any boat not registered 20 minutes prior to the scheduled take-off time, will not be eligible for a takeoff number and will be released after the last takeoff number on a first come, first serve basis. Once the pre-tournament meeting has ended, anglers will proceed to the no-wake area. By prominently displaying their numbers in the air, boats should make a best efforts attempt to line up from lowest number to highest with the boat holding the lowest number closest to the take-off boat (defined as the boat assigned to release boats as specified during the pre-tournament meeting.) The take-off boat will be either from the team drawing the last number or an angler registering after the 20-minute cut-off. The take-off boat will locate in a central area and release boats in numerical order. Upon release from the take-off boat, each boat may take-off in single file after idling past the take-off boat, keeping at least 100 feet between any previously released boat. Passing of previously released boats is prohibited until a previously released boat is on plane or 500 feet (the equivalent of three average Lake Carroll lots) outside of the no wake area. No boat can exceed the lake speed limit of 40 mph. Any violation of the take-off rules or failure to heed the instructions of the take-off boat will result in tournament disqualification.
- 7. Live-well Inspection:** In order to preserve the health of the fish, each boat will be required to have a working live-well and will be subject to inspection before take-off. Any boat without a working live-well will not be permitted to fish the tournament.

8. **Culling System:** In order to preserve the health of the fish, all piercing culling tags are illegal, and use will disqualify team. Culling tags will be checked during live-well inspection.
9. **Limits and Minimum Size:** Each team is allowed to weigh-in any combination of five live largemouth and/or smallmouth bass measuring no less than 14 inches in length when measured with a tightly closed mouth. At no time during a tournament should a tournament participant boat have more than five fish in their live-well. Any violation of this rule is considered a violation of Lake Carroll rules and will result in team disqualification.
10. **Courtesy Bump:** Any participant can request a tournament committee member to measure a fish in their live-well suspected to be below the minimum length requirement. **Prior** to bringing fish to the weigh-in scale, a participant may request a tournament committee member (or designee) to measure a fish using the committee's designated measuring board. Any fish found to be below the minimum length will be immediately returned to the water, but the team will NOT be penalized or disqualified from the tournament for the short fish. Any team bringing a short fish to the scales without a courtesy bump will be disqualified.
11. **Dead Fish Rule:** A dead fish (that is a scalable fish) cannot be culled and must be weighed in. There will be a .25 lb weight deduction for each dead fish that is weighed in. Anyone releasing a dead fish will be disqualified.
12. **Weigh-in Procedures:** In order to preserve the health of the fish, anglers desiring to weigh fish will only be allowed to transport their fish from their live well to the scales with a bag provided by Lake Carroll. These bags are located next to the weigh-in scale and are allocated on a first come first serve basis. After weighing fish, the fish must be immediately returned to the lake and the bag returned to the weigh-in area.
13. **Live Bait:** Live bait not permitted
14. **Three Lot Courtesy Rule:** Any angler moving into a new spot should allow an angler already in that spot a minimum of 500 feet of space (the rough equivalent of three average sized Lake Carroll lots.)