

OFFICIAL RULES – 2022 KEITH COMBS SAM RAYBURN SLAM

- 1. Participation and Eligibility:** Participation is open to anyone 18 years or older. Any Person under the age of 18 must be paired with a partner 18 years or older and have the signature of their parent or legal guardian.
- 2. Teams:** A team consists of one or two persons. A boat captain will be permitted to captain youth teams. The captain may not fish and is considered a non-competitor and must adhere to rule 8.
- 3.Registration:** Contestants may sign up online at keithcombsbassfishing.com or at Tackle Addict in store.
- 4. Insurance:** A minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance is recommended of all contestants.
- 5. Safety:** Safe boating must always be observed. Each contestant is required to wear a fully zipped and fastened U.S Coast guard approved personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is running. All boats must be equipped with an emergency shut off device which must be securely attached to the driver’s body anytime the combustion engine is running. The driver must be seated anytime the combustion engine is in gear. Competitors are allowed to leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather, but all fishing must cease.
- 6. Permitted fishing methods:** Only artificial lures may be used. Only one rod may be used per angler at a time and each cast must be completed before another cast is attempted or another rod is used. All bass must be caught alive and in a conventional sporting manner. Anglers cannot leave the boat to land a fish or to make a fishing area more accessible.
- 7. Sportsmanship and Conduct:** All contestants are required to follow high standard of sportsmanship and courtesy.
- 8. Assistance:** During competition hours anglers may not receive fishing information from a non-competitor for the purpose of locating or catching bass.
- 9. Emergency:** In the event of an emergency competitors should call 911 and then contact the tournament director. 1-936-219-8144
- 10. Boat and Horsepower:** Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast guard safety equipment, properly aerated live wells. Maximum horsepower may not exceed the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast guard for that vessel.
- 11. Permitted fishing locations:** Contestants may fish anywhere on Sam Rayburn lake except areas designated as no fishing or restricted areas. A 50 yard no fishing rule will be in place for competitors who are anchored with the trolling motor up. Moving bass to a confined area of Sam Rayburn during practice is not permitted.
- 12. Trailing is allowed:** Teams may launch anywhere but must remain within 500ft of that boat ramp until **6:45 am**. Contestants may not exceed 35 mph within ½ mile of any ramp. Once you’re ½ mile from the ramp and clear of other boats you are free to resume normal speed. (Running lights must be in and on until you arrive at your starting area) All contestants must have lines OUT at 3:00 pm. Teams may trailer their fish to weigh-in but must be in the check in line no later than 4:30 pm.
- 13. Scoring:** Will be determined by the official weight of each team catch during the tournament. Only Largemouth and spotted bass at least 14” in length (measured with the mouth closed and the tail compressed) are accepted species. The limit is 5 bass per team. Culling must be done immediately. A .25-pound penalty will be assessed for each dead bass a team brings to the scales. No dead bass will be eligible for the big bass award.
- 14. Late penalty:** a 1 pound per minute penalty up to 15 minutes will be assessed to the total catch including any weight to be counted for a big bass award.
- 15. Closing of the scales:** At least one team member must be in line at Umphrey pavilion by 4:30pm.
- 16. Ties:** In the event of a tie teams can agree to split the prize money or flip a coin.
- 17. Polygraph and protest:** Any team may be subject to a polygraph exam at the tournament director’s discretion. Any protest must be submitted to the tournament director in writing at least 15 minutes before the closing of the scales.
- 18. Official start and end time:** Contestants may launch anywhere but must remain within 500 ft of that ramp until 6:45 am. All lines must be out at 3:00 pm. **All teams must be in the check in line at Umphreys pavilion by 4:30pm.**
- 19. Weigh bags: ***** All teams are required to use our weigh in bags. Bags will be given out at the check in line. *******

All teams must come by or call Tackle Addict on Friday, September 30th to obtain a boat number.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY-In addition to the above rules, we agree to abide by the following:1. The risk of injury from the following activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis or death, and while particular skill, equipment and personal discipline may reduce the risk the risk of serious injury does exist; and 2.I knowingly and freely assume all such risk. Both known and unknown even if arising from the negligence of the release of others and assume full responsibility for my participation and 3.I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation If however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of tournament officials. And 4:I for myself and on the behalf of my heirs assign personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the annual Keith Combs Sam Rayburn Slam open, their officers, officials agents and employees other participants ,sponsoring agencies, sponsors and advertisers and if applicable owners and lessors of premise used for the activity(“releases”)with respect to any and all injury, disability, death or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the release or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law. We the below signed have read and agree to abide by the official tournament rules and have read the Waiver of Liability and agree to the release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any incident.

Angler 1 Name-			Angler 2 Name-		
First	MI	Last	First	MI	Last
Social			Social		
DOB			DOB		
City	St.	Zipcode	City	St.	Zipcode
Cell #	Alt. #		Cell #	Alt#	
Signature			Signature		
Email			Email		
Parent/Guardian Signature			Parent/Guardian Signature		

Make checks out to: Keith Combs Sam Rayburn Open

For any questions regarding the tournament please contact our tournament department at 1-936-219-8144