

**2nd Annual**

# HOOKED ON LIFE-SKILLS

## Charity Bass Tournament



### **TOURNAMENT RULES**

*Any violation of tournament rules is grounds for automatic disqualification.*

#### **1. CONDUCT:**

- a. Participants shall observe a high standard of ethics and personal conduct.
- b. Alcohol and/or illegal drugs are strictly prohibited any time during the tournament or weigh-in.
- c. All State, Federal, licensing and boating laws MUST be adhered to at all times during tournament hours.
- d. Coast Guard approved life vests and kill switches must be worn anytime the main combustion engine is in gear.

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY:**

- a. This is a team tournament which consists of two anglers per boat.
- b. Participation is open for any person over the age of 17 years. A member under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult.
- c. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse any applications.
- d. No refunds, unless the application is refused.

#### **3. REGISTRATION:**

- a. Launching will be allowed only at the Memorial Beach Boat Ramp.
- b. Each Team must register at the designated site before 6:30 AM.
- c. All competitors must attend the pre-Tournament meeting held 15 minutes before the designated start time.

#### **4. TOURNAMENT LOCATION:**

- a. All tournament participants must park their vehicles in the designated parking area and visibly display on their windshield the tournament receipt furnished by the Tournament Officials & The Webster DPW.
- b. Tournament waters are defined as all areas of Webster Lake which are accessible by boat from the tournament start site.
- c. No competitor shall fish within 50 yards of another competitor who is anchored and has their trolling motor in an upright position.
- d. Trolling, as a method of fishing, is prohibited as well as any artificial light or sound products and all underwater cameras.
- e. Trailering a boat during tournament hours is prohibited except from the launch point to have fish weighed.

## **5. BOAT & MOTOR:**

- a. Each boat must have all US Coast Guard required safety equipment. Officials will have the right to board and check a competitor's boat to make sure they are in compliance with all tournament rules.
- b. All boats must carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance policy.

## **6. TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:**

- a. An aerated live well for each boat is mandatory. The live-well must be capable of holding a limit of fish for both Team Members. All boats will have a live well and compartment check before the start of tournament by officials.
- b. All competitors will support catch and release.
- c. Tackle used shall be limited to artificial baits only with the exception of pork baits and rinds.
- d. Only one line per fisherman is permitted to be in use at any given time; however other rods may be present.

## **7. EMERGENCIES:**

- a. Competitors may not leave their boats at any time unless it is due to an emergency or for use of the restrooms.
- b. In the case of an emergency, partners may enter a competitor's boat and both partners **MUST** return with their catch – all fish must be clearly marked and separated by the anglers.

## **8. PRESERVE YOUR CATCH:**

- a. All fish must be caught alive in a traditional sporting manner.
- b. A 4 ounce or .25 pound penalty will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish brought to the weigh-in.
- c. Any fish to qualify as a "lunker" must be weighed in and released alive.
- d. All fish must be returned to the water alive. Dead fish will be the responsibility of the angler in possession. No dead fish will be released into the water.

## **9. CHECK-IN & SCORING:**

- a. There will be one official checkpoint and weigh-in designated by the Tournament Director.
- b. At the end of competition it is the responsibility of each participant to check in with the tournament officials. Fishing after the check in is not allowed. A 1.00 lb. penalty for each minute late at weigh-in up to 15 minutes will be levied. Over 15 minutes late will result in disqualification.
- c. A minimum fish length of 12" will be maintained. One courtesy check will be offered if requested. Any fish entered under 12" that has not had a courtesy check will be eliminated and a 1.00 lb. penalty will be assessed.
- d. A maximum of **SIX** fish per boat will be allowed. If you present more than **SIX** fish to be weighed, you will be disqualified.
- e. All culling must be done before check in.
- f. 0.25 lb. will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish. There is no culling of dead fish.
- g. Dead fish will not be eligible for the lunker prize.

## **10. TIES:**

- a. Tiebreakers will be determined 1st by the greatest number of fish entered and 2nd by the weight of the largest single fish entered. If still a tie, the prizes shall be split.

## **11. PROTESTS:**

- a. All protests must be filed **PRIOR** to the conclusion of the weigh-in.

**LIABILITY RELEASE FOR**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hooked on Life-Skills Charity Bass Tournament**  
**(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING)**

In signing this agreement, I hereby release Life-Skills, Inc. and The Town of Webster, it's officers, agents, employees, members and sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs or expenses relating to injury of any persons or property which I may sustain or which I may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hooked on Life-Skills Charity Bass Tournament**. I will abide by all tournament rules listed above and release all interpretations of these rules to the tournament committee. I also certify that I carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance on the boat used in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hooked on Life-Skills Charity Bass Tournament**.

Boat Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Reg. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle Reg. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Reg. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Partner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

***OTHER WAYS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!***

\_\_\_\_ We would like to sponsor this event and have enclosed a donation for advertising in the event booklet as follows (Please send advertising information with payment or email to [clebeaux@life-skillsinc.org](mailto:clebeaux@life-skillsinc.org)):

**Sponsorship Options:**

\_\_\_\_ \$100 = **Large Mouth Bass Sponsor** – Full Page (8 ½ " x 5 ½ ") Ad and/or Business Coupon

\_\_\_\_ \$ 50 = **Small Mouth Bass Sponsor** – Half Page (4 ¼ " x 5 ½ ") Advertisement

\_\_\_\_ \$ Any amount = **\*Fishing Buddy\*** – Line listing

**Raffle Donations:**

\_\_\_\_ We will be donating the identified **Raffle Item** \_\_\_\_\_ valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for this charity event.

Return this form with check made payable to **Life-Skills, Inc.** to  
Cindy Lebeaux, Director of Development  
Life-Skills, Inc  
44 Morris Street  
Webster, MA 01570

\* MasterCard, Visa and Discover also accepted. Please call 508-943-0700 x 2112 or email [clebeaux@life-skillsinc.org](mailto:clebeaux@life-skillsinc.org) for more information.

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