

# **8th Annual Illini Bass Fishing Club High School Open Tournament 2019**



**Saturday, April 27th, 2018 7:00AM-2:00PM  
Clinton Lake, Clinton Lake Marina**

1. This tournament is open to all high school anglers.
2. All participants (including boat captains) must sign and turn in the DNR liability form.
3. Each boater must sign the tournament rules and liability form holding all responsibility for high school anglers prior to launch.
4. Boaters must be 21 years of age
5. Only boaters are allowed to run the outboard motor. Anglers cannot run the outboard motor.
6. Boaters are not allowed to fish but may assist in netting fish
7. Eye protection must be worn by all participants.
8. Kill switches are highly recommended and must be present if at all possible.
9. Tournament anglers may not fish 25 yards from another angler's anchored boat, but anchored boat cannot block the path for other anglers to enter a fishing area.
10. No alcoholic beverages/ tobacco products may be in the boat or used by competitors during the tournament.
11. Anglers may not leave the boat to land a fish.

12. If the tournament must be canceled due to inclement weather prior to 11AM, the tournament will be rescheduled. If after 11AM, the winner will be determined by the weight caught during that time.
13. In case of non-medical emergency, call any club member. In case of medical emergency, contact 911.
14. Artificial baits only (pork baits acceptable). No live bait
15. No trolling methods permitted.
16. No fishing in any areas posted as restricted by the lake authority or off limits designated by the Illini Bass Fishing Club, including areas inside the no wake zone of the boat ramp.
17. All boats must meet USCG and IDNR specifications and all systems (livewell(s), trolling motor, PFD, horn, fire extinguisher, paddle etc.) must be in good working order.
18. All contestants must wear a personal floatation device throughout the day.
19. All contestants must check in at the end of the tournament day inside the no-wake zone by 3:00 pm. A half (1/2 or 8oz) pound penalty will be assessed for each minute late up to 15 minutes; over 15 minutes results in disqualification.
20. Only largemouth and smallmouth measuring 12 inches or larger may be weighed in.
21. Five (5) fish limit per boat.
22. Dead fish will each be assessed a penalty of half pound (1/2 lbs or 8oz)
23. Short fish will not be weighed in. A courtesy bump board will be provided prior at weigh-in.
24. All healthy bass must be returned to the lake in a timely manner.
25. Ties will be broken by the weight of the largest fish, then by number of fish.
26. The Illini Bass Fishing Club will not be held responsible for accidents, property loss, damage, or death suffered during the event.
27. Unsportsmanlike like conduct will not be tolerated and can lead to disqualification. We are looking to have an enjoyable bass fishing tournament.

**Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification.**

I have read the rules in their entirety and agree to comply with the rules and conditions as set forth by the Illini Bass Fishing Club and its members. I understand that failure to do so may result in disqualification from this and future tournaments. I knowingly and freely assume all risks, safety, and responsibility of my high school anglers who are present on my boat and are actively participating in this tournament. The Illini Bass Fishing Club assumes no liability or accidents before, during or after tournament hours.

Boat Captain signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_