

**PLEASE PROVIDE TO PARTICIPATING ANGLERS**

Please provide a printed copy or electronic copy of this form to anglers fishing the tournament. Only one form is needed per tournament, even if the tournament is held over multiple days. This form alerts anglers to requirements specified on a Director's permit.

**Tournament Dates:** *NA*

**Tournament Weigh-in Locations:** *NA*

Please watch these short videos: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/bass/videos.aspx>.

The Participant is required to follow these conditions:

1. Tournament participants may not possess or weigh-in more than the total daily bag limit for black bass (5), regardless of the number of weigh-ins.
2. Each boat will have one or more functioning aerated live well(s). A functioning live well is defined as one that has a working aeration or oxygenation system or a flow-through system to pump fresh water into the live well. Each live well shall be inspected by the permittee or a tournament official prior to the tournament's starting time to ensure they are operating properly. Anglers not meeting this requirement may not participate in the tournament. Bass survival can be reduced when live well water temperatures are warmer than river or lake water. Please maintain water temperatures at or up to 7 degrees Fahrenheit less than river or lake temperature.
3. **Participants must use continuous live well circulation with periodic water exchanges throughout the fishing day when bass are in live wells and water temperature is at or exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit.**
4. Only artificial lures may be used.
5. A culling system must be utilized that reduces fish handling stress and injury (e.g., clips and color coding). Devices that require punching a hole in the fish's mouth are NOT permitted. Fish should not be lifted from by culling tubes or ropes.
6. All dead fish are a part of a participants' bag and must be part of the weigh-in. Culling of dead fish is not allowed.
7. **A penalty of at least 0.5 pounds (eight ounces) must be imposed on a participant for each dead fish.**
8. Bass shall be transported to and from the vessel to the weigh-in site in water-filled containers with sufficient water to cover the fish, except during the actual measuring/weighing process.
9. Bass shall not be kept in water-filled containers longer than two (2) minutes prior to, during, and after weigh-in without supplemental aeration and/or water exchange.