



2015 Arizona Charity Bass Derby Format and Rules:

Derby Format:

- 3 Fish Limit.
 - o The purpose of the 3 fish limit is to cut down on fish mortality and to promote a level playing field.
- \$150 entry fee per team including big fish.
- Charity derby 50/50 format. 50% of the collective entry fees will be donated to Fishin' for the Cure. 1 in 5 angler payout.
- Stripper option is \$25 per boat. 50% of the stripper option will be donated to Fishin' for the Cure.

Rules:

- IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH CONTESTANT TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES. At no time will an exception be made for not understanding the rules set forth.
- Anglers are encouraged to contact the derby director for clarification of any rule they do not understand.
- The decision of the director will be final in all matters.
- Fishin' For The Cure reserves the right to refuse entry into the event at the discretion of the derby authority for any reason.

1: Participation and Eligibility

Participation in Fishin' for the Cure events is open to anyone. All anglers under 18 years must have a signed liability release from a parent or legal guardian.

Any team consisting of two anglers under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at the registration site for the duration of the event.

All contestants are required to sign a waiver absolving the derby sponsors, co-sponsors and their employees from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in the derby or related activities.

2: Insurance and Liability:

It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to carry and have proof of adequate public liability insurance covering the boat being used, themselves and any passengers. Contestants are required to provide proof of insurance on demand of the derby director or derby staff.

3: Safety:

All boats must meet Coast Guard regulations. Safe boating shall be observed at all time

Each contestant, during official practice and competition is required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is running and in gear.

All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shutoff device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation.

A driver must be seated behind the steering wheel and in full control of the boat whenever the combustion engine is in operation and in gear.

At the discretion of the derby director, a derby day or days may be shortened, postponed or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions.

4: Sportsmanship:

All contestants are required to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation, and must conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, Fishin' for the Cure, Fishin' for the Cure sponsors, and the sport of fishing.

Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Obvious impairment by, consumption of, and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, or any kind of mind altering substance during registration, during derby hours, weigh in procedures, and awards presentations.
- Abuse of or addiction to mind altering substances. Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months.
- Suspension/disqualification, probation, pending investigation, or ban from any derby or fishing organization.
- The use of obscene language or gestures at any time during registration, derby hours, weigh-in and awards presentations.
- Violation of any Department of Game and Fish laws, state laws or local laws.

Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with derby rules, or failure to comply with the standards set forth.

In cases of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, Fishin' for the Cure shall have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete by returning the entry fee (minus deposit), permanently ban, or disqualify a contestant at any time.

5: Boat and Motor:

All watercraft used during Fishin' for the Cure events must have a clearly legible "maximum capacities" placard which has been properly attached to the boat by the manufacturer. Motor horsepower may not exceed the placard rating.

Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment on board.

Boats must contain a properly aerated livewell with space adequate enough to maintain a limit catch of bass during derby hours.

By signing the entry form, contestants agree to submit their boat and/or motor to an inspection by Fishin' for the Cure personnel.

Falsifying boat or motor information on the entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating placard will be cause for disqualification from the derby and may result in ineligibility to compete in future Fishin' for the Cure derbies.

No portable or non-factory fishing or viewing platforms may be used in derby competition.

Fuel may only be carried in factory installed fuel tanks. Any additional fuel that may be needed during derby hours must be purchased from a boat accessible retail fuel facility that is open to the public.

6: Permitted fishing methods:

All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner.

Only artificial lures may be used, with the exception of pork trailers and biodegradable soft plastics.

All fishing must be done from a derby inspected boat, and anglers may not leave the boat to land a fish.

The use of underwater cameras or electronic viewers is not allowed during competition hours.

Only "one" fishing rod may be used at a time. A fishing rod is considered in use until any cast and retrieve is completed, and any fish caught is placed in the livewell or released back into the lake.

Trolling with the aid of combustion or electric motors is not permitted.

Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to the line of a rod and reel, with the lure in the water.

7: Permitted fishing locations:

Contestants may fish anywhere on derby waters available to the public and accessible by boat except areas posted or otherwise designated as "off limits, no boats, keep out, restricted, no trespassing, no fishing or any other areas designated by Fishin' for the Cure as "off limits".

The cutting of tress, bushes and/or logs after the start of the derby and/or the removal of official local, state or federal barricades at any time to make an area more accessible by boat is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the derby.

The use of ropes, cables, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a boat into fishing waters is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the derby.

Contestants must leave and return to the check-in by boat. The boat must remain in the derby waters during the day of the event and must have a minimum of 1" of water under the boat at all times.

8: Equipment failure:

In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there are two permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) both contestants must remain with the boat and may be towed by any boat to the check-in site. (2) If it is necessary to transfer fish to another boat, it must be another contestant's boat and at least one member of the team must accompany the fish to the check-in site. Under these two conditions the contestants catch may be counted without penalty (except for late penalties, dead fish penalties, or other penalties pertaining to other derby rules). Contestants who elect to return to the check-in site by any other means than cited above will forfeit their catch for the day and may be disqualified.

9: Check-In and Boat Checks:

There will be only one checkpoint for boat check in the morning and one check-in point in the afternoon. Failure to obtain a boat check in the morning or failure to check in at the check-in point at the appointed time will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon check-in. Trailering is not allowed, in the event of severe weather, alternate take off and check in instructions will be given at registration by the derby director. No culling of fish in the host marina or weigh-in area.

10: Late penalty:

Contestants who are not at the check-in point at their appointed time will have their catch for the day disqualified. If you are one second late for your appointed check-in time you will be disqualified.

11: Live fish:

Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated livewell. Each dead fish that is brought to the weigh-in will have a one (1) pound dead fish penalty deducted from the total weight from that days catch. Any angler or team that weighs in a dead fish cannot return that dead fish back to the lake for release, and must retain that fish in his possession. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification for that day and may result in a permanent ban in future derby participation.

12: Short fish:

The official minimum length for bass shall be thirteen (13) inches unless otherwise stated at sign up, or if the lake limit is greater than thirteen (13) inches.

Bass will be measured lying down, mouth closed / tail pinched, on a flat board. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the prescribed minimum length shall be removed from the catch and a penalty of one (1) pound will be deducted from the remaining weight. Some lakes may have slot limits. The derby rules for slot lakes will be announced at registration prior to the derby launch.

13: Use of electronic communication devices:

During the derby, a competitor may not use a CB radio, VHF marine band radio, cellular phone, or any other type of electronic communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish.

14: Pre-fishing off limits:

There are NO pre-fishing off limits for a single day derby. You can fish the derby waters whenever the lake is open prior to the date of the derby.

15: Competition off limits:

No contestant may enter or cast into an off limits area at any time during derby hours. Areas within 50 yards of a fuel dock are off-limits to fishing.

Other lake specific off limits areas, such as marinas may be announced during registration. It is the anglers' responsibility to check with the derby director or Fishin' for the Cure officials to make sure they know the off limits areas for that derby.

A marina is defined as the outside perimeter of any building to include but not limited to, slips, runways, or posted areas in the marina, to include but not limited to areas posted no trespassing, or no fishing.

Contestants may enter a marina area for fuel or oil without penalty.

16: Encroachment:

There are no distance rules or anchor rules for Fishin' for the Cure derbys. As a general rule of sportsmanship, all anglers should give all others enough room to make a reasonable cast to fish in an area. Aggressive encroachment or intentional disturbance of another angler in an unsportsmanlike manner may result in disqualification.

17: Citations:

Any contestant that is cited for any violation of State or Federal fishing or boating regulations during derby hours may be disqualified.

18: Scoring/Points:

Scoring will be determined by the total weight of each team's catch. The limit shall be three (3) bass per team.

19: Sight Fishing:

A sight or bed fish is defined as a fish that can be seen and is watched as it approaches the lure. Fish being caught under these conditions must be caught by hook and line and by the fish ingesting the lure. Any fish caught that is either a sight or bed fish must be caught with the hook in the mouth with the hook point entering from inside the mouth. Any sight or bed fish caught by snagging or with the hook starting outside the mouth shall be deemed an illegally caught fish and must be released. This same fish may be caught again by legal method with the hook starting from inside the mouth. Violation or intentional violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

20: Culling:

The culling of a dead fish is not allowed. Any Contestant who possesses more than the derby limit of (3) fish, unless actively culling will have their catch for that day disqualified. Culling must be done immediately. No culling of fish in the host marina or weigh-in area. No culling of fish after check in.

21: Re-weigh of derby catch:

Any angler/ anglers/ or team that would like to have their catch for the day re-weighed must ask the weigh master or derby director for a re-weigh before they leave the weigh-in area. No re-weigh of the derby catch will be given once an angler/ anglers/ or team leaves the weigh in area. Once a re- weigh has been approved by the weigh master or derby director the angler/ anglers/ or team original weight will be deleted and the re-weigh weight will be the weight used to determine the final standings. Only one (1) re-weigh will be allowed.