

It is required for each tournament participant to read through the entirety of the tournament itinerary, especially the rules and regulations. Any questions can be directed to tournament director **Jacob Wegner** – <u>jdwegner@wisc.edu</u> or 414-294-9205

## Date and Location

Date: April 5th, 2025
Launch and Weigh in: Okee Landing

 Corner of Old Sauk Road and County Road V
 Lodi, WI 53555

Pre-tournament meeting: April 5th: 6:40am
Livewell checks: 6:50am

Tournament hours: 7am-3pm

\*Anglers are responsible for the daily launch fee

## **Registration**

\$100 (mandatory) entry fee/boat

## \$10 (optional) big bass

**75% guaranteed payout** is as follows: 50% to 1<sup>st</sup> place team, 30% to 2<sup>nd</sup> place

team, 20% to 3<sup>rd</sup> place team. 100% side pot to Big Bass

Anglers can register at CollegiateBassChampionship.com

## **Rules and Regulations**

The following rules will apply to the tournament and remain unchanged throughout the event unless State or local laws are in conflict. The interpretation and enforcement of rules will be left to the Tournament Committee. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Committee will take appropriate action, and all matters are final.

- 1. **Each school** can send as many boats as they wish, with a maximum of 2 anglers per boat. An angler may fish solo.
- 2. All anglers: must be full-time students of their respective universities.
- 3. **Scoring:** The total fish per boat can be no more than five largemouth and/or smallmouth bass, each with a minimum length of 14 inches. Fish will be measured on a Golden Rule bump board with the mouth closed and tail fanned and/or pinched to the longest position. Any dead bass presented for weigh-in will result in a penalty of 12 oz, or 0.75 lbs, deducted from the total catch weight. Any competitor weighing in a fish shorter than 14 inches will be disqualified. Any competitor not back at the official checkpoint by the designated time will be disqualified, regardless

of excuse. Late is late. A tie for total weight will be decided by biggest bass. If a tie still remains, the tie will be decided by number of fish.

- 4. Permitted Fishing Locations and Times: Tournament waters will be Lake Wisconsin as well as the Wisconsin River, with the downriver boundary being the dam in Prairie Du Sac and with an upriver boundary of the highway 33 bridge in Portage. Fishing is not permitted within 50 feet of a competitor's boat. Competitors cannot leave the boat at any time unless it is at the official checkpoint, or in the case of an emergency. Competitors cannot leave the boat to land a fish: some portion of the anglers body must stay in the boat at all the times. Anglers can prefish until 12am tournament day.
- 5. **Boat and Motor:** All boats must be at least 14 feet in length and meet Coast Guard requirements. There is no horsepower restriction. All boats must have a kill switch in working order and a functioning, aerated livewell or cooler of adequate size. A kill switch and livewell check will take place prior to takeoff.
- 6. **Boating Conduct**: Boating safety must be observed at all times by competitors. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest at all times the outboard is operating. The vest is to be strapped, snapped, or zippered. Violation will be immediate disqualification. A kill switch attached to the life vest while the boat is operating is required.
- 7. **Sportsmanship:** All competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, safety, and conservation. Any observed infraction(s) will result in disqualification.
- 8. **Tackle and Equipment:** All fish must be caught in a conventional sporting manner. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Only one rod may be used at a time per angler. Only artificial lures may be used, with the exception of pork rinds.
- 9. Official Checkpoint: All competitors must attend the pre-tournament meeting at 6:40am, take-off at 7:00am, and weigh-in at 3:00pm at the Okee Landing
- 10. **Tournament Meeting:** The pre-tournament meeting will be at 6:40 am. Every boat must have a member in attendance.

- 11. Alcohol and Drugs: No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be tolerated in the boat during tournament hours.
- 12. **Protests:** A protest or complaint may be filed in writing before the weigh-in scales close. The situation will be given consideration and ruled on by the Tournament Committee. All decisions will be final.
- 13. Launch Fees: Anglers are responsible for any and all applicable launch fees on the dates of the tournament. Launch fees are estimated at \$8 per day.

The Wisconsin Fishing Team hopes to make this a successful and enjoyable event for all. We hope to have a great turnout from all colleges as well as from the Madison community. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Wisconsin Fishing Team at <u>wifishingteam@gmail.com</u> or the Tournament Director, Jacob Wegner, <u>jdwegner@wisc.edu</u> or 414-294-9205