



## WEST POINT LAKE *EXTREME* TOURNAMENTS OFFICIAL RULES

1. **Polygraph Examination** – MSI reserves the right to conduct random polygraph examinations at any time. As a contestant in the West Point Lake Extreme Tournament, I do hereby contractually agree that the result of said polygraph examination will be the final decision of the polygraph operators to whether I, as a contestant, will be eliminated as a recipient of any prize or award as a result of my participation in said tournament.
2. **Participation & Eligibility** – These tournaments are open to all persons. At least one team member must be 18 years or older. Marina Services, Inc. reserves the right at its sole discretion to approve or deny entry into any Marina Services, Inc. Tournaments. Previous disqualifications from any MSI or other fishing organizations tournaments for any rules violations that resulted in a contestant's honesty, integrity, character, and/or qualification for this event will require a review of the circumstances by the Tournament Director of Marina Services, Inc. after which the Tournament Director shall have the right to refuse any application, or to deny a confirmed application, by returning the entry fee of a previously accepted application, or disqualifying a contestant. The decision of the Tournament Director is final. Marina Services, Inc. reserves the right to place an official observer in a contestant's boat at any time during competition hours.
3. **Registration** – Each competitor must register in person, complete this application, and have a rule briefing and boat check prior to blast off.
4. **Safety** – Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each contestant must have a Coast Guard approved life vest and motor kill switch secured at all times while the boat is on plane. Any contestant under the age of 10 must wear a life jacket at all times.
5. **Sportsmanship and Conduct** - All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following: Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any mind-altering substance during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure; Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months; Actions or words which reflect unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, and fair competition; Chemical substance abuse or addiction.
6. **Protest** – All protests must be filed after the rules briefing prior to blast off, or no later than 15 minutes after weigh in is completed. Any competitor who is caught accusing another competitor of an infraction of the tournament rules without filing a formal complaint with the tournament director can be disqualified from the tournament for unsportsmanlike conduct.
7. **Tackle & Equipment** – Only artificial lures may be used. No live baits. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional manner using rod and reel.
8. **Boat Equipment** – Safety equipment adequate to pass Coast Guard regulations must be in the boat at all times. Carelessness or unsafe operation of any boat shall not be tolerated and is grounds for disqualification. Each boat must have an aerated live well with space adequate to maintain a tournament limit of bass.
9. **Permitted Fishing Locations** – Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere on West Point Lake. Fishing is only allowed on navigable waters, contestants must be able to run the boat to all fishing areas without getting out of the boat. Fishing is not permitted 50 yards from any marina gas pump, areas designated as no fishing areas by state or local officials, or 50 yards from another contestant's boat which is first anchored with their trolling motor up. Additional off-limit areas may be announced prior to blast-off. Contestants may not cast into, hook, or land a fish in these areas.
10. **Scoring** - Largemouth & Spotted bass will be weighed. The limit shall be **5 fish** per boat. All **largemouth bass must be 14 inches** in length or larger and all **spotted bass (must have tooth patch on tongue) must be 12 inches** in length or larger measured on a golden rule with the mouth closed and by moving the tail from side to side.
11. **Dead/Short Fish Penalty** – With the exception of the Kid's Extreme Series, there will be an 8-ounce penalty for each dead fish weighed in (unless otherwise announced prior to blast-off). If a dead fish is in the running for big fish, the 8-ounce penalty will apply to that fish also. Culling of dead fish is not allowed. At no time shall a team have more than 5 fish in its possession. Upon catching the 6<sup>th</sup> fish you must cull. If a short fish is brought to the scales, the penalty will be the loss of your big fish or a minimum of 3 pounds, whichever is greater.
12. **Late Penalty** - Competitors who are not in the official checkpoint area (the Highland Marina outer "no wake" buoy) at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute which will be deducted from the total weight counted that day including any weight towards big fish. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall be disqualified.
13. **Emergencies** – Competitors shall remain in their boats and with their partners at all times during the tournament,

except in the event of sickness or severe storm. Partners may be momentarily out of sight of each other for the sole purpose of performing nature calls.

14. **Fishing Method** - MSI recognizes only the following methods to catch bass: casting & retrieving a lure, and any form of pitching or flipping. Drifting is allowed only when it is "wind aided". You may use your trolling motor to adjust your "wind aided" drift pattern.
15. **Tournament Hours** – Tournament hours: **KIDS EXTREME** - shall be from **SAFE LIGHT** (to be determined by the tournament director) until **2:00 PM** unless otherwise stated at the tournament briefing. **WINTER EXTREME** - shall be from **9:00 AM** until **4:00 PM** unless otherwise stated at the tournament briefing. **EXTREME ALL-NIGHT**- shall be from **8:00PM** until **8:00 AM** unless otherwise stated at the tournament briefing. Airways Extreme, Delta, and other tournaments will be announced prior to the tournament
16. **Rule Changes** – Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament officials. The decision of the tournament director shall be final in all matters. Infraction of these rules could be grounds for disqualification for this and future tournaments.
17. **Pre-fish off limits** – There is no pre-fishing off limits for these tournaments.
18. **Cancellation/Re-schedule** - MSI reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any tournament at any time.