

# Hays Bass Anglers



Hays, Kansas

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## Association

# Wilson Open #2 Bass Tournament

Safe light to 3 p.m., on May 30, 2020 at  
Wilson State Park's Hell Creek Boat Ramp

Hays Bass Anglers Association is excited to be back on the water at Wilson Reservoir for this two-man team bass fishing tournament. The event will pay out 80% with one place paid for every seven boats entered. Five live fish will be weighed per team. Wilson Lake has a 15" minimum length limit on black bass. The entry fee is \$150 per boat. Non-penetrating cull clips are required. The tournament director will enforce all BASS tournament rules. Boats must be 14-feet or longer and meet BASS requirements. Boats must be equipped with a working livewell and shall contain Catch-N-Release or a similar electrolyte solution. Proof of liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000 or more is required. **Note the following changes:** Pre-registration entries must be postmarked by May 22, 2020; Starting positions will be determined by random drawing and sent with a copy of the rules to the boater's email the week of the event; Livewell check conducted at the ramp prior to launch; Anglers must stay in their boats until instructed to weigh in their fish; One angler will weigh in the team's catch and must wear protective gloves and a facemask; It is suggested that anglers provide their own weigh-in bags if possible; After weighing the team's catch the angler must place their catch in the release tank; Winners announced via social media and checks mailed to winners. *Optional: Big bass side pot with 100% payback is \$10/boat (please include with your registration), Optional: High stakes side pot with 100% payout is \$100/team with 60/40 payout for two places (please include with your registration).* If you have additional questions, please contact Tournament Director Klint VonFeldt at (785) 650-1733.

## Wilson Open Entry Form

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**Boater** (Name) (Address)

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**Non-Boater** (Name) (Address)

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**Declaration, waiver, release, and hold harmless agreement**

*The undersign participant hereby affirmatively states and acknowledges the following in consideration for participation in a fishing tournament sponsored by the Hays Bass Anglers Association:*

- 1) That participation in this event is entirely voluntary and of participant's own choosing and not the result of any inducement offered by the Hays Bass Anglers Association, other than set out in the tournament rules. Individual agrees to abide by the rules of this tournament.
- 2) That participant executes this Declaration, Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement in consideration for the opportunity to participate in this event.
- 3) Participant assumes any risk of loss, damage, or injury to participant's person and/or property and waives any claim in connection thereto against the Hays Bass Anglers Association, and their officers, board members, directors, employees, agents, sponsors and members. Furthermore, participant waives any claim, demand, complaint or cause of action which participant now has or may have, whether known, developed or underdeveloped, including but not limited to claims based upon negligence, on account or arising out of participant's entry into and participation in this fishing tournament. I do not release them from liability for willful or intentional misconduct.
- 4) Participant further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Hays Bass Anglers Association and their officers, board members, directors, agents, and sponsors from and against any and all claims by participant and participant's heirs, assigns, and representatives, arising out of or in any way related to participant's entry into and participation in this fishing tournament. I warrant that I am in good physical and mental health and physically capable of withstanding the rigors and requirements of this tournament.
- 5) Participant further states that the property, and if applicable the boat and engine to be used in this fishing tournament complies with Kansas laws and regulations, and if applicable the boat/engine to be used in this fishing tournament is currently operational and in proper working order and that the owner of the boat to be used has in force, at the time of this fishing tournament, current liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000.00 or more.
- 6) This declaration, waiver, release and hold harmless agreement has been executed by the participant, relying on the participant's own judgment and understanding of this declaration, waiver, release and hold harmless agreement, and no representation from any other party; participant further declares that he/she legally competent to execute this declaration, waiver, release and hold harmless agreement; participant further declares that this document shall be binding upon his/her heirs, assigns, representatives and acknowledges that it shall be interpreted unto the laws of the State of Kansas. If any section herein is declared to be invalid, it shall be severable from the balance of the declarations, waivers, releases and agreements made herein. Participant further request that any court interpret this declaration, waiver, release and hold harmless agreement as broadly as possible in accordance with participant's intentions set forth herein. Finally, participant certifies, by participant's signature, that participant has read, fully understands, and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of this tournament. Participant agrees that photographs, film, digital video or videotape taken of participant during the participation in the tournament, to include weigh-in and awards ceremony, may be used without prior consent or payment of royalties and/or fees.
- 7) I (Participant) expressly recognize that loss of property, injury or death could arise from (1) the fishing and boating activities contemplated by the tournament (2) the fact that participant might fish in a boat belonging to another participant (3) the fact that the risks normally encountered in open-water fishing from a boat may be enhanced by the exposure to the elements and other risk inherent in outdoor competition. I am aware that my participation in this tournament creates the risk of my serious personal injury or death and could lead to the loss or damage to personal property.

**Boater Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Non Boater Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) Fisheries Division  
Fishing Tournaments/Special Event Permits During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

All persons participating in events on state-owned or KDWPT-managed properties shall:

- 1) Observe social distancing guidelines, including maintaining a 6-foot distance between persons for the entirety of the event.
- 2) Observe the 14-day quarantine period prior to the event if traveling from an area listed on the KDHW Travel Quarantine List: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/176/Travel-Related-Quarantine>
- 3) Obey all tenants outlined in approved Special Event Permit for events launching from department properties

For tournaments with weigh-ins, the following shall be enforced:

- 1) Only one person may check to make sure fish are legal; this individual should wear a mask and gloves.
- 2) Only one person may operate the scale; this individual should wear a mask and gloves.
- 3) Only one angler may approach the scale at one time; anglers are encouraged to wear masks and gloves during the weigh-in process.
- 4) Fish must then be returned to the angler to complete the weigh-in process.

No registration tents or tables are permitted. Ceremonies may be performed only if the gathering practices social distancing and complies with current group gathering restrictions. Tournament organizers are responsible for notifying KDWPT of violations to any of the above provisions.

A Special Event Permit is required for all competitive fishing events on department lands and waters including state parks and state lakes. Per regulation, this permit application must be submitted to the Park Manager or Public Lands Manager five days prior to the event date.

Additional Recommendations:

- 1) Monitor the COVID-19 information page on the KS Department of Health and Environment for health guidelines and updates: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/>
- 2) Monitor the COVID-19 information page on the KS Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for updates: <https://www.ksoutdoors.com/KDWPT-COVID-19-Updates>
- 3) Event pre-registration required. This avoids gatherings and lines before events for anglers to sign up to compete.
- 4) Meetings for anglers regarding event rules or other items must comply with current group gathering limits . Using a PA system, isolating anglers to their boats, or paper handouts are encouraged.
- 5) Tournament directors are encouraged to conduct paper/virtual weigh-ins where anglers record catches on the water and submit a paper or virtual record. This would avoid gatherings and contact during an in-person weigh-in.

The Kansas Bass Nation created a video for guidance on maintaining safe practices while participating in fishing tournaments. If interested, please visit the link to view: <https://vimeo.com/405583056>