



# 20th Annual BIG BASS CHALLENGE

Safe light to 3 p.m. on Sept. 12, 2020 at Lake Wilson (State Park boat ramp)

**Entry Forms & Fees** -Entry forms and fees received before Sept. 6, 2020 will be \$130.00/boat, and \$150.00/boat after the deadline (**cash only on tournament date**). Maximum of 2 occupants per boat.

Payable to HBAA, 2023 Metro Lane, Hays, KS 67601

**Numbered Starts** – **Entry forms and fees will be accepted on or after July 1, 2020.** Starting positions for the tournament will be determined by the order in which entries are post-marked and received.

**Entries post-marked before July 1, 2020 will receive a later starting position.**

**Pre-Tournament Check-in** –All boats must check in at the state park boat ramp for a livewell check and inspection beginning at 5:00 a.m. Start positions issued at check-in.

**Sportsmanship** -Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and resource conservation.

**Safety** – Tournament contestants must observe safe boating and fishing practices. Each contestant is required to wear a Coast Guard approved, chest-type PFD while combustion engine is running. No alcohol.

**Boat Requirements** – Boats must be 14-feet or longer and must meet BIA requirements. Boats must be equipped with an aerated livewell in good working order and shall contain Catch-N-Release or a similar electrolyte solution.

Proof of liability coverage in the amount of \$300,000.00 or more is required at check-in time.

**Permitted Areas** – Fishing is permitted by boat anywhere on the lake, except within 50-feet of another contestants anchored boat or in areas designated off limits by the regulatory agency.

**Weigh-in Procedures** -Official weigh-in will be at the State Park boat ramp. One legal black bass (largemouth, smallmouth or spotted bass) may be presented to the weigh master per hour. ID must be presented when weighing in. During the weigh-in, one partner must remain with the boat for a livewell inspection. Only 2 legal bass may be in the livewell at any time.

**Permitted Methods** -Casting of artificial lures and prepared pork trailers are allowed. No live bait and no trolling is permitted.

**Prizes & Awards** -One fish per boat may be entered for big bass every hour. Cash prizes will be awarded for the biggest bass weighed in every hour of the tournament. Overall prizes and placing will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament.

**Other Rules** -Fish must be alive and taken from Lake Wilson on tournament day. Ties go to the first fish weighed in. Announcements at the pre-tournament check-in may take precedence. A team may weigh in one fish per hour. Tournament duration is 8 hours. Contestants are to stay in their boats during tournament hours (except during weigh-in). Time will be marked when fish is placed in the weigh-in bag.

**Food** -A barbeque will follow the tournament for all contestants at the shelter house.

**For More Information-** visit our web site at [www.haysbass.com](http://www.haysbass.com)

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## 19th Annual BIG BASS CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM

Boater \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Boat # \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Boater \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 is 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 requests 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:** \_\_\_\_\_