

Russell Leffew Memorial Bass Tournament

By entering this tournament, I have read and agree to be bound by the official Rules. I hereby release and hold harmless all other contestants, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for personal injuries, lost or stolen property and/or damages incurred in connection with my participation in The Russell Leffew Memorial Bass Tournament. I acknowledge that my personal safety and the safety of my property are my sole responsibility. I am aware that risks and dangerous conditions are associated with boating and participation in fishing tournaments and I release all aforementioned persons from any duty to warn me of the existence of such risks or conditions. I understand and agree that the Russell Leffew Memorial Bass Tournament reserves the right to refuse my entry and refund my fee for any reason. I understand and agree that the Russell Leffew Memorial Bass Tournament reserves the right to not allow my continued participation in the tournament for any reason. I grant the Russell Leffew Memorial Bass Tournament and its sponsors the rights to any photographic image taken during my participation in the tournament. I have read and understand the above agreement.

NAME (print): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ ALT. PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE (Captain): _____

SHIRT SIZE (circle one): M L XL 2XL 3X 4XL

NAME (print): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE (Team Member 2): _____

SHIRT SIZE (circle one): M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

ENTER X IF APPLICABLE: Youth (under age of 18)

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF MINOR ENTERING TOURNAMENT

As parent or guardian of the above named minor (under the age of 18), I hereby consent to his/her entering The Russell Leffew Memorial Bass Tournament and claim responsibility for this minor. I have read the Rules and release and hold harmless all other contestants, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for personal injuries, lost or stolen property and/or damages incurred in connection with his/her participation in The Russell Leffew Memorial Bass Tournament.

Parent/Guardian: _____

For 3rd team member fill out information on next page

NAME (print): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE (Team Member 3): _____

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Official Tournament Rules

1. Directors and/or Rules Committee reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone at any time.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** At least one member of each team must be 18 years of age. Under age contestants must have written consent, available upon request of tournament officials, from parent or legal guardian. Each contestant must have a valid form of identification on their person. Valid Kansas fishing license is required.
3. **DEADLINE:** Early entry deadline is October 21st. Late entries must be paid in cash and will be accepted up to the pre take-off tournament briefing. No Refunds.
4. **FEES:** Tournament fees are \$80.00 per team. Each team must submit their entry fees along with their COMPLETED entry form. All contestants must read and sign a release waiver before participation in the tournament will be allowed. Any participant can fish alone at the full entry fee.
5. **SAFETY:** Coast Guard approved life jackets, kill switch, and working bow and stern running lights are mandatory. Life jackets and kill switch must be worn when the boat is on plane. Breaking any state or federal boating law may be cause for disqualification.
6. **BOATS:** Any safe boat with working aerated livewells is allowed. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State regulations.
7. There are no limitations on fishing line, weights, or lures except those set forth by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. All bass must be caught using a rod and reel in a legal, sporting manner. Only one rod/reel per contestant is allowed in use at any one time. No trolling, snagging, or live bait is allowed. Pork style baits and commercial scents are allowed. Dip-N-Dye is allowed. Dip nets are allowed.
8. **SCORING:** A maximum of four (4) bass per team may be weighed and (1) Drum (Russell Fish) may be presented for “biggest Russell Fish”. Only largemouth/black bass, Kentucky/spotted bass or smallmouth bass are allowed to be counted towards your 4 bass limit. Any team bringing more than 4 bass to the weigh-in will have their catch disqualified. Once fish have been turned over to tournament officials, they become the property of the tournament and no fish may be added to the catch. Bass must measure a minimum of 15 inches or more on flat board, mouth closed in any way to get tail to touch. Total stringer weight will determine winners. A short fish is a 1 lb. penalty and loss of that fish. A 1/2 lb. penalty per dead bass will be deducted from the total weight of the stringer. The Director and/or Rules Committee reserve the right to refuse the weighing of any dead bass.
9. **CULLING:** No culling is allowed at the ramp area. No culling is allowed after checking in for weigh-in.
10. **LATE PENALTY:** Contestants late to weigh-in will be assessed a 1 lb. per minute penalty with a maximum of 10 minutes allowed. Contestants will be disqualified after 10 minutes.
11. **PERMITTED FISHING AREAS:** Fishing is allowed from boat only and confined to Winfield City Lake. Contestants must not depart the boat to fish or land fish. No fishing within 25 yards of another contestant’s anchored boat providing the anchored boat arrived first. Both contestants must remain in the boat at all times except in the case of an emergency or life-threatening situation. In such an emergency, contestants may be removed from their boat to another contestant’s boat or rescue boat. In case of boat or motor problems, one or both contestants can hitch a ride to the weigh-in with another contestant. The Tournament Director is to be notified immediately of any such problems.
12. **RESTRICTING BASS:** Restricting bass by any method which disallows its natural movement or travel throughout the entire impoundment is prohibited.
13. **SEEDING BASS:** Seeding bass captured from another impoundment is prohibited and is cause for disqualification.
14. **DEADWATER:** None
15. **CHECK-IN:** All entries must check in with tournament officials prior to launch at Motorboat cove boat ramps between 5:30am – 6:30am on the morning of the tournament. A livewell check will take place at Check-in and your boat number will be Assigned at the mandatory briefing prior to take off.
16. **TAKE OFF:** Boat numbers will be assigned at the tournament briefing. All teams must launch the morning of the tournament from the designated launch ramps in motorboat cove. Take-off will be called out just past the no-wake bouys between the lake and motorboat cove.
17. **WEIGH-IN:** The weigh-in will begin at 3:00 pm. Each team must check in prior to the weigh-in time with the check-in official or be assessed a late penalty. The check-in official will be in position at 2:15 pm. Each team must return to the weigh-in via boat. Trailing is allowed. Fish may be brought to the scales in any weight bag. Official tournament weigh bags will be used for weighing.
18. **OFFICIAL TIME:** The official timekeeper for the tournament is the Tournament Director.
19. **TIES:** All ties shall be decided by the total number of fish. Remaining ties will be broken by awarding a higher place to the team with the heaviest single fish, 2nd heaviest fish and so on.
20. **PROTESTS:** Any protest must be presented in writing and prior to the events’ closing of the scales.
21. **WAIVER:** All contestants must sign a Waiver Form releasing all tournament officials, contestants, hosts, and sponsors from any and all claims, injuries and/or damages incurred with the Russell Leffew Memorial Bass Tournament before participation will be allowed.
22. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or any state or local laws, or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified.
23. **CHEATING:** Anyone who has been convicted of cheating in any other tournament or is under investigation or legal

proceedings concerning other tournaments or fishing contests is not eligible to fish.

24. **RULES AND LAWS:** It is the sole responsibility of each contestant to know and follow all applicable tournament rules and governmental laws and regulations. Such governmental laws and regulations include those enacted or promulgated by Federal, State, or local governments.

25. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drugs or illegal use of Prescription Drugs are not allowed during tournament hours.

26. **DRAWINGS/PRIZES:** Potential drawing winners will be selected in a random drawing from the aggregate of all qualified entries. By their entry, participants are agreeing to these rules and the decision of the Tournament Director, which is final and binding in all respects. Potential drawing winners must be present to win. Noncompliance with the rules or aforementioned forms may result in disqualification of the winner at any time. **WINNER AGREES TO ACCEPT PRIZE "AS IS" AND SPONSOR MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY WARRANTY OF TITLE, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ANY KIND CONCERNING THE APPEARANCE, SAFETY OR PERFORMANCE OF ANY PRIZE.** Odds of winning a drawing are determined by the number of qualified entries received. Federal, state and local taxes on all prizes are the sole responsibility of the winners.

Any public announcement or written notice made by the Tournament Director at the tournament site takes precedence over these written rules. By participating in this event, each person agrees that all decisions made by the Tournament Director are final and not subject to legal challenge. Prize and tackle pack specifications are subject to change without notice. All tax, title, and license expenses are the responsibility of each prize winner.