

2016 FUTURE BASS TRAILS LLC

\$130 entry (including big bass) Membership adults \$50 (youth Free)

(must be under age 16 to compete as youth)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: FUTURE BASS TRAILS LLC

P.O. Box 337, Roff, OK 74865

LAKE _____ DATE _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SSN _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

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PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

In consideration of Future Bass Trails LLC and Joe Copeland allowing me to participate in this tournament, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have read and understand the description of the tournament and the Official Rules of this tournament. I will obey all rules and understand that any violation may result in immediate disqualification without refund of my entry fee. I also understand that tournament officials may reject my application for any reason and in that event will refund my entry fee.
2. I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risks of which include, though not exclusively, drowning, collisions in the water, and injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia. I voluntarily assume responsibility for these risks, identified and not identified, and all risk of injury or death or damage to myself, or my property or to others, including spectators and their property, arising from my participation in the tournament.
3. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Future Bass Trails LLC and Joe Copeland and employees, the host, sponsors and tournament officials, and its partners, agents or employees, and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or rights of action which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to negligent acts or omissions of Future Bass Trails LLC and Joe Copeland and employees, the host, sponsors, and tournament officials, and its partners, agents or employees and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease, and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged while I am engaged in this event, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against Future Bass Trails LLC, Joe Copeland or employees, the host, sponsors, officials and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, even if they or any of them negligently caused the bodily injury or property damage.
4. Any suit brought by me against Future Bass Trails LLC or Joe Copeland as a result of my participation in the tournament will be brought in state or county court in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, where the principal office of Future Bass Trails LLC and Joe Copeland is located. Should it become necessary for Future Bass Trails LLC or Joe Copeland or someone on his behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, or any portion thereof, I agree to pay the reasonable costs and attorney's fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.
5. I have sufficient health, accident, and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by others or myself as result of my participation in this event. If I have no such insurance, I represent that I am capable of paying for any and all such expenses or liability.
6. I have no past or present medical or psychological condition that might affect my participation in the tournament in such a way as to cause harm to others or myself.
7. I give Future Bass Trails LLC and Joe Copeland permission to use my name and photograph for promotional purposes. I agree to submit to and accept the results of the polygraph test given at this event.

My signature below reflects that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by it's terms.

References herein to "I", "my", "myself", and other first-person references shall include any child or ward for whom I sign.

MEMBER 1 _____

MEMBER 2 _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF MINOR _____

RECEIVED BY _____

1.) RULES: These rules shall remain unchanged throughout 2016. (Unless authorization came from Future Bass Trails LLC Headquarters.) Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. Tournament director may impose sanctions as deemed appropriate for rule infractions without limitation e.g., disqualification, and forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Director and tournament officials shall be final in all matters. It is at the Director's discretion to make a change where safety is a concern. Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse membership or entry, of any person for any reason. Federal, state, local and lake laws and rules must be obeyed at all times.

2.) PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: One team member must be 18 years of age or older.

3.) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS: During tournament hours no alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs may be consumed or allowed in the boat while on the water, except prescription medications. Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs are not allowed at registration and weigh-in area.

4.) SPORTSMANSHIP: All entrants must follow high standards of sportsmanship, safety, and conservation at all times. Displaying of poor sportsmanship and bringing unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing shall be grounds for disqualification. If one team member is disqualified, the team shall be disqualified.

5.) BOATS & MOTORS: There is no horsepower limit, however, no engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat in use. All boats must meet US Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must be a minimum of 16 feet and have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have aerated livewells suitable to sustain a tournament limit in releasable condition. Extra gas tanks must be secured and must meet US Coast Guard specifications. No ladders, platforms, standing on seats and/or motors, or leaving the boat shall be allowed for the purpose of fishing or locating bedding fish.

6.) SAFETY: Boating safety must be observed at all times during competition. A U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver must be on and fastened at all times when the boat is on plane and the kill switch must be attached to the driver.

7.) TACKLE & EQUIPMENT: Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. Trolling with the aid of combustion or electric motors is not permitted. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time, other rods may be in the boat and ready for use, however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. Rods may not exceed eight feet in length. The official measuring board is The Judge by Lakeborne Tackle. The use of underwater cameras is not allowed during competition.

8.) PROTESTS: All protests must be submitted in writing prior to the official closing of the scales.

9.) POLYGRAPH: All contestants are subject to polygraph testing. Failure to submit to and pass is grounds for disqualification. Any contestant who has failed a polygraph test for cheating or has been disqualified for cheating in a bass tournament will not be eligible to compete. Polygraph testing is at the discretion of the tournament director. If one team member fails the polygraph, the team will be disqualified.

10.) SCORING FISH: Each team may weigh in five (5) fish per day with a minimum of 14 inches in length, unless state or lake limits are greater, measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed. Any team bringing in a fish shorter than the legal tournament length will be assessed a one (1) lb. penalty plus the loss of the short fish. Any team bringing more than five (5) fish to the scales will be disqualified. No penalty will be deducted for a dead fish, however it is each teams responsibility to try to keep all fish healthy for release. Dead fish will be weighed at the discretion of tournament officials. Only largemouth, Kentucky, smallmouth and red eye bass will be scored. All teams may fish until 3:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. reel them in, the tournament is over.) Any team not checked in BEFORE 4:00 p.m., will be disqualified. (JULY AND AUGUST STOP FISHING AT 2:00 P.M., CHECK IN BEFORE 3:00 PM, WITH A FOUR (4) FISH LIMIT.) (GRAND LAKE DIVISION WILL STOP FISHING AT 1:00 PM, CHECK IN BEFORE 2:00 PM IN JULY AND AUGUST, HAVE A FOUR (4) FISH LIMIT IN JULY, AND A THREE (3) FISH LIMIT IN AUGUST.) All money associated with a tie will be combined and split equally.

11.) PERMITTED FISHING WATERS: No fishing or casting a lure within 25 yards of another tournament boat without mutual consent. If trolling motor is up and boat is anchored or tied, (50) yards minimum. Both team partners must fish from the same boat. Only contestants may be in the boat during tournament hours. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you will not be tolerated. Boats may be trailered to weigh-in during the tournament hours. Contestants must be able to get the boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat. Navigable waters of the Tournament Lake (from the host marina) are the only waters to be fished during the tournament. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land or locate a fish. The practice of restricting the natural movement of fish by any means such as, but not limited to the use of nets, tanks, or dams shall not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification. Restricting the access to waters

normally accessible to anglers by any means such as felling of trees or placement of obstructions will result in disqualification.

12.) REGISTRATION: Contestants may register by mail, PayPal, or in person at the registration site. Registration will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. the night before tournament. Fishing hours, official time, and checkpoints will be disclosed at registration. It is each team's responsibility to obtain this information from the Tournament Director.

13.) OFF LIMITS PERIOD: The lake will have NO OFF LIMITS time. During the tournament, a competitor may not use a CB radio, a VHF marine band radio, a cellular phone or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. During the competition day, a contestant must not have the assistance or advice from anyone to locate bass except from another entered contestant (NOT BY PHONE) in this tournament. Failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these rules will be cause for disqualification.

14.) CONSERVATION: Adequate live wells are mandatory on each boat and must provide aeration to sustain a limit of fish in good condition, as every effort will be made to release as many live, releasable fish as possible, following weigh in. For CONSERVATION, JULY and AUGUST, all events of Future Bass Trails LLC, (EXCEPT GRAND LAKE) will stop fishing at 2:00 p.m., have a four (4) fish limit, and be checked in before 3:00 p.m.. GRAND LAKE DIVISION, will stop at 1:00 p.m., be checked in before 2:00 pm and have a four (4) fish limit in July, and three (3) fish limit in August.

15.) CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING: You must enter four regularly scheduled tournaments during the year to qualify for a championship berth by points. All teams entered in all six events of any division, will automatically qualify for the championship for that division. All teams entering (ANY) seven (7) or more Future Bass Trails LLC events will qualify to fish one championship of their choice. Each member is allowed to fish 3 qualifying events alone and represent the team providing that the team fishes at least 2 tournaments together. A contestant may fish the first event alone without a designated partner. The team must be declared prior to the contestant fishing their second event. Team members may accumulate points when fishing alone providing the other team member does not participate in that event. To qualify for the championship, points will be awarded as follows: 1st – 100, 2nd – 99, 3rd – 98, plus pounds. All place points will double on the last event of each division, (not pounds) 1st- 200, 2nd-198, 3rd-196. All blanks will receive 10 points less than the last team weighing fish. All teams not entered in all six events must qualify in the top 50% of the yearly points to be eligible to fish the championship. Grand Lake Division and the Northeast Division, will qualify for a championship on Grand Lake. Texoma and Eufaula Divisions will qualify for the Southern Championship. The top ten (10) teams from each Division will qualify for both Championships.

16.) PARTNERS: Partners must be declared prior to fishing the second tournament. No change of partners will be allowed except in cases of partner death, catastrophic illness or military duty and determination is at the directors discretion. EACH TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TWO SUBSTITUTIONS PER YEAR TO REPRESENT THE TEAM. (NO CHAMPIONSHIP SUBSTITUTES) The substitutes must be members of Future Bass Trails LLC. Total points plus pounds from all six tournaments with determine anglers of the year.

17.) ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is designated primarily for introducing young anglers to competitive fishing and for amateurs. Therefore no one will be eligible to compete who has fished five or more tournaments within the past twelve months of this tournament with an entry fee over \$1500, or anyone who has provided Bass Fishing guide service for pay within the past 30 days on official tournament lake.

18.) MINORS: All minors entered in these events must have a parent or legal guardian sign a consent form and be on file with Future Bass Trails LLC before fishing. All minors must have a legal adult in the boat at all times during tournament hours. Qualifying for the championship with a minor (under age 16) will differ from the regular team rule. All teams consisting of one adult and one minor (under age 16) will automatically qualify for the championship after fishing four events, (regardless of point standings).

19.) TRAILERING: Teams that trailer may only trailer to public ramps that are accessible to and from the main lake. Loading and launching at another ramp multiple times is permitted. You may not use a private ramp that another angler cannot use. You may not trailer to an area that you cannot access safely by boat, from the host marina on the main lake. You may launch from any Public Ramp anytime before the official start time. However, all teams are required to remain within 100 yards of the Public Ramp until official START TIME stated on entry form. It is each team's responsibility to make sure Future Bass Trails LLC received your entry before fishing.

20.) WEIGH-IN: All teams must be checked in BEFORE 4:00 p.m.. (4:00 p.m., no weight will be allowed) 3:00 p.m. in July and August. (GRAND LAKE TIMES VARY IN JULY & AUGUST) All participants must use weigh-in bags furnished by Future Bass Trails LLC. Anyone bringing fish to the holding tanks in any other bag will be disqualified.