

# Arkansas Tech University

## Invitational

### October 21 and 22, 2011

## Rules

- 1) Eligible Contestants: This tournament is open to members of any organized college fishing team only. Each team must complete an official tournament registration and waiver and release and submit to them to the tournament officials.
- 2) Code of Conduct: All Anglers participating in the ATU Invitational shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner that will not reflect unfavorably on themselves, and their University.
  - i) Competitors may not fish 50 yards for another boat which is "first anchored" on an area.
  - ii) Extreme caution must be practiced in regards to boat operation around other boat traffic.
  - iii) All contestants must wear an USCG Approved life vest any time the gasoline engine is operating and the driver of the boat must have a kill switch attached to his/her person.
  - iv) No alcoholic beverages may be allowed in the boat or used by the competitors during practice fishing times or official tournament hours and at the weigh-in.
  - v) No stimulants, depressants or other drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a physician) shall be used by any competitor at any time.
- 3) Permitted fishing locations: Fishing is permitted anywhere on the navigable waters of Lake Dardanelle, Arkansas EXCEPT within the State Park Cove defined by a straight line from the tip of the rock jetty to the upstream side of the wooden fishing pier at Lake Dardanelle State Park. Navigable waters include any area accessible by a boat first launched from the main ramp at Lake Dardanelle State Park. Anglers must stay between Locks; no one shall lock up or down.
- 4) Special Situations: Contestants must not depart the boat for the purpose of landing a fish. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by the boat. Competitors are allowed to leave the boat in the case of an emergency or for a restroom break. Anglers may use a dip net to land a fish.
- 5) Cell Phones/ Marine Radios: Contestants may not use a cell phone, CB radio, VHF band marine radio or similar communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish during the competition days. In case of an emergency – or boat malfunction – you may use you cell phone .After calling 911 for medical emergency- please call Christy Austin at 479-880-6044 or Jeremy Wilmouth 479-886-0789.
- 6) Scoring/Possession: Largemouth Bass, Spotted (Kentucky) bass and Smallmouth bass will be counted. Largemouth bass must be at least 15" in length. Spotted bass must be at least 12" in length. Legal length will be determined by measuring on a flat board with MOUTH CLOSED. Bass presented for weigh in which fail to measure the official length will not be counted and cause a 1.00 pound penalty to be deducted from the contestant's score.
  - i) The possession limit will be 5 bass per team. A sixth bass may be kept in the livewell long enough to cull a smaller fish.
  - ii) LATE PENALTY: Competitors who are not in the official checkpoint area by 3:00 PM (central day light saving time ) shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound for each minute that the team is late , including any weight to be counted toward a big bass award. Any team more than 15 minutes late will be disqualified.
  - iii) Dead bass will have a .25lb deduction from their weight.
- 7) Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by any contestant. This will include profane and abusive language, cursing, tantrums, and destroying property. Throwing items from your boat or vehicle, or breaking rods. If any of this occurs, the contestant or contestants will meet with the tournament coordinator and tournament director. An unsportsmanlike action could result in a warning and/or disqualification.

