

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Participants and Eligibility.** Tournament entry fee is \$150.00 which includes big bass per team. Anglers must be 18 years of age or have a signed / notarized release by their legal guardian on file at The Sportsmen's Edge prior to the first tournament of the series. The Sportsmen's Edge reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual.
- Pre-Entry.** There is a cut-off for all S.E.T.S. Tournaments. Entry must be received by the Friday prior to the Saturday tournament. You can enter on Saturday of the tournament by paying a late fee of \$20.00 per boat plus the entry fee of \$150.00 per team. **IMPORTANT** - you must pay for all 4 qualifying tournaments to be eligible for the Classic. Saturday entries are cash only. No refunds, please.
- Off Limits.** Tournament Director reserves the right to designate areas "off limits" and will be marked as such if deemed necessary. Any participant found guilty of violating the "off limits" rule will be disqualified. Off limits will be any area designated by state, local or federal officials as off limits. Host marina waters will be considered "off limits."
- Tournament Hours.** Tournament will begin at safe light and end at 3:00 p.m. We reserve the right to assign flights and change hours if necessary. Boats and live wells must be checked by Tournament Officials at the launch ramp prior to start of tournament.
- Launch Site.** Boats will be launched at the designated ramp only.
- Boat and Motor.** Boats must be 16' or more in length and have a functional and proper aerated live well space to adequately maintain a five (5) fish legal limit of bass alive. Tournament Officials will have sole responsibility of determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate.
- Launch Sequence.** Boats will be flighted by receipt of entry.
- Safety.** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest, securely fastened. The boat operator / captain will have the kill switch attached at all times while the boat is being propelled by a combustion engine. Running lights must be operational and turned on at the launching. Each competitor's boat must be equipped with a live well system capable of keeping the tournament limit of bass alive. Tournament Officials reserves the right to make any necessary adjustments in rules due to safety considerations such as dangerous water conditions. Failure to comply with any of the safety rules will be grounds for disqualification. If cancelled due to safety concerns, all entries will be notified of rescheduled date. No alcoholic beverages allowed during tournament hours at weigh in area.
- Sportsmanship.** Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. No boat may fish within 50 yards of another competitor who is anchored with the trolling motor up. No hole sitting by a non-competitor to aid a tournament participant will be allowed. Violators will be disqualified. The use of cell phones for anything other than emergencies is strictly prohibited. Protest must be in writing within 15 minutes of the closing of the scales.
- Tackle and Fishing Methods.** Only artificial baits may be used. No live or cut bait is permitted. All bass must be caught alive in a legal and sporting manner. No snagging. Each competitor may only use one rod at a time. No more than one bait in the water at a time per fisherman. No rods over 8 feet are permitted. Trolling is not permitted. No competitor may leave the boat to land or catch fish.
- State Game Regulations.** All participants are required to abide by all state game regulations and possess a valid fishing license for tournament waters fished.
- Weigh-in Procedures.** Weigh-in will be on a first come, first serve basis. Once fish have been presented to a Tournament Official to be weighed-in, they become property of The Sportsmen's Edge. Bags will be limited in order to avoid a bottleneck at the weigh-in tanks. Teams not weighing any fish are still required to check-in with Tournament Officials in order to account for all teams.
- Scoring.** A limit of 5 in any combination of the following (Black, Kentucky, and Small Mouth Bass) may be weighed in. Minimum lengths will not be less than 15 inches. Lengths will be measured with mouth closed on a "Golden Rule". A short fish brought to the scales will result in a 1 pound penalty plus loss of the short fish. Dead fish will be penalized 8 oz. The dead fish cannot be weighed as a Big Fish. No team may have more than the tournament limit in the live well at any time during the tournament.
- Points.** Points will be counted on the first 4 Open tournaments only. Point leaders will be announced and presented awards at the classic payout. A total of 200 points will be awarded for each qualifying tournament to the first place. Points descending in value will be awarded to the rest of the field by 1 point per place until the last team that weighs in fish. The remainder of teams in the field will receive 1 point less than the last team that weighs in fish.
- Ties.** Ties will be broken by earliest entry.
- Late Penalty.** Competitors who are late to check-in in the afternoon will be penalized at a rate of 1 pound per minute, up to 15 minutes at which time they will be disqualified.
- Partner Changes.** In the event a team splits for any reason, the points accumulated by the team will be divided equally between the partners. If only one of the partners continues to participate in the series, the points will be retained by the participating partner. The splitting partners will notify Tournament Officials prior to the morning of the next scheduled tournament. Teams will be allowed 1 and only 1 partner substitution.
- Interpretation of Rules.** Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Officials. The decision of the Tournament Officials will be final in the matter. Infractions of any rule can result in disqualification.
- Polygraph Testing (Lie Detector Test).** Random polygraphs will be given at the discretion of tournament officials. Participants must be present to receive a check.
- Emergencies.** Competitors shall remain with their partners in the boat at all times during the tournament. If for any reason a team decides to leave the tournament waters early, both members shall bear full responsibility for notifying the Tournament Official. (Emergency Contact Number 270-210-2632) In case of a breakdown, one partner may return with fish by another tournament boat while the other partner is permitted to stay with the disabled boat. No alcoholic beverages allowed during tournament hours or in the weigh-in area.
- Classic Qualification.** In order to qualify to fish the S.E.T.S. Classic event at Kentucky Lake, teams must fish 2 events and pay for the remaining 2 events.

ENTRY FORM AND LIABILITY RELEASE

In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, and executors and administrators, release, and forever discharge The Sportsmen's Edge, their agents, servants, representatives, successors, and assignees and other bodies, corporations, firms associates, or persons from any claims for damages resulting in injury to myself or to my equipment during this event. I also agree to abide by all tournament rules and all Kentucky State Laws. Under 18 years of age must be co-signed by parent or legal guardian.

Entry Fee - \$150.00 -- Payout based on number of entries. 20% of boat entries paid.

BOATER	PARTNER
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
DOB _____ SS No. _____	DOB _____ SS No. _____
Email _____	Email _____
Signature _____	Signature _____
Boat Make _____ Year _____	Boat Motor _____

Mail entry form to: The Sportsmen's Edge, 2380 John L. Puryear Drive, Paducah, KY 42003. Make checks payable to The Sportsmen's Edge. Cash only day of tournament.



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