

# 2016 DEERPOINT TEAM TRAIL (DPTT)

## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Rules and regulations: Interpretation of all rules and regulations will be the sole responsibility of the Tournament Director(s). The rules of the tournament will be unchanged from initial event to the final event of 2016.
2. Official Checkpoint: Check-in/Checkout will be at one location in the morning and one location in the evening with defined times. All competitors will be 100% compliant with these rules and regulations and all applicable state laws.
3. TOURNAMENT HOURS: Tournament hours are from safe light until 3:00pm CST. Times may be changed at the Tournament Director(s) discretion for the safety of all contestants.
4. BOAT INSPECTION: EACH BOAT MAY BE INSPECTED ON TOURNAMENT MORNING AND MAY BE RE-CHECKED ON THE WATER. A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL MAY CHECK ANY COMPARTMENT IN YOUR BOAT. EACH BOAT MUST HAVE THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS REQUIRED BY LAW.
5. Safety: All competitors must practice safe boating conduct at all times during the tournament. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flootation Device at all times while the boat is on plane. The PFD must be snapped, zipped or strapped in a secure manner until the engine is turned off.
6. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Teams may fish any area of the lake EXCEPT WITHIN 50 YARDS OF ANOTHER BOAT THAT IS ANCHORED WITH THEIR TROLLING MOTOR UP. No boat may fish close enough to another boat as to appear to touch.
7. Tackle and Equipment: Only artificial lures can be used. No live bait or prepared bait can be used. Pork Strips or rinds may be used. Only one fishing rod can be used at one time for each angler. All other types of fishing equipment are prohibited. Other fishing rods can be ready for use in the boat.
8. ALTERNATES: EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED ONE (1) ALTERNATE PER SEASON. THE ALTERNATE MAY BE USED AS MANY TIMES AS THE TEAM NEEDS. IF A TEAM DOES NOT WANT TO USE AN ALTERNATE, YOU MAY FISH ALONE. IF YOU FISH WITH A MEMBER OF ANOTHER TEAM IT MUST BE DETERMINED BEFORE TAKE-OFF WHICH TEAM WILL RECEIVE THE POINTS FOR THAT TOURNAMENT.

9. EMERGENCIES: In the case of an emergency, one or both anglers may take their fish and enter a rescue boat and return to the weigh-in site. NO FISHING IS ALLOWED FROM THE RESCUE BOAT. 10. Scoring: Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass and Small mouth Bass are legal tournament bass. There is a limit of 5 bass allowed per boat.

a.) All culling must take place prior to entering the weigh in area and no dead fish can be culled.

b.) Any fish equaling or exceeding 12 inches in length can be presented for weigh in. Any fish presented for weigh in that does not meet minimum length requirements will result in the elimination of that fish and the contestants' largest fish, This will continue until all short fish are removed. **Only 1 fish exceeding 22 inches may be weighed per angler. Violation will result in the loss of the excessive fish over 22 inches.**

c.) There will be a 4 ounce (.25) penalty for each dead fish weighed in. The penalty will apply to the contestant's big fish towards the lunker pot. All penalties will be deducted from the total score of the contestant.

D.) All fish become property of the DPTT and live fish will be released back into the water.

11. Late Penalties: A penalty of one pound per minute shall be imposed on contestants who are late to official check-in area. This weight will be deducted from the total daily weight of the contestant. All competitors more than 15 minutes late shall lose their entire daily catch. There is no allowance for lost time. Ample time will be allowed for all contestants who reach the check in area on time to have their fish officially weighed in.

12. Protests: All protests must be reported within 15 minutes of weigh in and documented within 30 minutes of the protest.

13. Ties: The largest fish in weight will be the winner. If still tied, all prize money will be split for the places in which the contestants are tied.

14. POINTS SYSTEM: The DPTT will use the following point system; 100 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 99 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 98 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on. Teams not weighing a Bass will receive 30 points for fishing.

15. TEAM OF THE YEAR: Team of the year will be based on the best seven tournaments.

16. DPTT CLASSIC: To be eligible for the trail classic, one (1) member must have fished at least 5 of the 8 regular season tournaments.

