# 2024 E.B.A

Electric Bass Anglers, LLC.

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## Committee Responsibilities for Electric Bass Anglers, LLC.

- Conduct and hold tournament on Maryland Reservoirs to compete and practice the skill of bass fishing.
- Election of the committee will be held every two years at the annual meeting.
  If a committee member is removed, that position will be filled as soon as possible.
- To remove a committee member before their term is up, there must be a 100% vote from the rest of the committee to remove that committee member.
- No more than **five** members on the committee at one time.
- Only one member from a team may be a committee member during a serving term.
- To run, organize, and represent Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. members in the bass fishing community.
- Keep all members informed of information that is being discussed at any time.
- Must give a financial report to all the members which will be handed out at the yearly annual meeting.
- To keep accurate minutes of each meeting which can be given to the members if requested.
- Help run the tournaments, which includes, launches, starts, weigh ins, etc.
- Majority vote will be the deciding factor on matters that are discussed at meetings. Majority vote will also be the deciding factor on all issues that are brought forth by the committee which will be voted on at the annual meeting. (This vote is done by the members only, not committee members. Committee members votes will be used as tie breaking votes when necessary.)
- To take part in the EBA, (this also means members who were previous members), you must be invited back by the committee each year. To be invited back, there must be a 100% vote by the committee. Reminder, this is not the same as rule #4.
- The committee reserves the right to refuse any applications for membership or sub membership. (Majority vote by the committee only.)
- It will take 100% vote of the committee to remove a member once their application is accepted by the committee.

# Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. 2024 Tournament Trail Rules and Regulations

## \* \* Violations of any of these rules will be cause for disqualification. \* \*

- 1. Tournaments are open only to those individuals who have been invited to join Electric Bass Anglers, LLC.
- A yearly \$50.00 membership fee per angler will be required each membership year beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> for all members except the tournament committee which will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. All membership fees are non-refundable.
- 3. In becoming a member to Electric Bass Anglers, Inc you are willing to except all rules, regulations, and judgements set and made by Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. All members agree as a member of Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. you shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless anyone who is a member of Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. under all servants on the tournament committee or the corporate members of Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. itself. You also agree to hold harmless the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County Recreation and Parks from all claims including damages, losses, and/or expenses.
- 4. Termination of membership may be done by the tournament committee only. (This vote will be done by the tournament committee and will require a 100% vote to remove a member.) All members will agree with this rule. (All tournament fees collected for tournaments not fished will be refunded.)
- 5. A member must sponsor new members seeking to become members. This membership will be reviewed by the tournament committee of Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. (Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. has the right to refuse any new prospective member.)
- 6. All teams must have one person from the team fish at least **four** of the seven regular tournaments to fish the fall classic and be invited back next year. (The committee has the right to termination of memberships and the committee will give one chance to the team if they do not fill the obligation to the club. Please see rule #4.) Note: if a team needs to use an EBA member for a substitute, only one team will get credit for the tournament fished. This will be determined by the two members fishing. See rule #11.
- 7. All money must be paid in advance of the tournament date, checks must be received at least ten days prior to the tournament date. Cash will be accepted up to the Wednesday preceding the tournament (fee is \$100.00 per tournament). No refunds on tournament money after drawing

#### has started (no exceptions). There will be no half-paid tournaments all money for a tournament must be paid at the time of entry, no exceptions.

- 8. Ties for finishing positions will be made by the following: largest fish and number of fish. If this does not break the tie, we will equally distribute money for the place won.
- 9. Maximum number of teams allowed to join Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. and to enter any tournament will be 40 boats maximum for a total of 80 fisherman.
- 10. No Electric Bass Angler, LLC. member should plan to hold or sit on a spot for their own convenience. (This is a courtesy rule.)
- 11. Substitutes may be used from a team's substitute list which will not include more than three names. A substitute must be pre-approved ten days prior to the tournament. A substitute will pay a \$20.00 sub membership fee per tournament that they fish. If a team member quits or is removed from the team, a substitute may enter the team as a boat owner or the primary partner. At that time, the cost would then be \$50.00. A team should only put names of substitutes on the substitutes list, not names of other EBA members. EBA members do have the right to fish together with other members in any event and are not subjected to a \$20.00 substitution fee. If this happens, it is understood that the two teams involved existing partners, whether they are boat owners or primary partners, are eliminated from that event. A team will not be allowed to split, where both teams are using a sub or a member to fish that day. This means if the primary boat owner and primary partner are fishing that day, they will be fishing together, or one will be eliminated.
- 12. Starting position will be determined by random draw held at David Holbrook's race shop at 6:30 PM the Wednesday before the tournament. All members are invited to attend. The Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. committee will accept late money (cash only) the night of the drawing only, providing that all three members of the committee are present. If one person from the committee is not present, they will be notified to provide their input. That team will go to the end of the starting positions and will start 30 seconds behind the last wave.
- 13. All boats must be present and prepared to launch by 6:15 am. Late boats forfeit their position and will go to the end of the line. Any boat failing to be at the tournament blast off site prior to 6:30 am will be disqualified and will forfeit money that has been paid for that tournament.
- 14. Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. members will be prohibited from the designated tournament lake from Wednesday through Saturday preceding the tournament date. **Please be advised that when the fishing center is**

**closed at Loch Raven, the lake is off limits.** (This means no fishing from the boat or shore or boat rides.)

- 15. Tournament hours are 7:00 am to 4:00 pm (unless otherwise directed).
- 16. Maximum number of persons allowed per boat is two (one must be 18 years or older).
- 17. Blast off will consist of waves of five boats in 30 second intervals. There will be no rolling starts. A flag boat will be designated at each tournament to prevent early starts. If a team shall leave before their wave is called or pass the flag boat early, that team will be disqualified. The flag boat also represents a starting point for the tournament. Repeated violators will be terminated from the EBA.
- 18. ID ribbons must be clearly displayed.
- 19. Artificial baits only- no live baits allowed.
- 20. No trolling baits (NO ALABAMA RIGS).
- 21. Only one rod and one reel can be used at a time.
- 22. Boats not at weigh in site by 4:00 pm will be disqualified. Boat must be beached.
- 23. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass can be weighed and there is a daily limit of 8 bass per team.
- 24. 12-inch minimum length short fish will disqualify entire catch. (Bass Pro straight board will be used in weigh in.) A golden rule must be used on each boat to prevent short fish. (If lunker fish is dead, the deduction will come off the total weight of catch only.)
- 25. There is a .25-pound penalty for each dead fish weighed in. (Aerated live wells must be used. Please use live well additive on your fish.)
- 26. All fish will remain in the boat until your number is called (or be disqualified). Lateness to bring your fish to the scales will not be tolerated. All boats must stay in the water until the team has weighed their fish. COMMITTEE MEMBERS HELPING WITH WEIGH IN WILL BE ALLOWED TO WEIGHT THEIR FISH IN THE FIRST WAVE.
- After your team's fish is weighed in, a team member must release your fish. Do not leave any dead fish in the water.
- 28. Any member that wishes to protest against a fellow competitor must do so in writing within 20 minutes of the official weigh in time. (Accusing parties will be responsible for the cost of a polygraph test if such test is required. Also, accusing parties will be responsible for all legislation cost until the matter is resolved. No prizes will be handed out until the matter at hand is resolved.)
- 29. All members will agree to comply with rule #28 or they will forfeit their prize. Any refusal to comply will result in **automatic termination** from Electric Bass Anglers, LLC.

- 30. At Liberty Reservoir, all boats must use the main ramp unless otherwise directed.
- 31. No boat shall fish within one hundred feet of another boat. (This is a courtesy rule.)
- 32. An entry form for each tournament must be filled out completely.
- 33. All tournament committee members of the Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. will be permitted to fish all the tournaments.
- 34. The primary boat owner is the team's captain of the team. (The primary partner's boat can be used at any time but if the team splits and the primary partner wants to become a captain or primary boat owner, they will be able to **only** if there is an opening in the 40 team membership roster. If not, they will go to the back of the Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. waitlist.) All members will agree.
- 35. If a team has an emergency on the water and a team member must leave the tournament, that person cannot return to the event. However, the remaining team member will be allowed to continue to fish the event by themselves. (That member will only be allowed to weigh five fish.) If the team pulls their boat from the water for an emergency, the team will be disqualified from the event.
- 36. All boats must be legit for state and Baltimore City permits, which includes having state numbers, stickers, etc. (No exceptions or the team will be removed from Electric Bass Anglers, LLC.)
- 37. The Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. will not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct at any even that is held including, but not limited to tournaments, drawings, seminars, etc. (Any person or persons found in violation, will be removed from the EBA.)
- 38. All decisions of the Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. tournament committee are final. Any recommendations to these rules will be heard and reviewed by the Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. tournament committee. Changes can only be made by the tournament committee.

# EBA Weigh in Procedures for 2024

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ will be the official tournament time starter and official end of tournament timekeeper.
- 2. There will be no courtesy call for short fish done by the committee members or the weighmasters.
- Fisherman will be called to the scales in waves of five. If a team brings their fish to the scale before their wave is called, they will be disqualified. All teams shall bring their fish to the scales when their number is called. Teams that wait to bring the fish up late to weigh in is holding up the weigh in and this will not be tolerated.
- 4. Only a daily limit of **eight** bass per team can be weighed. All teams must remove all cull tags or clip numbers, etc. from fish prior to putting the fish into the check tub. (Exception, the team will be allowed to identify their lunker with a tag, but it must be removed immediately once the lunker is identified by the team.)
- 5. Fish will be placed in the tub and will be checked for dead fish.(Weighmasters will have the say if a fish is dead or alive and their decision is final.) There is a .25 pound per fish penalty for each dead fish.
- 6. Weighmasters will check for short fish and their say will be final.
- 7. The team will decide which fish is their lunker fish and it will be weighed first by the weighmasters.
- 8. All fish will be put into the official weigh in basket and the weighmasters will decide when to push the hold weight button when the scale is bouncing between one number and another.
- 9. The total weight of fish will be called out by the weighmasters and at that time any dead fish penalties will be subtracted from the total catch. If you want a reweigh, do it before you leave the scales.
- 10. A member from the team that has had their fish weighed will be responsible to return the live fish to the lake.
- 11. Two committee members will weigh in the weighmaster's fish. Same above procedures will apply to them.
- 12. If the weighmasters cannot be present at a tournament, a committee member will become weighmaster for that day only and the same above procedures will apply to them.
- 13. If our primary electronic scales happen to fail, we will use a backup digital scale. Both scales have digital read outs.
- 14. Weighmasters for the 2022 season are \_\_\_\_\_ and
- The duties of the weighmasters will be to weigh and measure the fish.
  Remember their word is final on dead fish, short fish, and total weights.

#### **EBA Fishing Tournament Dates**

#### 2024

- 1. June 16- Prettyboy
- 2. July 7- Loch Raven
- 3. July 28- Liberty
- 4. August 18- Prettyboy
- 5. September 8- Liberty
- 6. September 29- Loch Raven
- 7. October 20- Prettyboy

Tournaments #1 through #7 are \$100.00 each.

### **Fall Classic**

- 8. November 10- Liberty
- 9. November 17- Prettyboy

\*\*\* The Fall Classic is \$200.00 for entry fee. \*\*\*

Note: All checks must be post marked ten days before the tournament date. Drawing for positions are at David Holbrook's race shop at 6:30 pm the Wednesday prior to the tournament. This is the last day cash will be accepted.

	20		Bass Anglers, LLC. nt Entry Forms	
Date:	Lake: _			
Entry Fee: Received On:				Check Number:
Boat Owner's Name:			Partner's Name:	
Boat Number:			Reservoir Launch Permit:	
Date:	Lake: _			
Entry Fee: Received On:		Cash	Check	Check Number:
Boat Owner's Name:			Partner's Name:	
		Reservoir Launch Permit:		
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#### Application to Join Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. 2024

In applying for membership to become a member of Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. you are willing to except all rules, regulations and judgements set and made by Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. You shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless anyone who is a member of the Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. under all servants on the tournament committee or the corporate members of the Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. itself. You also agree and hold harmless The City of Baltimore and Baltimore County Recreation and Parks from all claims, damages, losses and expenses. <u>Electric Bass Anglers, LLC. has the right to refuse any application. This application must be filled out completely.</u>

Name:	
Boat Owner:	Primary Partner: SS #:
Address:	
Phone Number:	
	nber (optional):
Are you comfortab	le with receiving information through email? (Please circle)
Yes	Νο
Are you able to pri	nt items needed? (Please circle)
Yes	No
Primary Partner:	
Sub List (no mor	e than 3 per team):
Membership Fee	\$50.00
Date Paid:	Check Number:
Please return by	March 17, 2024 to: Electric Bass Anglers, LLC.
	4005 Falls Rd
	Millers, MD 21102