



Lake County Chamber of Commerce 36th Annual Team Bass Tournament

Directed by American Bass
Saturday / Sunday, March 16th – 17th, 2024
\$250 Entry Fee 80% Payouts



Entry Form / Waiver / Release 2024

All contestants must read, understand, agree to and sign this waiver prior to participating in any American Bass® event.

Mail Entry Forms to LCCC, PO Box 295, Lakeport, CA 95453

Sign Ups will begin on **Friday, January 19th, 2024, at 9 AM** at 875 Lakeport Blvd, Lakeport, CA.
BLAST-OFF NUMBERS WILL BE ISSUED IN ORDER OF APPLICATION RECEIPT.

Mailed in checks will not be accepted after March 6, 2024, in order for checks to clear.
Entries can be emailed to georgett@lakecochamber.com
when paid by Visa, Master, or Discover Card plus \$5 admin fee.

**NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN LAKEPORT NO LATER THAN
4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, March 15, 2024
Absolutely No Exceptions!**

If you are unsure about whether your application has been received, please call the Lake County Chamber of Commerce at (707) 263-5092.

SIGN UP EARLY! Anyone can represent the team at a walk-in registration, as long as the entry form is completed and signed by BOTH team members. Each person at a walk-in registration will be allowed to register **ONE TEAM ONLY! WE CAN NOT ISSUE A BLAST- OFF NUMBER UNTIL BOTH A COMPLETED APPLICATION AND THE ENTRY FEE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED!**

SIGN UPS WILL BEGIN ON **FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024,** AT 9 AM AT 875 LAKEPORT BLVD, LAKEPORT, CA
ENTRY FORM CAN BE MAILED TO THE LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMERECE, PO BOX 295,
LAKEPORT, CA 95453.

EMAIL ENTRIES ACCEPTED WHEN PAID BY VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER CARD plus a \$5.00 (ADMIN FEE). EMAIL FORM TO GEORGETT@LAKECOCHAMBER.COM.

For Additional Information, Call (707) 263-5092

Please **PRINT**. All Fields are mandatory.

Boater #1

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please **PRINT**. All Fields are mandatory.

Boater #2

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

FEES \$250 per team plus \$5 Credit Card Fee, if applicable. No Refunds unless tournament is cancelled.

Make Checks / Money Orders out to Lake County Chamber of Commerce (LCCC) and mail to PO Box 295, Lakeport, CA 95453

Payment: Cash Credit Card Check Check Number _____

Master / Visa / Discover Card

Credit Card Number _____ Exp: _____ VCode on back of card _____
Name on Card: _____

**Both fishermen MUST sign application, wavier, and release on the back,
or your application it will be returned.**

TOURNAMENT RULES - AMERICAN BASS RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS

1. The boater assumes responsibility for having adequate liability insurance and the City of Lakeport, Lake County Chamber of Commerce, and tournament officials assume no liability for accidents during the tournament.
2. Entry fees will not be refunded unless the tournament is cancelled. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Teams may substitute partners prior to the tournament only with the permission of the tournament director. No partner changes will be allowed the days of the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS.

4. Boats must be at least 14 feet in length and outboard motors at least 40 horsepower. All boats must meet all federal, state and Coast Guard requirements, be equipped with aerated live wells, kill switches, operational running lights, and a current Lake County Quagga Mussel sticker. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Contestants must retain and present blast-off cards to a live well inspector at blast-off and to the weigh master during the weigh in. It is the responsibility of the contestant to ensure that his/her blast-off card is shown to the live well inspectors during live well inspection & at the weigh in each day of the tournament.
6. Blast-off will be in order of the number on blast-off card. Blast-off Saturday will be number 1-225, blast-off Sunday 225-1. Blast-off will be at first safe light at Library Park in Lakeport as well as the weigh-ins each day.
7. This is a two-day tournament and winners will be determined by the total combined weight for both days, less assessed penalties, if any. Scales weigh to .01 of a pound. In case of ties, the bigger fish, from either day, will determine higher finishing position. If a tie still exists, designated place monies for the tied positions will be added together and split evenly between the places.
8. The only pre-fishing restriction is that boats must be off the lake by 3 pm Friday, March 24th, 2023, with no off-limits.
9. IRS Tax requirement: Each contestant that earns a cash prize must provide a Social Security Number prior to payout.
10. Interpretation of the above rules is left to the Tournament Director and the Tournament Rules Committee, who reserve the right to disqualify any contestant who violates these rules.

Waiver / Release In consideration of the acceptance of my entry in any and all 2023 through 2024 American Bass® Tournaments and events, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims and damages which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me against American Bass®, and all other promoters and sponsors of these events, the promoting clubs and organizations, officials, all municipalities, special districts and properties through which these events will be held or their respective officers, agents, representatives, successors, and/or assigns to any and all damages which may be sustained or suffered by me in connection with said associations with, and/or damages arising out of my traveling to, participating in or returning from these events. This includes any potential exposure to any illness or virus associated with travel to and from and during any and all parts of any American Bass event. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death, by participating in any American Bass event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. By signing this 'Waiver and Release' I am stating that I have read and I understand all rules for American Bass® events. All members must provide a tax Social Security Number for tax purposes. American Bass utilizes several forms of communication methods including websites, social media, emails and texting. American Bass does not use standard mail to communicate rules or other program information. It is the responsibility of each individual to obtain program information (including sponsor contingency programs), event information, rule information, etc. through the methods utilized by American Bass. American Bass can always be reached by phone to update contact information or to verify current communication methods. (714) 423-4532. I understand, per rule #1, that if I am involved in a protest or rules violation that the results of the event are pending the review of the head tournament director of American Bass® to be completed within 72 hours of the event or upon completion of the investigation. I also understand that if I am involved in the dispute that I may be asked to submit to "Truth Verification" examinations. I therefore agree to submit to any and all requests by American Bass® for "Truth Verification" examinations and agree to abide by the outcomes of these examinations, including the return of any awards that may have been distributed at the event in question. I also understand that if a dispute requires that "Truth Verification" examinations be administered, the official results of the event are pending the outcome of the "Truth Verification" examinations and any other investigations. Any member who declines a request to take a "Truth Verification" examine pertaining to tournament rule adherence or other fishing related activities may permanently lose membership status with American Bass®. American Bass® reserves the right to request any American Bass® member to submit to a "Truth Verification" examine pertaining to tournament rule adherence or other fishing related activities at any time. This questioning may or may not involve a current dispute or investigation. American Bass® may choose to report rule violations to authorities for criminal prosecution. Disrespect and or defamation to American Bass as a company, any tournament staff member, or sponsors of American Bass, may result in immediate disqualification, or loss of membership privileges with American Bass. This includes the elimination of any and all points an individual may have accrued during an active season. I understand that some events require qualification criteria to participate. I agree to only register for events that are "open" registration or events I have qualified for. It is mandatory to provide American Bass with complete and correct name, address and Social Security number information for tax purposes. Providing incorrect and/or incomplete information is grounds for denial of membership and denial for participation in any/all American Bass events. Registering for events where I am not qualified to participate jeopardizes my membership status with American Bass. All prize offerings are dependent on manufacturer and/or sponsor support. I understand and agree that it is not the responsibility of American Bass® or any tournament sponsor to provide assistance in on-the-water repairs or rescues at any time. Each contestant shall provide their own on-the-water assistance if needed. American Bass® and its sponsors are not responsible to assure that any contestant has returned at the end of any contest. I attest and verify that I am physically fit, am enjoying good health and have sufficient expertise for participation in this event. I understand that fishing and hunting are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during any American Bass® event, and if injured as a result of a heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, etc. that I expressly assume the risk and all expenses and liabilities incurred by said injury/illness. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of these events and all boating and vehicle laws. I understand that boats equipped with motor horsepower in excess of factory and or B.I.A. Rating are in violation of Coast Guard Regulations. Boat owners are required to have proper boat insurance that allows tournament participation. All participants are required to have a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance on the boat policy. Participation in American Bass® events grants American Bass® and its sponsors unlimited rights to use any photos of contestants, photos of fish caught, accounts, or interviews with contestants for social media, promotional, and advertising purposes and event coverage. The use of these photos may include the editing out of competitive fishing organizations or competitive manufacturers names and or logos that may appear in the photo either worn by the angler or in view of the photo. By joining and/or participating in any American Bass event you are giving permission to American Bass to contact you via mail, email, text, voice message. American Bass® reserves the right to refuse membership in American Bass to anyone at any time.

I understand the activity of boating has inherently dangerous. I also understand that the bodies of water that I participate on may become dangerous due to weather or other boating conditions. I agree to take sole responsibility to choose if I launch and participate in any American Bass event. I am choosing, under no duress, to launch and participate in any American Bass event. No matter the conditions at the onset of the event or conditions that may develop during the event, I am responsible for the safety of myself, anyone in my vessel and my vessel. American Bass and the sponsors of any event are not responsible for your safety, your boat operations, your conduct, or any dangers that you may encounter during any American Bass event. American Bass will provide you with a full refund of event entry fees paid for any event that you deem unsafe, prior to your launching of your vessel. American Bass officials will make decisions if an event will be conducted based on a number of safety conditions. There is no liability in this decision as any angler may disagree and is welcome to not participate and receive a refund.

I have read and understand all American Bass® rules and agree to abide by all rules.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Boater #1 Signature

Date

Boater #2 Signature

Date

Both fishermen MUST sign application, wavier, and release, or your application will be returned.

THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT LIBRARY PARK IN LAKEPORT. DON'T FORGET CURRENT QUAGGA MUSSELL STICKERS ARE REQUIRED.

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