



**ELLIOTT ELECTRIC
SUPPLY**



30th Big Bass Classic 2025 Official Tournament Rules

Lake Fork Marina, 275 County Road 1558, Alba, TX 75410

Participants are responsible for reading all rules prior to submitting an entry form and participating in the tournament. By submitting an entry form, participants agree to all official tournament rules as disclosed in this document. Elliott Electric Supply reserves the right to disqualify any participant for non-compliance to these rules. Disqualified participants will forfeit all prize money, trophies, and entry fees.

1. Tournament will be held regardless of weather. Please use your best judgment to ensure your safety.
2. All teams that weigh-in agree to a polygraph test if requested.
3. Elliott Electric Supply and/or Media Bass will not be responsible for accidents, loss or damage.

Eligibility

1. All federal, state and local parks and wildlife regulations shall apply at all times.
2. **Participation in this tournament is by invitation only and is limited to customers, suppliers, and employees of Elliott Electric Supply.** Customer account(s) must be current, in good standing, and have exceeded **\$1,000.00** in purchases with Elliott Electric Supply during the previous 12 months.
3. Each participant must have a valid fishing license on their person at all times during the event.
4. No professional fishermen or guides will be allowed to participate. If you have any questions about who qualifies for this tournament, please see the tournament director.
5. Only teams are allowed to participate. Each team must consist of two (2) people; one (1) person teams will not be permitted. Only one (1) team is allowed per boat.

Entry

1. **The entry fee is \$150 per team. The entry deadline is Friday, March 14, 2025. A late fee of \$50 will be added after this date.**
2. Each participating team must supply an entry fee accompanied by a completed entry form. The entry form and fee must be received by Elliott Electric Supply prior to the entry deadline to avoid the late fee.
3. Elliott Electric Supply reserves the right to stop accepting entries at any time after the entry deadline. Registering after this date requires a Late Fee payment in addition to the Registration Fee. Shirts, hats or other swag items are not guaranteed for late entrants.
4. **An Elliott Electric Supply branch manager or sales representative will verify eligibility in order for a team's registration to be deemed complete.**

Registration

1. **All participants must check in at the registration table prior to fishing in the tournament.** Both team members should be present to register team.
2. **Registration is from Noon–5pm on Saturday, April 12, 2025.**
3. Each team will be assigned a team number and given credentials for weigh-in.
4. The official Tournament Clock will be based on National Daylight Savings Central Time that is synchronized and displayed on most iPhones and smart phones.

Lake Fork Specific Rules

1. **Lake Fork has a 16-24" slot. Bass 16 inches and less or 24 inches or greater in length may be retained.**
2. **Only one bass 24 inches or greater may be retained per team.**

Pre-Fishing

1. Pre-fishing the lake is permitted but all participants must be off the lake by dark the night before the tournament.

Tournament Fishing

1. The tournament fishing time will run from **6:30am–3pm on Sunday, April 13, 2025.**
2. Teams may trailer to any ramp on the lake.
3. All participants are required to properly wear life jackets at all times while main engine is in use.
4. Boats must meet all federal, state and local requirements.
5. Boats may be on the water starting at 5:30am. Teams may start fishing at 6:30am.

6. No trolling with a large motor.
7. **No live bait.** Only artificial bait may be used (pork rind trailers are the only exception).
8. No fishing within 100 yards of the host marina.
9. No fishing within 50 yards of another tournament participant anchored or tied without their permission.
10. Bank fishing is not permissible.

Weigh-in

1. Teams may weigh-in up to 2 times during the tournament. If you weigh-in early to protect your fish, your first weigh-in must be between 10am - 2pm. Fish cannot be swapped at additional weigh-in; the total number of fish combined for both weigh-ins cannot exceed 5 for Biggest Stringer, 1 for Biggest Bass and 1 for Smallest Bass. **Strictly enforced: Teams must be in line for weigh-in no later than 3pm.** Teams, or individual participants with additional fish rejoining their teammate already in line, who arrive at weigh-in line after 3pm will not be allowed to weigh-in. Weigh-in will continue until all teams in line before or at 3pm have been weighed-in.
2. The credentials given to you at registration must be produced to tournament staff when weighing-in.
3. Participating teams are responsible for culling their own fish; we will not hold any fish.
4. No dead fish will be weighed.
5. **Each team cannot exceed seven (7) fish in their possession at any time during the event: five (5) for Biggest Stringer, one (1) for Biggest Bass and one (1) for Smallest Bass.**
6. Elliott Electric Supply reserves the right to request teams without a reasonable chance of winning monetary award(s) to leave weigh-in line after 3pm, in efforts to reduce weigh-in duration.
7. All fish will be placed in a holding tank after being weighed-in and then released at event conclusion.
8. All federal, state, local and lake fishing laws will be upheld by tournament official (see Lake Fork Specific Rules). The tournament official will use a Check-It-Stick for official measurements if needed.

Winning Categories

There are three winning categories: Biggest Stringer, Biggest Bass and Smallest Bass. Teams may win in multiple categories, but individual fish will not be counted in more than one category.

Awards are determined by entry fees collected, and will be at the total discretion of Elliott Electric Supply, with higher-placing teams receiving more or equal to lesser-placing teams in each category. **The number paid awards, for those who qualify, will not exceed 50 for Biggest Stringer, 3 for Biggest Bass and 1 for Smallest Bass.** Elliott Electric Supply reserves the right to adjust the number of monetary awards based on the number of teams which weigh-in for each category. The award value of the places of the teams which tie will be added together and divided evenly between the teams which tied.

1. **Biggest Stringer**
 - a. A maximum of five (5) bass 16 inches or less can be weighed for Biggest Stringer per team. Places are determined by weight.
2. **Biggest Bass**
 - a. A maximum of one (1) bass 24 inches or greater can be weighed and entered for Biggest Bass per team. Places are determined by weight.
3. **Smallest Bass**
 - a. A maximum of one (1) bass can be weighed and entered for Smallest Bass per team. The Smallest Bass is determined by least weight.

Participant Prize Packs

1. Prize Packs will be awarded to participants who do not qualify to win a monetary award in any of the three payout categories.
2. Participants must have successfully registered for the tournament and turn in their credentials in person at the Prize Pack Table in order to receive a Prize Pack.
3. Only one Participant Prize Pack will be given per registered participant.