

ROCHESTER BASSMASTERS

2024 Pre-season Tournament Rules

General

- This is a two person per boat team event.
- This is a catch, weigh and release tournament. Scales will be provided by Rochester Bassmasters.
- Artificial lures only. Only one rod with a maximum of 8' can be used and in the water by each angler. All bass must be caught by conventional means. Trolling, snagging or fly fishing is not permitted.
- Bedding fish may only be caught ONCE (honor system).

Participation and eligibility

- Kickoff will be in the order of signup.
- All contestants must have valid NY state fishing licenses.
- Boaters must have proof of liability insurance for \$300,000 minimum.
- All boats must comply with NYS and U.S. Coast Guard equipment regulations.
- Tournament Director has final say regarding eligibility or disqualifications.

Entry Fees and Payout

- \$120 per boat entry fee, cash or check payable to Rochester Bassmasters.
- Payout is \$1,000 1st place, \$300 2nd place, \$200 3rd place, \$120 4th place.
- Any winners must submit Social Security number prior to getting paid.

Safety

- Working kill switch must be attached at all times that the main motor is running.
- Life jackets must be worn at all times that the boat is under main motor power.

Scoring

- Total weight for best 5 fish (smallmouth or largemouth).
- Only scales issued by Rochester Bassmasters may be used.
- Must have a picture or video of each fish, on the scales, showing the displayed weight, and release of each fish. This will be used to determine the winners. If your picture is not a readable/confirmable picture, your fish weight does not count

First Tournament Specifics

- Cayuga Lake, Saturday, May 25, 2024. NYS DEC north end west side launch.
- Kickoff 6:30am or safe light. All boats must be in the water by 6:20am
- 2:30pm check-in at the same launch.
- One Pound penalty Per min you are late to check in. After Five min you are disqualified.
- No locking out permitted.
- All marinas on the lake are off limits.

Second Tournament Specifics

- Cayuga Lake, Sunday, June 2, 2024. NYS DEC north end west side launch.
- Kickoff 6:30am or safe light. All boats must be in the water by 6:20am
- 2:30pm check-in at the same launch.
- One Pound penalty Per min you are late to check in. After Five min you are disqualified.
- No locking out permitted.
- All marinas on the lake are off limits.