

## Missouri Invitational Fish and Golf Championship 2022 Pro-Am Buddy Tournament Rules

### Old Kinderhook–Lake of the Ozarks November 16, 17 and 18

#### **Entry Fee:**

\$1,200.00 per amateur angler, your fee is due in full no later than August 15, 2022. After August 15, 2022 tournament will be open to all for registration. There is no fee for the pro anglers.

#### **Tournament Hours**

**Fishing Take-Off:** Launch from your choice of ramp, Larry Gale Access, Shawnee Bend Access or Public Beach No. 2. Your put in time is at your discretion. You can then travel by boat to your first fishing spot. Your first cast shall not be earlier than 8:00AM on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tournament officials will check your live wells at your tournament launch location prior to launch.

**Fishing Due-In/Weigh-In:** All teams must return to the same ramp that you launched and be inside of the buoys of your take off location by 3:30PM. Tournament officials will observe your fish in your live-well to be sure they are all alive prior to trailering back to Old Kinderhook.

You may not take out and trailer your boat to another launch location unless you have mechanical problems that requires you to return to Old Kinderhook and then only with the permission of a tournament official.

Weigh-in will begin at approximately 4:00PM at the stage at Old Kinderhook.

**Golf:** Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Shot gun start at 10:00AM to approximately 3:00PM.

#### **Pro-Am Buddy Team:**

Pros and amateurs are fishing and golfing together as a team against the other teams. Each team paired together for the golf round will be paired with a golf Pro who will hit shots for each team during the scramble format golf round.

**Tackle and Equipment:**

Only artificial baits may be used. Pork style baits will be allowed.

**Multi-rigs Restricted:**

Multi-rig baits (i.e. Alabama Rig, Yumbrella, etc.) are restricted from use. Should you have any questions about your bait being considered a multi-rig bait, check with tournament officials prior to take-off. Anyone caught fishing with a multi-rig bait will be disqualified from the tournament.

**No Trolling:**

All bass must be caught on a rod and reel.

**Boats and Motors:**

Any boat 14 feet or longer will be accepted. Boats must have a functional live well and a functional kill switch. No trailering during tournament hours.

**Safety and Sportsmanship:**

Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed. Life jackets must be worn with kill switch attached at any time the big motor is running on plane. Life jacket and kill switch are not required while boat is at idle speed. All Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri State Water Patrol regulations and laws apply. Alcohol consumption is not permitted in a contestant's boat during fishing tournament hours.

**Fishing Off-limit Locations:**

There will be no fishing allowed from point to point and inside of the buoys at Public Beach 2 (PB) in the Grand Glaize arm of the lake. Any teams fishing inside of PB2 will be disqualified. There shall be no fishing within 50 yards of another contestant's boat at anchor.

**Assistance/Cell Phones:**

During official hours of competition, contestants may not purchase, barter, give, or request information on locating or catching fish to/from anyone other than their team member they are fishing with that day. Contestants may not participate in the practice of "hole-sitting." The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc. to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is strictly prohibited. We encourage all contestants to have a cell phone in their boat for emergency use only.

**Ties:**

Ties for final standings and pay-outs will be broken by the team with the biggest bass, followed by best golf score, then by earliest registration of the amateur.

**Scored Fish:**

Largemouth and Smallmouth bass 15" inches in length or larger and Spotted bass 12" inches in length or larger will be scored for your team's top 5 fish.

Amateurs will be competing for the biggest bass against the other amateur anglers, as such, 6 fish may be kept in the live well in the event the amateur's biggest fish is not one of the best 5 fish for the team. The amateur's big bass must be separated via a culling ball or separated in the live wells to avoid confusion of which bass was caught by the amateur.

**Golf Format and Scoring; 18 Holes of Golf:**

Golf will be executed as a 3-person scramble. The team will consist of the same fishing team of pro and amateur and an assigned golf pro.

Only 2 putts will be allowed per team per hole. Golf pros are not allowed to take any shot for a pro or amateur fisherman that does not wish to golf. If a fishing pro or amateur does not desire to hit a golf shot, that shot is forfeited.

Golf will be scored based on the following per hole:

- 1/2 pound for a par.
- 1 pound for a birdie.
- 2 Pounds for an eagle.

**IMPORTANT:** At the end of your golf round it is your responsibility to make sure that your golf pro has added up your scorecard and have the other golf pairing (Pro) you were golfing with agree to your scorecard and sign your card before turning your card into officials. Scorecards must have final score converted to pounds clearly marked!

**Golf and Fishing Combined Scoring:**

Your team's score will be based on your total of the following: 2 days of fishing at the actual weight of your catch. 18 holes of golf points accumulated as outlined above.

**Short Fish/Dead Fish Penalty:**

Any short fish will result in a 1-pound deduction of your total weight plus the loss of the fish. Any dead fish will result in a 1/4-pound penalty but not loss of the fish.

*Culling of a dead fish is prohibited.* Only 5 bass will be allowed in the live well at any time, unless in the process of culling. 6 fish are allowed in the event that the amateur's big bass is not one of the best 5 fish for the team weight.

**Protest:**

Must be filed 15 minutes after weigh-in.

**Check in Late Penalty:**

1 pound per minute up to 10 minutes, then disqualification. No excuses.

**Weather:**

Each tournament day is subject to cancellation, reschedule of day's event or delay prior to event beginning time at the discretion of the tournament committee. In the event of cancellation of one day's event the tournament will be executed as a two-day tournament regardless of the sport. In the event that two days need to be cancelled, the event will be determined by the one day's event, in the event that all days of event need to be cancelled each amateur will receive a full refund of entry fees paid.