

## Open Tournament Rules

1. The hours of the tournament are from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Launching will be from the 9<sup>th</sup> Street boat ramp at Lake Shelbyville.
2. All waters of Lake Shelbyville south of the Findlay Road Bridge are open to fishing except as noted in items #3 and #11 below.
3. No fishing will be allowed in the "No Wake" zone at The Lithia Springs Marina. This area is off limits to both casting and trolling.
4. Starting positions will be assigned according to the date that the entry form was received. Late entrants will be assigned starting positions accordingly.
5. All IDNR fishing and boating regulations will be enforced. In addition, participants must wear a US Coast Guard approved flotation device while under power except when trolling or at no wake speeds.
6. Fish Release forms (obtained when checking in) must be completed and signed by two witnesses when fish are caught. The release forms must be turned in to the tournament officials no later than 3:00 p.m. along with any other equipment issued at the beginning of the day (flags, radios, etc.). Failure to comply will result in the loss of fish points.
7. All radios, issued at the beginning of the day, must be turned on and left on during tournament hours. All entrants must initially check in via radio upon disembarking the dock to ensure the officials know the radios are working and entrants are familiar with their use.
8. Fishing will be with artificial baits only. Natural bait, alive or dead, is not allowed.
9. Trolling with outboard or electric motors is allowed, but only one fishing rod per person is allowed when trolling.
10. Fish 30 inches and over may be entered. Two people must witness fish measurements, one of whom may be your tournament partner. Other participants in the tournament may serve as witnesses, but the second witness does not have to be in the event. However, entrants who refuse to witness another entrant's fish will be disqualified. Since the tournament area is so large, having other tournament anglers nearby will be to your advantage.
11. Tournament participants must maintain a minimum of 100 feet between their boat and the boat(s) of other tournament participants while actually fishing. After witnessing a fish for another team, the 100 foot separation must be reestablished.
12. The winner of the tournament will be determined by total fish inches. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the earliest release time.
13. Any unsportsmanlike conduct and/or rule infractions, on or off the water, will result in disqualification. A complaint form must be completed, signed, and submitted to the tournament director should a tournament participant witness the unsportsmanlike conduct or rule infraction.