

OFFICIAL RULES

ARKANSAS OUTDOOR SOCIETY SUMMER SLAM



JULY 4TH - JULY 31

RULES & REGULATIONS

INTERPRETATION & ENFORCEMENT Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to the AOS Tournament Committee. Each contestant agrees to report any rule violation to the AOS Tournament Committee immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a tournament rule may result in disqualification from the entire tournament.

PARTICIPATION and ELIGIBILITY

Summer Slam 2020 is a CLOSED Tournament to **AOS Members** that are up to date with membership renewals. If you need to renew your membership or want to check and see when yours expires, please reach out to Morgan Flynn, Carter Rook, Blake Pond or email arkansasoutdoorsociety@agff.org ***Final determination for participation will be left exclusively to the AOS Tournament Committee***

Contestants must have in their possession a valid fishing license for the waters they fish if required by law. Failure to provide proof of a valid fishing license within a reasonable amount of time when requested by the AOS Tournament Committee will result in disqualification. Contestants are required to follow all applicable federal, state and local regulations and laws. Any violation of such regulations and laws may result in disqualification from the tournament. Tournament officials reserve the right to reject any application to compete for any reason whatsoever.

REGISTRATION

REQUIRED ENTRY FORM:

- 1) The Tournament will be conducted using a free app called TourneyX®. You must register for a free account and create a team using the Tourney X software.

TourneyX software, contestants must follow the following steps. (*In the event that you do not have a smartphone, registration can be solely completed on Tourney X website, but it will make things MUCH smoother if you can follow the directions below. You do NOT have to have a smartphone to participate in the tournament, but it is highly recommended that you do.*)

Each Contestant will create their own Tourney X account:

1. Install and Open the TourneyX Pro app
2. Click **Register** and create a free account and create a free account.
3. Once registered you will be directed to your DASHBOARD - a screen with 6 icons. Click on "Tourney Registration" icon
4. Click the RED filter Icon and select UNITED STATES and ARKANSAS
5. In the Search Bar type "AOS Summer Slam" and Click Register 6. This will take you to the AOS Summer Slam Page, scroll to the bottom and enter the PASSWORD: AOSslam20 (you must also click the box for Tourney X terms of use)

You will be able to submit catches from any public waters, NO private ponds.

SCORING AND SUBMITTING FISH

Scoring is based on overall length for each angler's TOP 3 fish Tourney X software will automatically cull the shortest as fish are submitted to judges.

Scoring is determined based on LENGTH by measuring a fish on a Measuring Bump Board to the closest one inch and 1/2 inch increments. Scoring will be based on POINT system as judges will ROUND DOWN to the nearest inch or 1/2 inch shown by angler

submitted photo.

EXAMPLE: John Doe catches a fish that is 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, his total points for the catch will be 12.5 "points."

REASONING: Point system will be used because the AOS Tournament Committee deemed there has not been adequate time to message and require a specific measuring board that would include $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ inch increments. HOWEVER, a measuring **BUMP BOARD** is REQUIRED for this tournament and MUST have legible markings in at least 1 inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch increments AND MUST HAVE a 90 degree lip at the left end of the board. For reference purposes, brands included but not limited to: Bass Pro Shops, Hawg Trough, Yak Stick, Ketch Board :

SUBMITTING YOUR CATCH

Tourney X uses timestamp and GPS stamp information so that the Judges know when and where the photo was taken. In the event that you are fishing in an area where there is poor cell phone coverage, Tourney X allows you to use photos and upload and submit once you are back to adequate cell phone coverage. This will allow for anglers fishing in areas with poor cell phone coverage to locate adequate coverage to submit photos from the Tourney X app's "Live Well"

After a fish is caught, place it on your bump board and take a picture of it using Tourney X app's dashboard. Enter the length and type and the "Submit Catch."

The photo will then be sent to the judges for verification. The judges can approve or deny based off length, condition, species, time, location, or other reasons listed in these rules.

You will be notified that your photo is submitted successfully and the catch will be denoted with a RED X until APPROVED by judges. Once approved, the catch will be seen in GREEN font.

The Tourney X software will automatically cull fish based on length as they are submitted and accepted by the judges.

Species - Large or Smallmouth Bass, Trout (Rainbow, Brown) and Bluegill.

There will be a Any Other Fish Category as well.

MEASURING AND SUBMITTING PHOTOS TO JUDGES The fish needs to be measured from left to right. Starting from the **CLOSED** mouth on the lip at the LEFT END of the measuring board with the tail on the right. **Please make sure your fish pictures are clear.** Caudal (Tail) Fin—The tip of at least one lobe of the caudal (tail) fin must be contact with the measuring board. If the bass' entire caudal (tail) fin is lifted away from the measuring board so that neither tip remains in contact with the board, the photo will be denied.

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Condition

Fish must appear to be alive. If fish appears to be dead, mutilated, frozen, mangled, or otherwise damage, or it appears to have been mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered, the photo will be denied.

Eye—The fish's left eye must be visible in photo

Photo Standards—Digital photographs of each fish submitted to judges for scoring must meet these criteria:

A. Unique—Each digital photo submitted in each Event must be of a different fish. Subsequent digital photos of the same fish submitted by the same Competitor in an Event will be denied.

B. Visible/Legible—Each photo must be in sharply focused and clear enough for a judge to:

i. Verify the correct Identifier Form and Event ID Code. Inability of the judge to verify will result in denial of photo.

ii. Verify the fish's condition. Violation will result in denial of photo.

iii. Verify the fish's length. Judge will score fish at the greatest length of which he is certain.

iv. Verify whether the bass' jaw or lip is in contact with the measuring board fence.

v. Except where covered by hand or fingers, the entire fish, from its mouth/jaw to the tip of its caudal (tail) fin, must be visible in photos. If either end is covered or cropped off, the photo will be denied.

C: Centered—Camera lens positioned directly over the center of the fish's body, which contributes to accurate measurement by judges. Photos taken at a low angle in order obscure an open mouth may be denied or penalized at the Tournament or Series Director's discretion.

First-generation—Each digital photo must be a first-generation image (not a photo or screen-shot of another photo).

Background - Competitor's watercraft/bank/dock clearly visible in the photograph. Violation will result in denial of photo.

Hand Position - Hand or finger(s) may be in contact with the caudal peduncle (fleshy, scaled part of the bass' body at the base of the caudal fin) but not covering or touching any portion of the caudal (tail) fin.

PERMITTED FISHING METHODS Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the rod in hand. All fish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. All lures must adhere to state regulations.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS & BOUNDARIES Teams may fish anywhere on tournament waters within the boundaries defined by the tournament director that are available to the public and accessible by boat except areas designated as "off- limits," "no boats," "keep out," "restricted," "no trespassing" or "no fishing" (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by tournament officials, commercial property owners and/or local, state or federal officials.