



**1ST ANNUAL
BASS ANGLERS OF MICHIANA
CATCH A CURE FOR CANCER
BASS TOURNAMENT**

**Date: May 15, 2010
Maggie's Landing, St.
Joseph River
Time: 6:20am(sunrise)
to 2:30 p.m.**

**1st Place \$2,000.00
2nd Place \$500.00
3rd Place \$350.00
4th Place \$300.00
5th Place \$200.00
6th Place \$150.00
1st Big Bass \$420.00
2nd Big Bass \$180.00**

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO:

CAMP CATCH A-RAINBOW

Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a free, fun-filled camping experience for children ages 4-15 who have, or have had, cancer, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, Inc.

Camp Catch-A-Rainbow provides the opportunity for children to simply have a good time and enjoy the experience of exercise, recreation, and companionship through activities paced to meet the needs of kids with cancer. Campers enjoy fishing, swimming, archery, horseback riding, arts and crafts, canoeing, and much more.

www.cancer.org/camprainbow

PAYOUTS BASED ON FULL 60 BOAT FIELD - TOP 6 PLACES PAID

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
JOHN LEADER (574) 229-2321 OR KEN HOLDER (574) 607-7918
WWW.BASSMICHIANA.COM (ENTRY FORM)**

**Entry Fee: \$100.00 Per Team
Optional Big Bass Entry \$10.00 Per Team**

**Catch A Cure for Cancer
Bass Anglers of Michiana
Bass Tournament
May 15, 2010
Official Tournament Rules**

Registration/Requirements

1. Participation and eligibility. The Catch-A-Cure tournament has no restrictions as to race, gender, creed, or color. All tournament contestants must be at least 18 years of age. Tournament Officials will make any and all determination of eligibility, and reserve the right to refuse entry to any individual or team.

2. Teams. Each team will consist of 1 or 2 team members. A contestant may fish alone without a designated partner but must pay the full team entry fee.

3. Registration. Unless previous arrangements are approved by the Tournament Director, all entry fees must be paid prior to May 15, 2010.

4. Take off. Take off positions determined by order of entry received.

5. Licenses/permits. Each contestant must have in possession a valid 2010 Indiana fishing license and if requested provide prior to weigh-in.

6. Insurance/liability. It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to carry proof of adequate public liability insurance covering boat occupants. Contestants must be able to provide proof of insurance when requested by Tournament Officials. In signing the entry form, all contestants agree to hold harmless any and all promoters, tournament directors, agents, and organizations assisting the tournament or sponsors. Furthermore, all contestants agree to waive all responsibility for death, injuries, damage, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to entrants.

7. Boat/equipment. Each tournament boat must be a minimum of 16 feet in length with a minimum 10 horsepower main motor unless approved by Tournament Officials. Motors may not exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat. Each boat must be equipped with a functioning aerated live well. All boats must comply with applicable state laws regarding equipment

Tournament

8. Restricted water access. All tournament water is off limits 48 hours prior to start of event. Any participants found in violation of this rule will be subject to disqualification.

9. Rules meeting. Tournament hours, special rules and rule changes, and other information of vital interest to contestants is announced at the pre-tournament meeting 20 minutes before the tournament begins. One member of each team is required to attend this meeting.

10. Soliciting information. No contestant may solicit or receive information from any non-contestant during the tournament or the period of restricted river access.

11. Pfd use/boat markings. Each contestant must wear and fully secure a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) whenever the boat is operating above wakeless speed. Boats must display the identifying marking provided by tournament officials at all times.

12. Cell phones/two-way radios. Cellular telephones, CB and marine radios are allowed in boats, but may be used for emergency purposes only.

13. Tackle, bait and methods. Only artificial baits may be used and trolling is not allowed. Landing nets are permissible.

14. Encroachment. All boats must maintain a 50 yard radius from any anchored boat, with trolling motor up.

15. Bag limit/size limits/measuring. The tournament limit per team is five (5) largemouth/smallmouth bass presented for weigh-in must be a minimum of 12 inches in length. Fish are measured laying on a flat surface, from the tip of the closed mouth to the end of the relaxed tail fin.

16. Culling. Replacing a live, previously caught fish with a larger caught fish is permitted during a fishing day. At no time during tournament hours may contestants continue to fish while possessing more than the tournament limit. Culling of dead fish is not allowed.

17. Running lights. All running lights must be on and operating at the time of morning check-in at the launch ramp.

18. Morning check-in/take-off. A complete check of all boats and contestants will be made prior to launch. Any violations found will be subject to disqualification.

19. Breakdowns/emergencies. Tournament participants are not permitted to leave their boat or touch another boat, except in an emergency or in the event of major equipment failure. In the case of a breakdown, a team may accept a tow with any other boat on the water. While in tow, the team accepting assistance is not permitted to continue fishing.

However, the contestants rendering assistance may continue fishing. In an emergency, a team may elect to have one team member stay with the disabled craft while the other team member rides to the weigh-in site in another tournament boat with the day's catch. The team member remaining behind may not continue to fish. Fish may only be transported to the weigh-in in a tournament participant's boat.

20. Afternoon check-in. All tournament boats are required to check in at the end of the tournament at the designated area to make sure all contestants return safely, regardless of whether the team has fish to weigh that day.

Scoring

21. Weigh-in. Fish presented to Tournament Officials at weigh-in immediately become the "official catch" of the contestant and become the possession of the Tournament Officials to measure, weigh and record as such. A contestant cannot touch the fish while the official takes the measurement.

22. Scoring penalties. Contestants are required to do all in their power to protect and preserve their daily catch. A team presenting dead fish, as judged by

Tournament Officials, will have two-tenths (.2) pound penalty subtracted for each dead fish. Deliberate rough or careless handling of fish while culling is grounds for disqualification. Anyone attempting to weigh in fish less than 12-inches will be assessed a one (1) pound penalty for each undersized fish and will not be able to count any under-sized fish in their tournament limit. A team arriving late for weigh-in will be penalized one (1) pound for each minute late up to 15 minutes. Teams over 15 minutes late will be penalized their entire weight for the day.

23. Standings/ties. Final standings will be determined by the actual weight of bass submitted for weigh-in by a team in the tournament period, minus any penalties. Standings will be ranked with the heaviest total first and the rest in descending order. In case of a tie, the team weighing the largest fish will break said tie.

General

24. Spirit of the rule. The intent of this tournament is to advance the sport of fishing in Michiana in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play. Interpretation of the rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director, and all decisions are final.

25. Disqualification. Any contestant or team found to be in violation of these tournament rules or local, state, or federal laws or regulations will be subject to disqualification.

26. Protest policy. Only registered contestants and tournament officials have the right to protest the actions of another team or contestant. Any protest must be submitted in writing no later than one hour after the day's fishing ends. A \$50 protest fee must accompany the protest. If the protest is found to be valid, the fee will be returned to the person making the protest. If not found valid, the fee will not be returned. The Tournament Director will make the final decision on any protest using any means he/she sees as necessary, including the appointment of a committee, and can only consider what is stated in writing in the protest submission. Statements will be taken from all parties involved and a ruling by the Tournament Director will follow as soon as possible. Anyone observing a suspected infraction is urged to avert a problem by alerting the would-be offender. **KNOW THE RULES!**

27. Sportsmanship. All tournament participants shall practice good sportsmanship and treat all with courtesy at all times on and off the water. Unsportsmanlike conduct and cheating will result in disqualification.

28. Tournament protection rule. Any act or inflammatory statement by a contestant prior to or during tournament that is, in the opinion of tournament Officials, detrimental to the tournament, may result in disqualification.

29. Use of alcoholic beverages and narcotics. Participants may not have in possession or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, barbiturates, marijuana, or any other illegal or controlled substance during tournament hours. Violators will be immediately disqualified.



BASS ANGLERS OF MICHIANA CATCH A CURE FOR CANCER OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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TOURNAMENT RULES CAN BE
FOUND AT :

WWW.BASSMICHIANA.COM

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per team w/ \$10.00 additional for Big Bass (optional)
Make checks payable to: Bass Anglers of Michiana
Send to: Bass Anglers of Michiana, 6029 Cottage Cr, Granger, IN 46530
Take off positions determined by order of entry received
Limit of 60 Boats

BOATER	NON-BOATER / PARTNER
NAME: _____	NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____	ADDRESS: _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____	CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____	PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____	EMAIL: _____
SIGNATURE / DATE _____ / _____	SIGNATURE / DATE _____ / _____