



PORTAGE LAKES BASS MASTERS
Spring open bass tournament at Portage Lakes
Saturday, April 24, 2010
New State Park (ramp off Route 93)

Registration: 4:30am -- 6:15am

Tournament Hours: 6:30am -- 2:30pm (Pre-launch meeting at 6:25)

Fees: \$80 if pre-registered---postmarked by 4/17/10 (\$85 if register after 4/17)

Order of blast-off: Determined by receipt of entry fees

Prize money based on 60 boat field. Money will be pro-rated if field not full. Underlined receive plaques.

<u>1st - \$850</u>	<u>2nd - \$600</u>	<u>3rd - \$500</u>	4 th - \$400	5 th - \$300
6 th - \$250	7 th - \$200	8 th - \$150	<u>Big Bass - \$500</u>	

Tournament Rules:

1. A one or two-person team limit of fish shall be 5 bass (largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted) which measure 12 inches or longer. Fish will be measured with mouth closed, to the tip of the tail. One courtesy measurement shall be allowed.
2. All boats shall be inspected prior to launch. This may include livewell and tackle. Boat owner is responsible for all safety equipment, and any liability that may occur during the tournament.
3. No fishing within 50 yards of a boat that is anchored with trolling motor up. Please use good sportsmanship during the tournament. A 50 yard courtesy rule is strongly suggested.
4. Artificial baits only. No trolling. Livewell required. Life jacket and killswitch use strongly suggested. Only one rod may be used at a time while fishing.
5. No alcoholic beverages permitted during tournament or weigh-in.
6. Entry fee payment for this event will be considered a commitment. No refunds given to no shows. However, team personnel changes may be allowed by Portage Lakes Bass Masters (PLBM) tournament committee if notified by the end of registration.
7. Team members must remain on boat at all times. Public restroom use at state parks is permissible.
8. A ½ pound penalty for each dead fish brought to the scale will be assessed. A 1 pound penalty will be assessed for any short fish that are weighed in. Final places determined by total bass weight. Ties will be broken by greatest number of fish, and then a coin flip.
9. Big bass weighed in MUST be alive to collect Big Bass money.
10. Teams more than 5 minutes late to the weigh-in will be disqualified.
11. All fish weighed that are alive will be returned to the lake. No exceptions. Please have your own weigh bag for your fish.
12. Rules and their interpretation are solely at the discretion of the PLBM tournament committee. All decisions by PLBM are final and binding. Protests shall be made in writing, prior to weigh-in. Lie detector test may be used if deemed necessary.
13. Any violations of the above rules, cheating, or unsportsmanlike conduct (or violations of specific lake rules) will result in disqualification from this tournament and forfeiture of entry fees.
14. Mail entry forms to: Tom Freshly 16320 Stagecoach Dr. Garrettsville, OH 44231
Make checks payable to: PORTAGE LAKES BASS MASTERS
15. Questions regarding open? Call Tom Freshly at 330-242-2051 or Kujo Hammel at 330-310-3093 (evenings)

----- -Detach and return below with payment (\$80)- -----

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PLBM open bass tournament on Portage Lakes (4/24/2010)

BOATER/Contact

Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Email _____

PARTNER

Name _____

Signature _____

Email _____

WAIVER: We have read and agree to abide by all rules set forth by Portage Lakes Bass Masters for this open bass tournament. By signing this form, we agree to waive all responsibility (and will not sue) on the part of the PLBM members/tournament committee, the state of Ohio, or any contestants; as to injury, damage, or even death as a result of participating in this event. We realize that we are participating in this open bass tournament at our own risk. We also waive the right to sue based on any decision or negative publicity that may arise for rule infractions and/or disqualification which may occur in this event. Have fun and be safe!! PLBM