



The
Rotary
Club of Jacksonville



26TH ANNUAL

BASS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 · LAKE JACKSONVILLE, IL

BUDDY TOURNAMENT WITH 40 BOAT LIMIT · ENTRY: \$200 PER TEAM

FIRST PLACE \$2500

2nd Place \$1000 · 3rd Place \$700 · 4th Place \$400 · 5th Place \$200

Big Bass Pot (Optional): \$20 per Boat with 100% Payback on Big Bass. Online registration and payment preferred.

Registration, Takeoff Draw, and Pre-Tournament Meeting held at Lake Jacksonville at 6 AM, Central Time
Saturday Hot Lunch provided • Raffle Drawing • Goodie Bag for every fisherman

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE HOTEL & LODGING INFO



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Questions? Madie Stevens, bass@jacksonvillerotary.org or 309.825.5884

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Drawing for Order of Take-off will be held at the pre-tournament meeting. (Late Registration, after March 31, not included in drawing.)

PROOF of \$25,000 LIABILITY INSURANCE IS REQUIRED. DAILY OR SEASONAL BOAT PERMIT REQUIRED.

Permits will be available at Lake Jacksonville Concession Office on April 4, 2026. Proof of insurance can be uploaded during online registration.

1. Rule Changes: You must be familiar with all rules before entering. These rules will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules is left exclusively to tournament officials. The decision of the officials shall be final.

Protests must be made in writing within 15 minutes of official check-in times.

2. Conduct: Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament.

3. Lake Rules: All State and Local rules governing the use of the lake and restricted zones must be obeyed.

4. Boats: All boats must meet State of Illinois Coast Guard Regulations and horsepower (H.P.) limits. Boats must be equipped with a working "Kill Switch" and an adequate Live Well.

5. Release: All fish to be released to Lake Personnel.

6. Rods & Reels: Spinning and Casting rods and reels only. Only one rod per person may be used at any given time.

7. Lures: Only artificial lures, with the exception of pork, may be used during the tournament.

8. Fish and Weights: Only Largemouth, Kentucky and Smallmouth Bass will be weighed. All bass must be LESS than 14 inches or LONGER than 18 inches. There is a limit of 5 total bass per team (no bass will be weighed that measures 14 to 18 inches, inclusive). All fish will be measured on a Bump Board with mouth closed. There will be no courtesy bump. No frozen or mangled fish will be accepted for weigh-in. A four (4) ounce penalty per dead fish will be deducted from total weight.

9. Fish Penalty: No penalty will be assessed for fish outside of the range.

10. Penalty: A late penalty of one (1) pound for each minute late will be enforced for any team checking in after the official weigh-in time. Ten-minute late penalty will result in disqualification from the tournament. Official weigh-in time will be 2:30 PM by checking in with the Dock Master by the boat ramp.

11. Boat Distance: No boats will be allowed to fish closer than 50 yards to a boat that was already first anchored or positioned.

12. Alcohol: NO alcoholic beverages will be permitted in boats during the tournament.

13. Life Preservers: Each boat must be equipped with adequate life preservers. Life preservers must be worn when outboard motors are in operation with kill switch.

14. Buddy System: Team members must fish together and must be in sight of each other at all times. No team member may leave the boat during tournament hours.

15. Age Limit: All boat captains must be 21 years or older.

16. Meeting: At least one member of each team will attend the pre-tournament meeting. Boat check and registration is from 4:30 AM until 6:00 AM. The pre-tournament meeting is at 6:00 AM (Central Daylight Savings Time). Rules, regulations, and fish-off times will be discussed. Take off will be by 6:30 AM or by the first safe light.

17. Take Off: Take-off order and procedure will be determined by a random draw of all teams registered before March 31, 2026 during check-in. Late entrants will take off in the order they were received.

18. No Refunds: Absolutely no entry fees will be refunded. (Only one team member may be substituted.)

19. Alabama Rig: NEITHER the Alabama Rig, OR any aberration or alteration of the Alabama Rig, is allowed on Lake Jacksonville.

20. Polygraph: All participants agree to submit to a polygraph test following the tournament, should they be requested by tournament officials.

21. Grievance Report: A grievance form is available to report improper behavior by another team. Should you witness any act by another team that would constitute an advantage, or in any way goes against the rules listed on this sheet, submit your concerns in writing to a Tournament Official no later than 15 minutes before weigh-in.

REGISTRATION FORM or use the QR code below to register and/or pay electronically. ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT PREFERRED.

Boat Owner _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Boat Partner _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Make/Length of Boat _____ Engine HP _____ Kill Switch Works Adequate Live Well in Working Order

I have read, and am familiar with, the rules of this tournament and notes on the back of this form. By signing this application, I hereby release the Jacksonville Rotary Club (including its officers, agents and employees), the City of Jacksonville, contestants and sponsors from all claims, injuries and/or damages that I may sustain by reason of participating in, or in connection with, this tournament. The facts listed below are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature (Owner) _____

Signature (Partner) _____

REGISTRATION PAYMENT

Check made payable to: The Jacksonville Rotary Club Foundation

Entry Fee \$200.00 (per boat) \$ _____

Big Bass Pot \$20.00 (optional) \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

Return this form with payment to:

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