

OFFICIAL RULES

39th Annual IUOE Local 148
Charity Bass Tournament
September 12, 2026

Benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of St. Louis

Rules: The following rules for the tournament will be used. These rules will be interpreted by the Tournament Committee and all decisions are final. All Missouri Conservation and Water Patrol Regulations apply.

ENTRY FEE: \$200 per boat

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: The Tournament Committee will be responsible for weighing and for resolving any disputes. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to appoint partners in specific circumstances. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

ELIGIBILITY: Tournament participants must have a valid 2026 Missouri fishing license and must be properly registered for the tournament. No person may fish the tournament alone. Any complaint regarding the eligibility will only be considered if proof is present at the time the complaint is made. No refunds will be given unless the Tournament is cancelled.

SAFETY: Safe boating and fishing practices must always be observed by all participants. All boats and motors must comply with Missouri Water Patrol Safety and Regulation rules. During the takeoff contestants are REQUIRED to wear a life jacket, which must be securely fastened. The Tournament Committee strongly encourages the use of kill switches by all contestants.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Any unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language could result in suspension from future tournaments.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial bait or lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait may be used other than pork or pork-type bait. No trolling is permitted. Boats may not be trailered during the tournament. Only one rod may be used at one time. All bass must be caught on a rod or reel. A landing net may be used. All fish must be caught and landed from the boat.

BOAT IDENTIFICATION/OCCUPANTS: Each boat will be given a number which must be displayed at all times during the tournament. The number of the boat will also indicate the weigh-in order by flight. Each boat will contain exactly two people.

CHECK-IN LATE PENALTY: All boats must check in. Contestants late in doing so will be penalized one pound per minute up to ten minutes, then disqualification. The scale will close 30 minutes after last flight is due in.

SCORING: Only Largemouth bass, Spotted/Kentucky and Smallmouth Bass will be counted. Total stringer will determine place. Any bass that does not measure will cause two pounds to be subtracted for the total stringer weight. Only a legal limit of bass (all fish must be a minimum of 15 inches long; no more than five fish per boat) may be weighed in. Any artificially weighted bass will be disqualified, and the Participant(s) may be subject to prosecution and shall be disqualified from all future Reel Help for Kids events. Any alteration of length or weight of bass is prohibited, and the Participant will be banned from any future Reel Help for Kids events and may be subject to prosecution. Each contestant is expected to take the utmost care of his or her fish so that all living bass may be returned to the lake. No frozen or mangled fish will be submitted for weigh-in. Such fish will be deducted and turned over to the Tournament Committee for review. Any contestant doing so will be disqualified and subject to disciplinary action by the Tournament Committee. After that, the contestant will not be allowed to touch or handle the fish again. Decision on short fish will be made by the Official weigh-master. A courtesy board will be available to all contestants prior to weigh-in. Measuring will be conducted by closed mouth and pinched tail. Flat measuring boards will be used as official measuring. All live tournament fish will be returned to the lake, except for trophy fish (five pounds or larger) to be mounted. A one-pound penalty per dead fish will be deducted from the total stringer weight. **TIES: All ties for total weight will be broken on the basis of entry. In the case of a tie for the Big Bass, the cash prize will be equally divided among the winning contestants and a flip of the coin will determine who receives the plaque.**

PROTESTS: Any contestant wishing to protest the score of a fellow contestant must do so in writing and file the same with the Tournament Committee within 30 minutes after the last flight is scheduled for weigh-in. The Tournament Committee may, on its own motion, take up and decide questions relating to any contestant's conduct or score.

WAIVER: Through your entry fee, you waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsor, the charity, and Tournament officials from all claims and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament.

ATTENTION: The winner of the cash or attendance prizes, including the grand prize, will be responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes.

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN REGULAR ATTENDANCE PRIZES.
YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE.**

REGISTRATION

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September 12, 2026
Bucksaw Resort & Marina



ENTRY FORM

We have read and understand the rules and have completed all information requested in this application form. Our \$200 per boat entry fee (includes BIG BASS competition) is enclosed.

Note: All information must be completed. Please print clearly or your form may be returned.

**Make Checks payable to:
OE148 Charitable Fund, Inc.**

ANGLER 1*

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____
Email _____

ANGLER 2*

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____
Email _____

** If there is a change in the above named registrant(s), please notify the Tournament Committee prior to send off. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.*

Signature: _____ Please check if this is a Guy/Gal entry ☐

Where did you receive this application? _____

Two wristbands are included with the \$200 entry fee and must be worn by fisherman for food and beverage service on Friday & Saturday. Additional wristbands can be purchased for guests of fishermen at \$20 per person and are good for food and beverages on Friday & Saturday.

Checks, money orders, and cashier's checks will be accepted. I understand that I will be responsible for any taxes, state, or federal, due on prizes won in conjunction with this tournament. Please cut out and return this form, along with your check to:

**IUOE Local 148
Attn: Bass Tournament
11000 Lin Valle Drive
St. Louis, MO 63123**

Entries will be accepted by mail no later than September 8, 2026. Late entries will be accepted until 7:30am, September 12, 2026 at the tournament. **Questions? Call Sarah at 314-865-1300 ext. 105**

**You must be present to win regular attendance prizes.
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FOR TOURNAMENT STAFF ONLY

Boat Entry #: _____

☐ check ☐ credit
☐ cash



THE FUNDRAISER CLASSIC
C/O IUOE 148 BASS TOURNAMENT
11000 LIN VALLE DRIVE
ST. LOUIS, MO 63123



One lucky
fisherman
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\$2,500
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LOCAL 148 CHARITY BASS TOURNAMENT

FEATURING (FOR ALL REGISTERED ANGLERS):

- Grand prize drawing of \$2,500
- Cash Prizes (For Top Stringers, Big Bass, and Guys & Gals)
- Huge variety of great attendance prizes!
- Brats & complimentary beverages Friday evening
- Pork steak dinner & complimentary beverages Saturday afternoon

PLEASE NOTE:

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DON'T MISS IT! REGISTER TODAY!

For updates and additional information, please visit:

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**Welcome
Fishermen**



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REEL HELP FOR KIDS

Charity Bass Tournament

Saturday, September 12, 2026

RETURNING TO TRUMAN LAKE!

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