

**STINSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Bass Fishing Tournament**  
**May 19th & 20th, 2017**

**Official Rules and Entry Form**

- 1. This is not a professional tournament** - This tournament is meant as an outreach for our church, to provide a fun event for our community and church youth, and to raise money for future youth events and missions.
- 2. All rules of Bluestone Lake apply** - All decisions made by the tournament committee will be final. The tournament committee can make a change only when the safety of contestants is in question.
- 3. Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs** - Anyone consuming alcoholic beverages or drugs (other than prescription) will be disqualified AND ASKED TO LEAVE! No alcohol or drugs allowed in boat or on premises.
- 4. Sportsmanship** - All contestants are expected to practice courtesy, safety, and follow local and state game laws. Anyone displaying poor sportsmanship at the Friday night dinner and fellowship or at any time before or during the tournament will be disqualified and no refunds will be given. Use of profanity will be prohibited!
- 5. Eligibility** – Everyone is invited to attend this tournament. However, the tournament will be restricted to the first sixty boats registered as per postmark date for each team's application. There will be NO refunds given after entering tournament, other than boats that have missed the tournament cutoff. At least one team member must be 18 years of age or older. ONLY the two team members are allowed in the boats during tournament hours. **Participants are required to attend the Friday night fellowship dinner at Stinson United Methodist Church from 6PM – 8PM, for a review of rules and regulations and to draw for blast off numbers. Each team represented at the fellowship dinner will earn up to two pounds of bonus weight to be added to their weigh-in total. Each team will earn a 1lb bonus for each team member that attends, up to a maximum of 2lbs. One team member must attend, however, one team member may be substituted.**
- 6. Baits and Tackle** - Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait and No trolling. Only one rod at a time may be used. A cast must be fully retrieved before another rod is picked up.
- 7. Guides** – Anyone who hands out publication of any kind for guide purposes will not be allowed to participate in the tournament held on the lake that he/she guides on.
- 8. Permissible Waters** – There are no off limits, but you cannot fish within 30 yards of the public boat ramps used for this tournament. All fish must be caught from a boat. There must be 50 yards between teams.
- 9. Practice Catch and Release** – An aerated live well is required and all fish will be released.
- 10. Protests** - All protests must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of the final weigh-in. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.
- 11. Boats and Motors** - No engine shall exceed the maximum BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats shall meet U.S. Coast Guard and state regulation. All boats equipped with a kill switch must have kill switch in working order. All boats equipped with aerated live wells must have the live wells in working order.

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**12.Scoring Fish** - A maximum of 5 fish per team will be weighed. All bonus weight will be added to each score card during the weigh-in process. A dead fish penalty of 1/2 pound per dead fish will be deducted from the total weight. If the team's "Big Bass" is dead, a penalty of 1/2 pound will be deducted from the "Big Bass" weight. ONLY LARGEMOUTH, KENTUCKY SPOTTED AND SMALLMOUTH BASS WILL BE WEIGHED. Any team or individual bringing in more than 5 fish to the weigh-in will be disqualified. No iced fish allowed. If you have a dead fish you are responsible for the disposal of that fish. Do not dump the fish in the lake or trash; it must be removed from the lake area.

**13.Ties** – Big Bass will decide. If still tied, number of fish will decide; and if still tied prize money will be split between teams.

**14.Safety** - Coast guard approved life vest must be worn and secured, and the kill switch attached to driver while main engine is operating. This is suggested at all times but will only be enforced on competition days.

**15.Big Bass** - One Big Bass selected by each team for entry in Big Bass competition.

**16.Don't be late** - All participants need to arrive no later than 5:45 am at the tournament assigned boat ramp area on the day of event for official equipment check and sign in. No fishing before official start, which is announced Friday night.

**17.End of tournament check in** - Begins at assigned area at 2:30 PM. Entrants must arrive at the check-in site and record their presence with a tournament weigh-in official before 3:30 PM.

**18.Weigh-In Late Penalty** - Any entrance arriving after 3:30pm will be penalized one pound per minute. Teams more than 10 minutes late will be disqualified.

**19.Two person teams** - Only two people allowed per boat. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**20.Payment and Entry Deadline** - The cost is \$100 per two person team. The deadline to sign up for the tournament is 05/15/2017. Late entries will be taken after that but will be charged a \$30 penalty. All late entry fees must be paid in cash. Bounced entry checks must be settled in cash prior to tournament and will be assessed an additional \$40 fee.

**21. Official Weigh-In** - One member of the team must verify & sign their weigh-in card for their weight to be official. In the case of an emergency one team member may return to the check-in site in another contestant's boat as long as his team's fish are marked or kept separate and they check in on time. If you leave early without weighing in, please check in so we know all boats have made it in safe so we don't leave anyone broken down on the lake.

**22.End of the tournament** - Please beach or trailer your boat. Do not empty lives wells at or near weigh in station. This area must be kept dry!

**23.Weighing Process** - Details will be covered the Friday evening prior to the tournament during the rules review session.

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**Please complete the following entry form.** (Include \$100.00 check or money order and mail to: Stinson United Methodist Church, Bass Fishing Tournament, 309 Borage Avenue, Princeton, WV 24739) Visit [www.stinsonumc.org](http://www.stinsonumc.org) or call Brandan Nowlin @ 304-425-1506 or email @ [brandan.nowlin@southern-air.com](mailto:brandan.nowlin@southern-air.com) with any questions. Deadline for early registration 05/15/2017, Late entry's must add \$30.00.

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Team Captain Print Name

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Team Partner Print Name

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Date Of Birth (Must be 18 Yrs of Age)

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Emergency Contact (Relationship)

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Boat License Number

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE STATED RULES AND I AM AWARE THAT VIOLATING ANY OF THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN MY DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE STINSON UMC YOUTH BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT AND THAT ALL MONIES PAID WILL BE FORFEITED.

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Team Captain Signature

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Date

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Partner Signature

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Date

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Signature of Authorized Parent or Guardian Date

**Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was cast into the sea that caught all kinds of fish – Matthew 13:47**