

2009 West Michigan “Kickin’ Bass & Biggest Bass of the Hour” Championship

Saturday, August 8 ~ Riverside Park ~ Grand Haven, Michigan

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION:** Participation is open to U.S. male and female residents or citizens who are at least 18 years of age. Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or adult with written parental permission. Employees of Clear Channel Radio are not eligible to participate. Boat number starting position will be determined by a random drawing for all paid entries received by Monday, May 4, 2009. Entry forms received after May 4, 2009 will be assigned positions in the order they are received. An entry fee of \$120 per 2 person team must accompany your registration and is non-refundable and not transferable. Both team members must be present for registration and check-in. A mandatory meeting will be held at 6:30am (30 minutes before the official start of the tournament). Substitutes or changes for any registered and pre-paid team must be made in writing and approved by tournament officials. Check-in and boat inspection will begin at 5:00am.
- SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. All participants are required to wear a securely fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver at all times while moving with the big engine.
- SPORTSMANSHIP:** All bass must be caught live in a sporting manner. Competitors are expected to show high standards of sportsmanship, safety, adherence to marine and fishing laws, and courtesy towards other contestants and non-participants who are on the water. Contestants may not provide fish to any other contestants, and if it is determined that this has happened, both teams will be disqualified.
- CONDUCT:** No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are allowed in the boats or at the weigh-in. Any act that violates these standards or reflects unfavorably on our tournament will automatically disqualify the offender.
- BAIT & TACKLE:** Only actual lures may be used. No “live bait” or “prepared bait” will be permitted, except for pork strips, rinds, etc. Only a casting or spinning rod (maximum 8 foot length from tip to bottom of handle) and reel may be used. Back-up rod and reels, which meet the above requirements, may be kept in the boat, but only one may be used at any one time per person.
- BOAT AND MOTOR:** Fishing boats must be a minimum of 14 feet in length. All must be equipped with U.S. Coast Guard required/approved safety equipment. Small motors may be used to navigate. However, trolling for fish is prohibited. No boats with “stick steering” will be permitted. Horsepower shall not exceed the rating specified by the U.S. Coast Guard approved for that boat.
- LOCATION:** The event will be held at Riverside Park near Grand Haven. The tournament hours will be at the conclusion of the mandatory rules meeting (approximately 7:00am) until 3:00pm for the first flight and 3:15pm for the second flight. Entries received prior to Monday, May 4, 2009 will automatically be included in the first flight. Later entries may also be included in the first flight, but probably will be included in the second flight based on the number of teams entered.
- FISHING AREAS:** No team will be allowed to fish within a 50-yard radius of an anchored competitor, even with permission. A boat is considered anchored if it has an anchor over the side and firmly attached and has raised its trolling motor out of the water. Anglers must stay within tournament waters. Tournament waters will be limited to the Grand River, the bayous and Spring Lake. Lake Michigan is off limits.
- CHECK POINT:** The official checkpoint will be Riverside Park, Ottawa County. Competitors must begin the tournament from this point and return to it by boat at the end of the tournament. Boats must be checked and inspected at check-in, and participants must proceed immediately to the weigh-in area. A live-well check and boat inspection is required prior to the start of the tournament.
- SCORING:** During the tournament, culling (releasing fish) is allowable. Only large mouth or small mouth bass will be weighed. All bass must measure a minimum of 14 standard inches, measured with mouth closed. Any bass that has been altered to reach minimum length or to increase weight will be disqualified. No fish may be placed or retained on a stringer or similar device at any time during the tournament. Official instruments provided by the event organizers and deemed officially calibrated at the time of weigh-in will decide measuring and weighing. All decisions of the tournament judges will be at their sole discretion and are final. The largest bass you enter will be your Big Bass and tiebreaker in the overall final standings. Only one place per team will be paid in the overall final standings. If you bring in a fish smaller than the legal size, the fish and your largest fish will be taken out and released as the penalty. All bass weighed in become property of the tournament.
- SCORING RULES:** The WBFX “Kickin’ Bass” Championship is actually two tournaments rolled into one over one contest time period. For the “Biggest Bass of the Hour” contest:
 - No team may weigh in more than one bass per tournament hour. Only one bass per weigh-in bag will be allowed. Bass entered in the “Biggest Bass of the Hour” contest do not carry forward from hour to hour. Your biggest bass is registered into the final overall standings. You may only win one prize per hour.
 - Bass must be weighed in by the contestant who originally caught the bass and must be in said contestant's physical possession in the weigh-in line.
 - Any artificially weighed or preserved bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under federal laws.
 - One bass only is allowed to be weighed in during any tournament hour.
 - Any and all announcements concerning emergencies and hourly results will be broadcast on WBFX 101.3 The FOX. Bring your radio with you to plan the right time to weigh in your fish each hour.
 - There will be a mandatory catch and release program during the official tournament hours. When the tournament is officially over, all bass will be released back into the tournament waters.
 - Fish turned in hourly will count for their cumulative score of seven (7) fish.
- Teams will also be allowed to enter a total catch of up to seven (7) fish. Awards will be given in this category on total weight of each team's total catch up to seven (7) bass. Size and weight requirements are the same as for the “Biggest Bass of the Hour” competition, and fish turned in as “Biggest Bass of the Hour” entries will be automatically recorded and added to the team's total of seven (7) fish. All decisions of the tournament judges will be at their sole discretion and are final. In the event that total bass weight is equal among two or more teams, the team with the largest individual fish will win.
- LIVE BASS:** Every boat must have a functional bilge pump and live well space, properly aerated to keep all bass alive. Any fish that dies prior to weigh-in will have one quarter (.25) of a pound deducted from the total weight toward scoring, including Biggest Bass Award.
- LATE PENALTY:** All fishing must cease before the deadline for check-in at the end of the tournament. Teams who are not in the official check-in point by deadline will be disqualified.
- OTHER FEES & LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:** Participants understand and acknowledge that they are personally responsible for the securing, purchasing and possession of any required fish and game licenses, vehicle, boat and trailer registration fees such as park entrance and parking fees, etc.
- DISCRETION OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS:** Tournament officials have total discretion at any time prior to, during or after the tournament to disqualify a boat and its team members from the competition for what the officials perceive as a violation of these rules or unsafe boating practices. The decisions of the officials are at their discretion and are final.
- AUTHORITY:** This contest is subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations. Signing the registration constitutes acceptance of the above rules and acceptance of the contest organizers as the final interpreter of the rules. All decisions of the judges are final. Violations of any rules may lead to immediate disqualification. Protests of rulings must be made in writing within 15 minutes of the conclusion of weigh-in.
- PRIZES:** Prize money will be paid by Clear Channel Radio check and/or cash, depending on convenience. Participants are responsible for any income and any and all tax liability for prizes. By accepting a prize, participants also agree to be interviewed by Clear Channel Radio and to the use of their name and likeness for editorial, publicity and promotional use by Clear Channel Radio. Only those teams who catch fish are eligible for cash prize.

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Biggest Bass of the Hour Weigh-In & Hourly Prizes

	<u>1st Prize</u>	<u>2nd Prize</u>	<u>3rd Prize</u>	
9am	\$500	\$250	\$150	
10am	\$500	\$250	\$150	
11am	\$500	\$250	\$150	
Noon	\$500	\$250	\$150	
1pm	\$500	\$250	\$150	
2pm	\$500	\$250	\$150	
3pm	\$500	\$250	\$150	TOTAL: \$6,300

Best Fish Schedule of Cash Prizes

1 st Place	-	\$1000.00 Plus Trophy	
2 nd Place	-	\$ 750.00 Plus Trophy	
3 rd Place	-	\$ 500.00 Plus Trophy	
4 th Place	-	\$ 400.00 Plus Trophy	
5 th Place	-	\$ 300.00	
6 th Place	-	\$ 250.00	
7 th Place	-	\$ 200.00	
8 th Place	-	\$ 175.00	
9 th Place	-	\$ 150.00	
10 th Place	-	\$ 125.00	TOTAL: \$3,850

**\$10,150 Prize
 Money Based on
 117 Paid Entries**

GRAND TOTAL: \$10,150

Big Bass Pot: There will be an optional Big Bass Pot for an additional \$20.00 per team. 50% of the entire pot will go to the Biggest Bass, 30% will go for Second Place and 20% will go for Third Place. Payment for the Big Bass Pot will be made during check-in on August 8.

DO NOT INCLUDE THIS PAYMENT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.

DIRECTIONS TO THE EVENT

To reach Riverside Park, take M-45 West through Allendale. Go north on 104th Avenue to North Cedar Drive. Turn Right on North Cedar Drive to the Park Entrance.

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Official Entry Form

All paid entries received by Monday, May 4, 2009 will be entered in a random drawing for preferred boat starting position. **We cannot guarantee shirt size if you register after July 20, 2009.**

ACCEPTANCE: Having read the official tournament rules, I/We agree to abide by all conditions.

LIABILITY RELEASE: I/We hereby release Clear Channel Radio and their respective employees and representatives from any and all liability, losses, damages, claims, demands, costs or expenses of any nature which I/we may suffer or incur by reason of participating in or in connection with this tournament.

VERIFICATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE: I/We further state that I/we maintain current liability insurance on the boat I/we will use in this tournament.

I/We signify by our signature(s) that I/we have read and understand this agreement.

Check or money order for \$120.00 entry fee should be made payable to: Clear Channel Radio, 77 Monroe Center, Suite 1000, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Entry fee is non-refundable and not transferable.

Signature of Captain

Signature of Partner

CAPTAIN NAME: _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARTNER: _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BRAND OF BOAT: _____

MODEL: _____

YEAR: _____

TRAILER: _____

BRAND OF ENGINE: _____ HP: _____

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If you have any questions regarding this event, please call Jeff Leitch of 101.3 The FOX WBFX at (616) 776-5472.

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED! RESERVE YOUR POSITION TODAY!

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

“Kickin’ Bass & Biggest Bass of the Hour Championship”, Clear Channel Broadcasting, 77 Monroe Center, Suite 1000, Grand Rapids, MI 49503