



Tournament Director: Ryan Emmert (903) 436-7330

Location: Lake Livingston

Weigh-in Site: Livingston High School (400 FM 350 S, Livingston Tx 77351)

Date: February 16, 2019

Host School: Livingston

Entry Due Date: ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, SIX (6) DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT AT 11:59PM. ANY ENTRY RECEIVED AFTER SUNDAY WILL BE CHARGED A LATE FEE OF \$20/TEAM. NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER WEDNESDAY THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT AT 11:59PM.

Payments: All Non-Credit Card payments must be mailed in to the Office and received no later than Thursday prior to the event. Mail payments to: THSBA P.O Box 1498 Forney, Tx 75126.

Registration: Friday, February 15 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Livingston High School, 400 FM 350 S, Livingston Tx 77351. Saturday morning registration will start at 5 am, at weigh in location. Students MUST register to receive Boat number at this time (Tyvek Wristband), however, an advisor, captain or parent may sign in for team(s) if student is not available to do so. Any changes MUST be made at this time. Boat numbers are assigned randomly by the computer program.

Due to the distance that we have to travel, there may be unforeseen delays. In the event that we will be delayed, we will post to the THSBA Facebook page with the estimated time of arrival.

Take Off: THE HOUSTON COUNTRY DIVISION ON LAKE LIVINGSTON WILL BE A TRAILERING EVENT. Boats may leave the ramp of their choice at the time of their choice on tournament day with running lights on, life jackets zipped or buckled, kill switch properly attached and students seated properly in the boat. The Tournament Director has the right to remove any boat from competition due to a safety violation. **First cast will be at 7:00 am. All lines must be out of the water at 3 pm. Teams must be in the weigh-in line by 4:30 pm. Any team not checked in and in line with their fish and/or in line waiting for a sponsor provided clear weigh in bag by 4:30 pm will not be allowed to weigh-in their catch.**

Boat Captains: Boat captains are allowed to fish in this event and may choose to enter the optional boat captain side pot (\$20). Boat captains entered in the optional side pot will be allowed to weigh-in their single largest fish, with the winning boat captain winning half of the side pot collected. The other half will be pledged as a scholarship at this event. Boat captains may still run the trolling motor, assist in netting the fish and assist in culling any fish, assist students with tackle, backlashes, and any other problems the students may encounter. Boat captains may not assist in the catching of the students' fish, other than netting the fish. Any fish caught by a boat captain may not be weighed in by the students. Teams doing so will be disqualified from this event as well as disqualified from any and all future THSBA events.

Off Limits: Any area on the lake with signs or buoys that state "No Fishing", "No Trespassing", "Keep Out", "Off Limits", etc or any other similar sign is deemed Off Limits.

Creel Limit: For all bass species (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Guadalupe) minimum length limit = 14 inches. Daily bag for all four species of black bass = 5 in any combination. Sand Bass and Stiped Bass Are Not Allowed.

Tournament Rules: Check the Texas High School Bass Association's website for a list of the current tournament rules.

Check-in: All teams must turn in their wristband and/or be in line with your catch and wristband or in line waiting for a sponsor provided clear weigh in bag by 4:30 pm. Any team not in line with their catch and/or waiting for a sponsor provided clear weigh in bag and/or turning in their flight card by 4:30 pm will not be allowed to weigh their catch and will receive zero (0) points for this event.

Weigh-in: There will only be 25 mesh bags at the weigh-in tanks and 25 clear plastic weigh-in bags available. Students MUST USE the clear weigh-in bags to move fish from the boat to the holding tanks. We will not accept any other bags to be used except for the 25 sponsor provided clear weigh-in bags. There will be a courtesy board available for the students and boat captains to check their fish length before handing over the fish to the bump man. All anglers MUST have their fish checked by the bump board man prior to the fish being put into the mesh weigh-in bags. Students will not be allowed to come to the tanks and wait with their fish until a plastic weigh bag becomes available. It is advised that once you have checked in, one angler wait with their fish in the boat and one wait at the tanks until there is a plastic weigh bag available. If there are teams in line waiting for a sponsor provided weigh-in bag in at 4:30 pm, only those teams will still be allowed to weigh in after 4:30 pm.

Flight Cards: WRISTBANDS MUST BE WORN AND IN THE POSSESSION OF EACH TEAM DURING THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT AND WHILE TRAILERING, PER TP & W REGULATIONS. WRISTBANDS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS BY 4:30 PM, REGARDLESS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY FISH TO WEIGH. WE MUST KNOW THAT EACH TEAM IS OFF OF THE WATER AND SAFE. EVEN IF YOU CHECK IN,

YOU MUST STILL RETURN YOUR WRISTBAND TO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL BY THE “WEIGH-IN / CHECK-IN” BANNER. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!

Polygraph: A polygraph will be given to the boat captain of the winning team and any team that may have a protest filed against them.

Post Tournament Boat Inspection: The Top 5 placing teams will undergo a **MANDATORY** boat safety check. Those teams leaving early or refusing to partake in the **MANDATORY** boat safety inspection, or those that fail the inspection, will be disqualified from the tournament. **The items that will be checked are: working fire extinguisher, throw cushion, liability insurance reflecting \$300,000 coverage, current fishing license for any student 17 years or older, current boat registration, working navigation lights, working kill switch, proper life vests for all occupants**

