



# **BASS FISHING**

## **Recreational Tournament**

### **Tuesday, August 6**

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#### **EVENT OVERVIEW**

Freshwater fishing is a major pastime in the United States, and over the last three decades has become a major US sport. Top anglers from around the world now come to America for the best tournament circuits, and some of the best in-land angling on the globe. Michigan is a premier in-land fishing destination, known for abundant rivers and lakes, exceptional varieties of fish, and a culture that promotes outdoor recreation. Our goal is to expose WDG athletes to this emerging sport, and to the opportunities for recreation and competition it can provide, especially in Michigan!

Fishing from a bass boat deck is like fishing from a dock; very few, if any, accommodations are needed to participate. We expect our boater-volunteers to make on-the-spot accommodations as needed, and to come away with a new appreciation for, and understanding of the dwarf community. In turn, we expect our WDG athletes to come away with a new appreciation for the generosity and camaraderie of Michigan's angling community.

#### **EVENT SUMMARY**

- 4.5 hour tournament at Lake Lansing; 6:30 AM to 11:30 AM fishing time
- Up to 60 WDG participants 12 years old and up can compete, in pairs
- Entries are reserved at registration (first come, first serve)
- Up to 30 bass boats with drivers (drivers do not compete)
- Five bass limit per boat
- Awards (no medals)

#### **ATHLETE/PARTICIPANT INFO**

- Must be 12 or over, and registered for the WDG
- Priority is given to athletes
- Fish as two-member teams (participants 12 to 18 may request a family member or guardian as their partner)
- Boaters will provide equipment (life jackets, rods/reels, baits)
- Athletes should bring a hat, sun screen, and water bottles.
- Athletes on a meal plan can request brown bag breakfast from Athlete Village Cafeteria
- Light lunch available on-site (athletes should be back to Athlete Village in time to also do lunch at Athlete Village)

## **BOATER INFO (Volunteers from the local community)**

- Boater provides equipment
  - Safe, licensed boat
  - Life jackets
  - Fishing gear and artificial baits for two anglers
  - Weigh-in bags, if possible
- Boater responsibility
  - Pilot the boat
  - Ensure participants follow safety precautions
  - Serve as guide (no fishing other than to demonstrate)
  - Assist with angling equipment use, baiting and landing fish
  - Handle weigh-in bags, as needed

## **TIME LINE: 5:45 AM TO 1:00 PM**

5:45 AM

- Athletes Board bus at Athlete Village to Lake Lansing, with a subsequent stop at the Marriott Hotel
- Boaters begin launching at Lake Lansing

6:30 AM

- Athletes pair up; line up for loading
- Boaters load in rotation at dock; pick up their quit times

11:00

- Boats begin returning by designated quit times
- Hot dogs and drinks available

11:15

- Weigh-in begins

11:45

- Results announced
- Awards presentations
- Raffle prizes for athletes and boaters

12:30

- Bus loads for return to Athlete Village
- Boaters depart after bus leaves

1:00

- Bus arrives at Athlete Village