



## BASS FISHING CIRCUIT

HOSTED BY

**Estill County Chamber of Commerce**

Tournament #1: Irvine Pool KY River (Under the Bridge) on May 28<sup>th</sup>

Tournament #2: Upper Pool KY River (American Legion) on June 18<sup>th</sup>

Tournament #3: Irvine Pool KY River (Under the Bridge) on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

**Tournament Championship: 2 Day Tournament on  
Sat Oct 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Location TBD (Guaranteed  
\$1000.00 to 1<sup>st</sup> place and Paying 10 places)**

Awards Banquet: Cedar Village Restaurant October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

[www.estillcountyky.net](http://www.estillcountyky.net)

***\$1,050*** In prizes

(85% given away ... Based on 20 entries)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT:**

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**Prize Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$383.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> ..... \$170.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> ..... \$127.00  
4<sup>th</sup> ..... \$102.00  
5<sup>th</sup> ..... \$68.00

**Entry Fee**

**Must be registered by Tournament Date**  
Circuit Membership fee \$10.00 per  
person (One time only)  
Registration ... \$50.00 per boat  
Big Fish.....\$10.00 per boat  
*(Limit 40 Boats)*

**Bass Tournament  
Schedule**

See above for Dates

Registration: 5:30-6:30am  
*(Limit 40 Boats)*

Tournament times  
6:30 or first safe light to  
3:00pm

Weigh-in begins at 3:01

**BIG FISH  
\$200**

All Tournament Rules Apply.  
Weigh-in begins immediately following tournament.  
Largemouth, Smallmouth and Kentucky Bass ONLY.  
**EARLY REGISTRATION RECOMMENED**

## Estill County Chamber of Commerce Bass Circuit OFFICIAL RULES

1. **RULE CHANGES:** The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the event. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. In the event of a rule violation the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification, and forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the tournament director and tournament officials will be **FINAL IN ALL MATTERS**. It is at the director's discretion to make a change where safety of the contestants is a concern. All federal, state and local laws must be obeyed and it is the contestant's responsibility to know these laws. All contestants must read and sign the entry form. Your signature on this form will constitute a certification that each contestant has read and understands the rules and entry form participant agreement, release and acknowledgment of risk.
2. **PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** The Estill County Chamber of Commerce Bass Circuit is a Team Tournament. Participation in the Estill County Chamber of Commerce Bass Circuit will be open to all interested parties as long as they pay the \$10.00 membership Fee. All contestants must fish out of a boat. Only 2 participants may fish from the same boat. You must pay your registration fee before competing in the tournament.
3. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS:** AT NO TIME DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS are any alcoholic beverages or drugs, other than prescription, allowed in the boat or to be consumed while on the water. Violation of this rule will result in Immediate Disqualification and forfeiture of all Entry Fees.
4. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified. Any contestant who was previously disqualified from a fishing event that resulted from unexplained rule violations that result in a contestant's honesty, integrity, character, and qualifications for entry into Chamber Tournament event being questionable will not be permitted to enter the event. Contestants must have a valid Kentucky fishing license for the Tournament (Unless Exempt).
5. **BOATS AND MOTORS:** There is no horsepower limit; however, no engine may exceed BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All Boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have an aerated livewell large enough to sustain a tournament limit in releasable condition. Extra Gas tanks must be secured and meet U.S. Coast Guard specifications.
6. **SAFETY:** Boating Safety Must Be Observed At All Times. A U.S. Coast Guard Approved life preserver must be on and fastened any time the combustible engine is operative, and the kill switch must be attached to the driver. In case of any emergency or mechanical breakdown, contestants may take their catch, get into another contestants boat and return to the host marina.
7. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. Trolling with combustion engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. **ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED.** No live or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. Rods may not exceed eight feet in length. The use of electronic tracking equipment cannot be used.
8. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of the final weigh-in.
9. **POLYGRAPH:** All contestants, winners and non-winners, are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to a polygraph test will result in immediate disqualification. Any contestant who has failed a polygraph test, for cheating, in connection with any bass tournament will not be eligible to compete in Estill County Chamber of Commerce Bass Circuit.
10. **SCORING:** Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound and ounce weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Only largemouth, Smallmouth, and Kentucky (Spotted) Bass will be weighed. The limit shall be 5 of the above species and varieties. The bass must be at least 12 inches in size to be legal.
11. **PERMITTED FISHING WATERS:** No fishing is allowed around the host marina area. No tube, wade or bank fishing allowed.
12. **REGISTRATION:** All contestants including those who pre-registered **MUST** check-in at the tournament headquarters during official registration hours. If a team would like to purchase their way into one tournament they will have to pay full entry fee.
14. **FISHING HOURS:** Tournament will begin at 6:30 am or at first safe light and go until 3:00pm.
15. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$50 per boat Plus optional \$10 Big fish pot.
16. **HOST:** The host of the tournament expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any entry form or contest application.
17. **RULE VIOLATIONS:** All bass caught by contestants fishing together in one boat will be disqualified if any of the said contestants are found to be in violation of any tournament rules and regulations.
18. **LATE PENALTY:** Competitors who are not at the official Checkpoint area as described will be penalized 1 pound per minute late deducted from total weight. If 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day.
19. **DEAD FISH:** 1 pound will be deducted from your total weight for every dead fish weighed in. Dead fish cannot be weighed in for the big fish pot.
20. **CLASSIC QUALIFICATIONS:** In order for a fisherman to be eligible for the classic he/she must fish 2 of the previous 3 regular tournaments.
21. **POINTS SYSTEM:** There will be a points system to determine the launch order for the Classic.

Estill County Chamber of Commerce Bass Circuit Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle and Color: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Release: In signing this agreement, I hereby release Estill County Chamber of Commerce, its officers, sponsors, agents and employees, from any and all damages, claims, demands, cost, or expenses relating to injury of any persons or damage to any property which I may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with any fishing event.

Covenant not to sue and waiver of subrogation: I further agree that I will never sue Estill county Chamber of Commerce for damages on account of any injury damage that I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future in connection with this or any other tournament fishing event. I expressly agree to indemnify and hold Estill County Chamber of Commerce harmless from any liability whatsoever, including court cost and attorneys fees arising with respect to such action. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue Estill County Chamber of Commerce, I am waiving the right to recovery from Estill County Chamber of Commerce of my insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf. I further understand that by signing this agreement I waive any rights my heirs or relatives have or may have to sue Estill County Chamber of Commerce for liability.

Liability Insurance: I further state that I understand that I should maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in any Tournament Fishing event.

Signature

Date

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