

Galaxie Marine

**Best Service.
Best Boats.
Best People.**

2007 Galaxie Marine Open – Tournament Rules

1. Participants and Eligibility:

Participation in each tournament is open to all US residents. At least one team member must be 18 years or older. Galaxie Marine reserves the right to deny participation to anyone at their discretion.

1a. **INSURANCE & LIABILITY** - It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to carry and have proof of adequate public liability insurance covering them and passengers. All contestants are required to sign a waiver absolving the tournament sponsors, co-sponsors and their employees from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in the tournament or related activities. Contestants are required to have in their possession and provide proof of insurance on demand by the Tournament Director. All participants agree to hold harmless Galaxie Marine, its officers, directors, and agents.

2. Sportsmanship:

All teams are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any team 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. Galaxie Marine reserves the right to cancel membership at anytime. Galaxie Marine reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

3. Safety:

Boating safety must be observed at all times during practice and competition. A US Coast Guard approved life preserver must be on and fastened any time the combustible engine is operative and the kill switch lanyard must be attached to the driver during competition day

4. Boats and Motors:

There is no horsepower limit, however, no engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats must meet US Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have lights required by the Coast Guard. Lights must be in and turned on before the sun comes up prior to a day tournament or after sun set during a night tournament. All boats must have an aerated livewell large enough to sustain a tournament limit in releasable condition. Extra gas tanks must be secured and must meet US Coast Guard specifications.

5. Tackle and Equipment:

All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. Trolling with the aid of combustion or electric motors is not permitted. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait 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 official measuring board for Galaxie Marine is the Golden Rule. The use of electronic fish tracking equipment including underwater cameras is not allowed.

6. Protest:

All protest must be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the tournament officials close the scales. This means once the tournament is over, its over. You must have at least one witness to confirm the violation other than your non-boater.

7. 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 in connection with any bass tournament for cheating or whose results are found to be inconclusive will not be eligible to compete in Galaxie Marine tournaments.

8. Official Boats:

Officials will be on the lake for boat inspection and observation during tournament hours. Each team is required to cooperate with all requests.

9. Scoring:

Each team may weigh in five (5) fish per day with a minimum of 13 inches in length, or per DFG permit or lake rules, measured on a Golden Rule with the mouth closed. A penalty of .20 lb. per dead fish will be deducted from the total weight. Any team bringing more than (5) fish to the scales will be disqualified. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight for the competition days of the tournament. Only largemouth, spotted, red eye or smallmouth bass will be scored. Any team weighing in a fish shorter than the legal tournament length will be assessed a one (1) lb. penalty plus the loss of the short fish. Each team is required to leave from and return to a specified checkpoint. Any team returning to the checkpoint late will be penalized at the rate of one half pound per minute up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes no weight will be allowed. Once you hand your fish to the weighmaster, they will be weighed and the contestant(s) are done for the day. You must mark your big fish before you get to the scales (preferably with culling balls). Contestant(s) cannot handle the fish again once they have been handed to the weighmaster.

10. Culling Fish:

It is the responsibility of each team to keep no more than a maximum of a legal limit for the particular lake you are fishing in a live well. If more than the legal limit is present in the livewell during the event you will be subject to disqualification. You cannot cull a

dead fish. You can not cull in the Marina. Culling after you have checked in with the check in boat is grounds for disqualification.

11. Permitted Fishing Waters:

No fishing is allowed within 100 feet of the launch ramp of the host marina. All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat. No tube or wade fishing is allowed. Boats may not be trailered to and from weigh in during tournament hours unless under the direction of the tournament director. No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of a non-anchored tournament boat without that boat's permission. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of another anchored or tied tournament boat with the trolling motor out of the water without the anchored boat's permission. Both team partners must fish from the same boat. Only contestants may be in the boat during the tournament hours. Having a non-contestant sit in a hole for you (save your spot) will not be tolerated. Contestants cannot leave a boat to land a fish. Navigable waters are the only waters to be fished during the tournament. Contestants must be able to drive the boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat. The practice of restricting the natural movement of fish by any means such as, but not limited to the use of nets, tanks, or dams will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification. Restricting the access to waters normally accessible by all anglers, by any means such as, but not limited to the falling of trees or the construction of obstructions will not be allowed and will result in disqualification.

12. Guides:

Guides are allowed to fish in any and all tournaments provided a tournament contestant does not hire them to fish. Guides are not to be hired by contestants to scout or pre-fish prior to any tournament.

13. Registration:

Contestants that register by mail only must be in by 12 P.M. Friday prior to the tournament. For all other registrations this will be taken at the launch site at 3:00 AM. - 5:00 A.M. up until the last boat has left. Fishing hours and checkpoints will be disclosed at the registration/start. It is each team's responsibility to obtain this information from the Tournament Director. Starting position will be determined on a number draw. For tournament registration please contact region director for current information.

14. Practice Fishing:

No off limits. During the tournament, a competitor may not use a CB radio, a VHF marine band radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. These devices may be used for emergency purposes only. During the competition days a contestant must not have the assistance or advice from anyone to locate bass except from another contestant in this tournament. Failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these rules will be cause for disqualification. During a two day event the participants are allowed on the lake only during tournament hours.

15. Conservation:

Conservation and safety is the primary concern of Galaxie Marine. Adequate live wells

are mandatory on each boat and must provide adequate aeration to maintain fish in good condition.

16. 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. All local, state and lake laws will be enforced.

17. Tie Breakers:

If two teams have the same weight at the end of the tournament the big fish will break the tie. Big fish must be marked prior to handing it to the weighmaster. No one other than the weighmaster or tournament officials may handle the fish after the bag is handed to the weighmaster.