

2018 HOOVER RESERVOIR TEAM TRAIL

~~~~~**100% Payouts**~~~~~



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April 8th, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, Aug. 19th, Sept. 16th

****Championship October 27th & 28th 2018****

Starting time: Safe Light thru 3:15pm (Registration starting at 5:30a.m.)

Launch Location: Walnut Street Ramp

Annual Team Membership Fee: \$20 per team

Entry Fee: \$80 per boat (side \$10 Big Bass Pot)

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BOAT NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY DATE/TIME IN WHICH THE ENTRY IS RECEIVED. ALL STATE AND LOCAL LAWS WILL BE ENFORCED. 5 FISH LIMIT PER BOAT (LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH ONLY) DEAD FISH 8 OZ AND NO DEAD FISH ALLOWED FOR BIG BASS POT) 50 YARD RULE IN EFFECT, EXCEPT IF GIVEN PERMISSION BY ANCHORED BOAT. ALL PROTEST MUST BE MADE IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF WEIGH-IN. BASS RULES APPLY.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HOOVER TEAM TRAIL**

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(Signature **REQUIRED** to release all volunteers of any/all Liability)

# **HOOVER TEAM TRAIL**

## **“RULES”**

1. **Membership Requirements:** To be eligible to participate in the Hoover Team Trail, each participant must fully and legibly complete a membership form and pay the mandatory yearly membership fee prior to completing in an event. Membership fee is \$20 per team.
2. **Entry Fees:** Entry fees are \$80 per event. An additional \$10 Big Bass Pot will be collected at each event. Participants may buy into "1" event for the Trail and still be eligible to compete in the championship. Entry fees can be paid in full up front or may be paid on an individual event basis.
3. **Teams and Substitutes:**  
Team Trail: Each team event will consist of a two person team. Each team is allowed to use "2" additional people as a substitute during the regular tournament season. Sub fee is \$10 per season. Teams may use a sub for up to three events during the season. One member of the original Team must compete in each event.
4. **Paybacks:** The Hoover Team Trail is a 100% payback circuit. 30% of the entry will be withheld for the year end championships.
5. **Big Bass:** The \$10 big bass pot will pay one (1) place at every regular season event. Ties for big bass will split the pot. Dead bass will not be weighed for big bass.
6. **Tournament Hours:** Tournament hours are safe light until 3:00 pm for the Team Trail. The tournament directors reserves the right to change any tournament's hours in the event that weather or other circumstances do not allow for a safe launch. All decisions regarding start and end times will be made exclusively by the tournament directors.
7. **Tournament Registration:** There will be a registration area set up at the tournament site starting approximately one hour prior to the tournament's scheduled launch time. All participating teams are required to register at the registration table before each event.
8. **Limit:** There is a five (5) fish limit per event. Any participants bringing in more than five (5) fish to the scales will be disqualified. Culling may be done at any time prior to the weigh-in beginning. Once on the trailer, all bass that are in the boat must be brought to the scales. Fish that appear to be altered or mangled will only be weighed at the discretion of the tournament committee.
9. **Short Fish Penalties:** All fish must be the legal size (12 inches). All participants are responsible for checking the length of their fish before bringing them to the scales. A courtesy board will be available at the weigh-in. A (1) pound penalty will result for each fish under the legal size limit.
10. **Dead Fish Penalty:** There will be an 8 ounce penalty per dead fish. Dead fish will not be entered in the Big Bass Pot.
11. **Permitted Fishing Methods:** All bass must be caught alive and in a conventional sporting manner. Only one (1) rod may be used at a time by each participant. Trolling as a method of fishing is absolutely prohibited. Only artificial lures can be used in all tournaments. The use of pork trailers is permitted.
12. **Late Check-Ins:** A one (1) pound per minute penalty will be assessed to any team that is late to check-in at the end of a tournament. Teams arriving more than five (5) minutes past the check-in time will automatically be disqualified. Check-in time will be announced prior to the launch of each tournament.
13. **Scoring:** Only largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass can be weighed-in by participants. Points will start at one hundred (100) for first place, 99 second, 98 third, etc... The last place team not weighing in a catch will receive the last place points (-) minus 10 points.
14. **Trail Points Champions:** The Team points champion in the Trail will be awarded to the team with the most points accumulated throughout the yearly events. The Team Trail champion's will be awarded a paid entry for the Trail for the following year. In case of a year end points tie, the tie will be broken by the total number of fish weighed in for that season, secondly by the Big Bass of each Team.
15. **Team Trail Championship:** An entry fee of \$100 for each team. The event will be a (2) two day tournament. Teams must compete in 5 of the 6 scheduled events for the qualifying year, to be eligible to compete in the championship. See "Rule #2" for additional qualifying means.
16. **Take-Off:** Take-off position (boat number) will be assigned by when the entry fee was received. Take-off will be a shotgun start if the field is under 12 boats.
17. **Boat Inspection:** All live wells will be checked by the tournament committee prior to the start of each tournament at the boat ramp.
18. **Sportsmanship:** All participants are required to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Flagrant sportsmanship violations may result in disqualification.
19. **Protest:** All protests must be submitted in writing to a tournament director before close of the weigh-in. Decisions regarding protests will be made solely by the tournament director.