



Official Team Registration Form

Send complete forms and payments to:

Tournament Fishing Times

2534 Park Dr.,

St. Cloud, MN 56303

Angler Contact information may be shared with tournament participants.

Make checks payable to Tournament Fishing Times

Angler Information (Please print clearly)

Captain

Partner

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City:	City:
State/Zip:	State/Zip:
E-mail:	E-mail:
Phone #:	Phone #:
Social Security #:	Social Security #:

2010 Tournament Date

Saturday, August 28th Leech Lake, MN

Fees/Payments

Entry Fee Balance Due, August 27th, 2010	\$200.00
<p>Please Read! ** No registration form will be accepted if incomplete or without a deposit. All Angler Information and Release Information must be completed along with signatures from both anglers to be considered complete. Anglers will be notified by email when form is received. Teams will not be considered "Paid in Full" until a copy of valid liability insurance is received.</p>	

Release

- 1) I will assume all risk of injury or death and loss of personal property which may result from my participation in the event(s).
- 2) I hereby release and discharge all sponsors, beneficiaries, other participants and their respective officers, directors, officials, representatives, agents and employees from any and all liability, obligation, loss, damages, claims or causes of action in any way resulting from or arising out the event(s). I grant this release and discharge with full knowledge and awareness of the inherent danger associated with competitive fishing such as these events.
- 3) I agree to comply with any and all requirements of the event(s) with respect to procurement of liability insurance for use of my boat in the event(s).
- 4) I have read and understand all Big Bass Bonanza/Snag Proof rules and will abide by all state and local laws, ordinances and Big Bass Bonanza/Snag rules.
- 5) I will allow the tournament to use all pictures, videos and names for the media or advertising of the tournament without my prior consent and without royalty or other compensation of any kind to me.
- 6) The Big Bass Bonanza/Snag Proof reserves the right to accept or reject individual entries or participants for various factors requiring adjustments to each event field.

I, the undersigned, have applied to participate in the 2010 Snag Proof Open Tournament Circuit and in consideration of my participation in the event(s), I have read, understand and agree to all conditions of this registration, fee, release and tournament rules:

Captain Signature:	Partner Signature:
Date:	Date:

SNAG PROOF OPEN 2010 RULES

1. Rule Changes

These rules will remain unchanged for the year 2010. Interpretation of the rules will be left exclusively to the Snag Proof Tournament Director and are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

2. Participation

Participation as Captain is open only to tournament anglers who are 18 years of age or older. Participation as a partner is open only to tournament anglers who are 16 years of age or older. All contestants must have in their possession a valid state fishing license.

3. Permitted Fishing Methods

Only Snag Proof Brand Frogs are to be used in this tournament. Snag Proof Frogs must be used in a fashion, method, and or technique in which the Snag Proof Frog is the primary lure. Snag Proof Frogs cannot be used as a trailer on a jig, spinner bait, or buzz bait. Snag Proof lure permits modifications to the Snag Proof lures by adding rattles or additional weights to your Snag Proof lure. This includes the use of weights for techniques such as Texas rigs, Carolina rigs, or Drop Shot rigs. Modifications by painting or staining your frogs are permitted. You may change the hooks, No trailers of any kind will be allowed.

4. Angler Code of Conduct

Anglers participating in the Snag Proof Open event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming professional anglers that will not reflect unfavorably on the tour, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors. To this end, anglers shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any angler who violates any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to fines, forfeiture of tournament winnings, suspension from competing in the Snag Proof Open event, permanent ban from competition, or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by the Snag Proof Tournament officials.

5. Pre-tournament practice

Tournament practice will end at 4:00 Friday the 27th all anglers are to be done locating fish at this time. The purchasing of information or the hiring of services will not be permitted for 5 days prior to the tournament and continuing through tournament day.

6. Registration and Pre-tournament meeting

It is mandatory that each contestant register in person at the designated site for the meeting. Meeting will be held at 6pm at Trappers Landing Lodge, all rules regarding weigh in, flights, boat draw, etc.... will be discussed. To be registered for the boat draw your entry must be in one week prior to the event.

7. Cell Phones & Information

The use of mobile communication devices, including but not limited to cell phones, marine radios, walkie talkies, CB's etc; during tournament hours are prohibited except in the case of emergency. No contact between competitors is allowed during tournament hours. Tournament Directors phone will be your responsibility to have on hand.

8. Sportsmanship

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conversation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit themselves, the Snag Proof Open and their sponsors, the sport of fishing, and the efforts to promote the sport. Any unfavorable conduct or action by a contestant, including but not limited to, a citation from a law enforcement officer whether ultimately guilty or not, or failure to comply with any of the official rules for Snag Proof Open will be grounds for disqualification for the tournament.

9. Boat Operation

Competitors must maintain a minimum distance of 50 yards from another competitor unless you have their consent. You must obey all buoys and signs on the lake. All Minnesota Fishing and boating regulations apply.

10. Boat Regulation

All boats must be a minimum of 16' in length with a properly aerated live-well to maintain a live tournament limit of bass. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. All tournament boats must be cleaned of all harmful exotic plants, including milfoil and zebra mussels prior to entering tournament waters. Live- wells may be checked at any time by a Tournament official.

11. Permitted Fishing Locations

Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by local or federal officials or within 50 yards of a competitor's boat. All fishing must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. No tournament boat may be loaded on the trailer before weigh in except with the permission of Tournament Director. In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there will be only two permitted methods for returning to the official check-in: 1. by both partners remaining in the boat while being towed by water or 2. by both partners entering the boat of another tournament contestant. Under these two conditions the contestants' catches may be counted without a penalty, except for late penalties, dead-fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules. Contestants who elect to return to the official check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their days catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Any contestant returning to check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition under the supervision of a Tournament Official. It is the sole responsibility of the contestants to locate an officer to request restart.

12. Official Check-In

There will be an official check-in location in the morning as well as the afternoon designated by an American Flag. It is your responsibility to check-in before and after the tournament. Failure to go through the boat check, morning check-in and afternoon check-in will result in a disqualification.

13. Late Penalty

Contestants who are not at the official check-in area at the appointed time will be penalized 1 pound per minute deducted from the total weight including any weight to be counted toward a big bass award. Any contestant more than 15 minutes late will lose credit for that day's weight.

14. Severe Weather

In the event of a thunderstorm, lightning and/or severe weather, contestants may pull into the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing. Contestants may not leave their boats during tournament hours except at the official weigh-in station or if severe weather forces them ashore.

15. Live Fish

Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated live-well. Snag Proof Open Recommends the use of live well additives that promote the healthy return of bass to their natural habitat. A deduction of .25 pounds will be deducted from total weight for every dead fish.

16. Scoring

Winning contestants will be determined by a four fish limit with the total weight, after any deductions for penalties weights will be in order from greatest to least. Big Bass award will be awarded in the same manner.

17. Ties

Winners will be determined by total weight of fish, then big bass and finally a coin toss.

18. Protests

Boats 4 and 8 will be part of the Tournament Rule Committee. If there is a protest or problem, all protests must be done by the prior to the end of weigh-in.

19. Insurance

Liability insurance, with coverage in Minnesota, with minimum amounts of \$300,000 is required for all boats used in tournaments.

20. Refunds & Credits

No refunds apply at any time. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, a credit may extend to an angler if a life-threatening emergency situation or death in the family has arisen that has caused the angler to miss a tournament. Credit must carry over to the angler the following years or it is forfeited. Disqualification from a tournament for any reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee.

21. Anglers waiver & acknowledgement

Participation Agreement: I understand that this is a professional sporting event governed by the rules that have been established by tournament officials. I acknowledge that I have read and Understand these rules and that these rules relate to the safety of all the participants as well as the fair sporting conduct of this event. The Tournament Official(s) shall act as the referee in all disputes and their decision is based on their interpretations of the rules will be final and without legal appeal. I understand that there are never refunds for tournament entry fees. Release of Liability: I acknowledge that I am participating voluntarily in the Snag Proof Open. I recognized that loss of property, injury or death could arise from the fishing and boating activities contemplated by the tournament and the risks normally encountered in open water fishing from a boat may be enhanced by exposure to the elements and other risks inherent in outdoor competition. I warrant that I am in good physical and mental health and am physically capable of withstanding the rigors and requirements of a professional competition.

Photo & Video Release: I understand and agree that any and all photographs, videos or films taken during the course of my participation in the tournament which includes me, my name and/ or my boat may be used by the tournament organizers.