



**2022 LYBN West Qualifier #2
Cypress Bend Park, Toledo Bend
February 5th, 2022**

📌 Please read this in its entirety. If you know teams that aren't on Facebook, make sure they have this information to avoid issues📌

There will not be a pre-tournament meeting at Toledo Bend. This document contains the information needed.

WEAR YOUR PFD EVERY MOMENT THAT YOUR OUTBOARD IS RUNNING AND IN GEAR!

DO NOT STAND IF THE OUTBOARD IS RUNNING!!!!

YOUR FEET MUST BE ON THE BOTTOM FLOOR WHEN RUNNING!

Covid is still an issue. Please follow safe practices to protect yourself as well as your team. Masks are suggested in crowds, and we will have hand sanitizer available if needed.

Official practice day is **Friday 2/4/2022**; All rules apply. Captains may fish on official practice day. Captains can run the trolling motor on practice day, but we prefer high schoolers to run them if at all possible.

We will start boat checks/ check in at **4:30am** Saturday morning in the area shown on the maps at the bottom of this document. **We want all boats in the water ready to go by 6:00AM**

Our tournament volunteers may have to pass you trying to get in the park, please let them pass and get in line at the park gate.

As soon as you stop in line to the boat check and launch, start prepping your boat for inspection. Don't wait until you get to officials to prep your boat📌📌📌This is always a problem so please help us keep the line moving by having your boat ready, well before you reach the boat check area.

Items to be completed are:

- **Navigation lights in and turned on.** (It is a good idea to bring a battery backup navigation light set for light issues) If you fish enough tournaments, one day you will pull in and your lights won't work. We can't let you fish if your lights aren't working.
- **Livewells open** for inspection.
- One **PFD** for each member of the team counting the captain, out and on the deck, easily visible to tournament officials.
- You may be spot checked for **insurance papers**, be prepared to show them.
- Double check to make sure that your **plug** is in while prepping.
- *When you get to the check station area and are in line, send one team member to the check in table under the pavilion next to the launch to check in and get your card. **Make sure that they know their boat number. (Junior teams may launch their boat then check in if the captains aren't comfortable with them checking in alone)**
- After boat check, please **turn your headlights off** when entering the launch area to avoid blinding those trying to back boats in and directing traffic.

Be checked in and have your boat in the water before 6:00 AM.

You may motor from other locations at a "reasonable" distance as you deem safe but use extreme caution navigating and go slowly. *We will not be held responsible for unsafe navigation in low-light conditions. Please use extreme caution.* If checking in via water. We will have a volunteer checking boats at the end of the T dock (Do not block that area)

If coming to the launch via water, it is your responsibility to get your boat checked, check in, and get your ribbon and card.

See maps for traffic flow.

After launching boats, drivers, proceed immediately to the parking areas. Please park as close to others as possible, to avoid wasted spaces. Please do not block any intersections and be courteous to those trying to get in line from the other areas of the park... PLEASE LET THEM IN LINE.

Do not park your boat on the docks and hang out. Only use the docks for entering and exiting boats as well as getting boat checks.

This is courtesy to those needing to get to their boats and we will monitor this. It's always a problem so please help us. Have anglers either beach the boat or pull well away from launches to wait until the driver returns for pickup.

Juniors will blast off first.

When lining up for blast off, use your cards to communicate your boat number that is printed largely on the back of the card. This will help everyone line up in the proper order for blast off. Blast off will begin when the tournament director deems that it is safe to navigate (Safe light)

Tournament waters are all public waters of Toledo Bend Reservoir. **Any area marked "private" is off limits.** No fishing within 200 yards of the host landing. At Cypress Bend, this is the launch area drawing an imaginary line from the green pavilion by the flags to the point across to the southwest. (see map at the bottom of the document) You may not cast beyond that imaginary line, or you will be in violation.

Flight check in times

Flight 1: **3:00pm** Boats 1 through 25
Flight 2: **3:15pm** Boats 26 through 50
Flight 3: **3:30pm** Boats 51 through 75
Flight 4: **3:45pm** Boats 76 through 100
Flight 5: **4:00pm** Boats 101 through 125
Flight 6: **4:15pm** Boats 126 through 150 (if needed)
Flight 7: **4:30pm** Boats 151 through 175 (if needed)
Flight 8: **4:45pm** Boats 176 through 200 (if needed)

Juniors, you are due in no later than 2:00 PM.

If you are not checked in with our tournament officials before your due in time, you are late. There will be someone checking boats in that afternoon, at the green pavilion at the lake entrance to the launch area. (Same area that we will call boat numbers that morning, *SEE MAPS BELOW*) They will have bright yellow caps on so please find them before your check in time. Late penalties will be assessed if late. Allow extra time for boat traffic!!

Special note: Fish care is a top priority for BASS and our organization. The next few instructions help us make sure that we are returning as many healthy fish back to the lake as is humanly possible. Pay close attention to these steps.

Once you check in with officials, beach or dock your boat, then send one angler to the bump station table to get one of our bags.

For this tournament you **do not** need put your boats on the trailer before weighing in unless otherwise instructed by tournament officials.

You will turn your card in at the bag table by the bump station. You will trade your card for a bag.

DO NOT BRING FISH TO THE BUMP STATION IN YOUR OWN BAG! This is a conservation practice and required for our contract with BASS and Cypress Bend Park. It will be enforced so please adhere to this rule.

Once you have your fish in the weigh bag, quickly return to the bump station to have fish measured. Fish will be measure with the mouth closed, tail pinched and swept back and forth to reach the 14" minimum length line. If a fish is deemed short, a second official will be called to give a second opinion and an official decision will be made. That decision will be final.

After weighing fish, proceed to the photo area live tank and let your fish recover before you get photos taken. After photos are taken, put your fish back in the bag, submerge them in the live tank a few moments to recover, then promptly return your fish to the water. **(DO NOT THROW DEAD FISH IN THE WATER. EITHER KEEP THEM OR GIVE TO A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL. If you don't think a fish will survive when releasing, please don't throw it back, contact an official at the bump station)** Be gentle when returning fish to the water. We saw anglers last year throw fish in the air when returning them to the lake. **This WILL result in a dead fish penalty.**

Please, no photos outside of the photo area are allowed. Parents will be allowed to take photos in the photo area.

Be considerate of others while on the water. When passing close to others who are anchored or fishing, please slow to an idle speed, no wake. Observe all posted "No Wake" zones. **Do not cut boats off.**

Very important!! Do not stop in the ramp area roadway to tie down your boat. Pull into a parking spot and stay out of the flow of traffic, please.

When running, make sure you stay in the marked boat lanes for your safety!!!!!!

We ask that every captain and angler read and understand the rules document. Most of the many questions that we are asked the answer will be found on the rules document.

You need to keep a copy of the rules in the boat for reference.

The minimum length on bass at Toledo Bend will be 14" for all Bass.





