

**VI. SPORTSMANSHIP** (CONTINUED)

- B. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on Tournament waters. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
- C. The use of mobile communication devices, including, but not limited to, cellular telephones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., during tournament hours are prohibited except in emergency (severe weathers, etc.) or to communicate with lockmasters.
- D. During the tournament days, anglers may not obtain or receive fishing information and/or assistance in the catching of fish from a non-competitor. Competitors may not follow a non-competitor's boat or allow a non-competitor to anchor and/or hold spots for competitors. Competitors may not engage in the practice of paying non-competitors to practice fishing for them. Violation of this rule or intent of this rule will result in disqualification.

**VII. INSURANCE**

All contestants using their boat in the Invitational must submit a copy of a "paid in full" current boating liability policy with a minimum value of \$300,000 (waivers and binders will not be accepted). Your insurance form must accompany the entry form, or your check and entry form will be returned. **There are no exceptions to this rule.**

**VIII. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS**

All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers. Only one fishing rod may be used at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.

**IX. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS**

- A. Mississippi River, Pools 4 and 5 from lock and dam 3 at Red Wing to the lock and dam 5. The lateral boundaries are the main railroad tracks running north/south on the Minnesota and Wisconsin sides of the river. Contestants may fish anywhere accessible by boat, within the boundaries, except areas designated by federal, state, local officials or Tournament Director.
- B. All angling 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. The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the Tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat, and must remain in contact with the boat at all times except in the case of dire emergency.

**X. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINTS**

Teams who fail to arrive at the official check-in location by the time established at the rules meeting will be held for inspection until all other boats have been released.

**XI. SCORING**

Scoring shall be determined by the pounds and ounces of each team's catch during the Tournament. LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS will be the only accepted species. The tournament limit shall be Six (6) bass per team. The minimum length of the bass shall be Fourteen (14") inches. **Any team who possesses more than the legal limit or brings more than 6 fish into the Wabasha Municipal Harbor weigh-in area shall be immediately disqualified.** Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the prescribed length violate Minnesota and Wisconsin Fish and Game Regulation and will result in disqualification of the days catch. **NO CULLING STATE LAW.**

**XII. LIVE FISH**

Every effort must be made to keep the bass alive through the use of a properly aerated or re-circulated livewell. Four (4) ounces shall be deducted from the total weight for each dead bass weighed in. Under no circumstances can a fish be purposely altered.

**XIII. LATE PENALTY**

Contestants who are not within the municipal harbor mouth at the appointed time shall have their day's catch disqualified. All fishing shall cease upon check-in.

**XIV. TIES**

In case of ties, positions will be determined by: 1st tiebreaker – number of fish alive, 2nd tiebreaker – total number of fish, 3rd tiebreaker – big fish, and last tiebreaker – coin toss.

**XV. RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS**

- A. Contestants will be responsible for knowing the Invitational rules as well as state and local rules and regulations, which pertain to the Tournament waters.
- B. All protests must be lodged with the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of completion of daily weigh-in. Following interviews with concerned parties, a ruling will be made. The Tournament Director will interpret rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and his decision in all disputes is final.
- C. Tournament Director reserves the right to polygraph any contestant. Contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph when signing the Tournament waiver. Winnings will be withheld pending results of the test.
- D. In the event rules infractions are brought to the Tournament Director's attention at any time, and investigation proves a violation occurred, disqualification from the tournament could result. Also, cash prizes and awards must be returned if so requested.

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2012  
**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

The logo for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital features a purple silhouette of a child sitting on a curved line that represents a horizon or a path. Below the silhouette, the text "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital" is written in a serif font. Underneath that, "ALSAC • Danny Thomas, Founder" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the slogan "Finding cures. Saving children." is written in a purple, italicized serif font.

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MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> 2012

# OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

## 2012 DICK HILEY/ST. JUDE BASS CLASSIC

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Co Captain \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Will you bring guests to the banquet? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner / Awards Banquet to be held Saturday May 5th following weigh in. Location TBD.

**Payment in full: \$350 til April 1, \$400 from April 2 to April 27. Make checks payable to Zumbro Valley Bassmasters.**

For updates go to [www.stjudefishing.com](http://www.stjudefishing.com)

Mail entry and check payment to: Zumbro Valley Bassmasters, c/o Eric Ronningen, 6556 - 70th Ave. N.E., Rochester, MN 55906

Boating Liability insurance? \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach copy of policy. (See Rule VII.) Failure to provide a copy will result in rejection of your entry. No exceptions!*

## OFFICIAL WAIVER

**In consideration of my being accepted to participate in the Tournament, I agree as follows:**

1. I assume all risk of injury or death and loss of personal property which may result from my participation in the Tournament.
2. I hereby release and discharge the Sponsor, the Beneficiary, 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 of the Tournament. I grant this release and discharge with full knowledge and awareness of the inherent danger associated with competitive fishing events such as the Tournament.
3. I agree to comply with any and all requirements of the Tournament with respect to procurement of liability insurance for use of my boat in the Tournament.
4. I have read and am familiar with the rules and agree to abide by all rules of the Tournament and further agree that resolution of any disputes and other decisions made by the Tournament Director or other Tournament Officials shall be binding and conclusive and not subject to legal or administrative appeal.
5. I agree that any and all photographs, videos or filming of the Tournament which includes me, my name and/or my boat made during my participation in the Tournament may be used by the Sponsor or Beneficiary or the news media without my prior consent and without royalty or other compensation of any kind to me.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ MN State Fishing License # \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ MN State Fishing License # \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By:

Received Date:

# OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

## 2012 DICK HILEY/ST. JUDE BASS CLASSIC

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

### I. RULE CHANGES

The following changes have been made to the 2012 Tournament rules.

II. A. Participation as team entry. At least one (1) partner of each team shall be 21 years of age or older. Those anglers under the age of 18 years must have written consent of parent or guardian.

III. A. Entry Fee: The entry fee for the tournament is \$350 per team if received by April 1st. Beyond April 1, the fee is \$400 per team. This is non-refundable. Entries need to be in the Tournament Director's possession no later than **Friday April 27, 2012**. Beyond that date applications will be rejected.

### II. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Participation as team entry. At least one (1) partner of each team shall be 21 years of age or older. Those anglers under the age of 18 years must have written consent of parent or guardian.

B. Each contestant must possess a valid state fishing license.

C. The Invitational reserves the right to refuse entry to any team who has been barred from other Tournaments for rules violations or unsportsmanlike conduct. Determination will be made by Tournament Director only.

### III. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

A. Entry Fee: The entry fee for the tournament is \$350 per team if received by April 1st. Beyond April 1, the fee is \$400 per team. This is non-refundable. **Entries must be in the Tournament Director's possession no later than Friday April 27, 2012. Beyond that date applications will be rejected.**

B. Friday, May 4th is official practice day. **All boats must be on a trailer by 4:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS.** The tournament days are Saturday and Sunday, May 5th and 6th.

C. Weigh-in will take place at the Wabasha Ramp. Boxing of bass or moving of fish from one location to another during pre-tournament practice is prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification. The Tournament officials will have the right to board tournament boats, during practice and on the tournament day, to check livewells, etc.

D. Payback is over 100 percent of entry fees plus cash and prizes.

### IV. PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

The pre-tournament meeting will be held on Friday, May 4, 2012 at a location to be determined. Check-in will be from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, with the meeting beginning as close to 5:30 pm as possible. The meeting is mandatory for each team. NO EXCEPTIONS. Flight and boat positions to be determined at this meeting.

### V. SAFETY

A. Each competitor must observe safe boating conduct at all times.

B. Each angler is required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver which is fully secured whenever the main combustion engine is running.

C. All competitors must have an emergency ignition shut-off device securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation.

D. All boats must be a minimum of 14-feet in length. Stick steering is not allowed. No barges or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats shall contain a properly aerated or re-circulating livewell space to maintain a live limit of bass.

E. Use of and/or possession of alcohol or drugs (other than those prescribed by a licensed physician, or purchased over the counter), during the Tournament is prohibited; this includes the time prior to a teams weigh-in. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification.

F. The Tournament Director retains the right to delay, cancel or restrict Tournament Waters in the case of severe weather.

G. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disallow the use of any boat and/or motor he deems unsafe, inappropriate, or unsuitable for use in competition. The Tournament Director's decision in this matter is final and may be made at any time.

H. During practice and during the Tournament, contestants must follow and obey local ordinances governing the river, including speed limit laws and no wake zone. Any contestant issued a ticket by a law enforcement agency will be disqualified.

### VI. SPORTSMANSHIP

A. All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

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