

MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series

Rules & Information

Angler information for the 2024 MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series

MEMBERSHIP, ENTRY FEE, PAYBACK & BIG BASS:

Solo Pro Series annual membership fee is \$100.00 per angler per year.

Solo Pro Series Entry fee is \$275.00 per boat which includes; \$25.00 for the Solo Pro Series Championship, \$25.00 credit towards your fifth tournament of the season, \$10.00 for Big Bass, then 80% payout (\$172.00 per boat). A deposit of \$25.00 for each tournament and membership fee can be paid to secure your boat number.

MOBASSFISHIN' SOLO PRO SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION & RULE ADDITIONS:

Entry Fee: \$400.00 which includes \$25.00 for Big Bass, then 80% payout (\$300.00 per boat). Entry fee must be paid by the Monday prior to the tournament. To be eligible to qualify for the MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series Championship, an angler must fish a minimum of 4 tournaments in the season. The top 40% of anglers with paid membership in the series will qualify for the MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series Championship that meets eligibility requirements. If an angler wins an event and has met the 4 tournament minimum requirement, regardless of points will be eligible, if the angler is in the top 40% then an additional angler will be added. If a qualified angler is unable to attend the Championship, the next eligible angler will be invited. Points will be based on an angler's best 5 tournaments and applied towards Angler of the Year and Championship eligibility. The Championship Lake will be **Off Limits Monday – Wednesday the week prior to tournament**. The MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series Championship will pay back 25% anglers entered, and will pay back 80% or more.

The Championship Fund will be generated with \$25.00 from each entry fee paid throughout the season and entries of anglers at the championship and the accumulated funds of angler credits that were not claimed during the season. Additions to the Championship Fund will be through Sponsorships.

MOBASSFISHIN' SOLO PRO SERIES ELITE TEN CHAMPIONSHIP:

To be eligible for the no entry fee, \$7,500.00 Dash for Cash on a mystery lake, you must be in the top ten in points at the end of the regular season, and fished all 5 tournaments. If a top ten participant is not able to attend then the next angler qualified will be invited. Instruction will be given to you at the fifth tournament of the season. All participants will be paid.

How to use your Credit

The \$25.00 credit of every tournament will be accumulated as credit towards your fifth tournament fished in the season, to include the championship. You must fish four tournaments to use your credit. You must use your credit during the season to include the championship. The credits do not secure a boat number. Credits will not be refunded or moved to the following year if not used during season.

Rules for the MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series

MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series has compiled a set of rules that have been compiled from the laws of the State of Missouri, Missouri Department of Conservation and standard rules set forth by the bass tournament fishing industry.

The laws State of Missouri and boater safety regulations can be found at <http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/WaterPatrol/>. The Missouri Department of Conservation fishing regulations can be found at <http://mdc.mo.gov/>.

ELIGIBILITY:

All individuals, 18 years of age or older and meet the boater certificate requirements set forth by the State of Missouri with a paid entry fee and a current paid membership to MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series are eligible to fish. MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series reserves the right to reject any entry that is not in the best interest of the tournament.

CHECK-IN / PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING:

Each angler must check in the morning of each tournament. A pre-meeting will take place on the water approximately five (5) minutes prior to the official start. Idle by live well checks may take place at any time either on or off the water.

LOCATIONS:

Anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by the Corp of Engineers, local, state, or federal officials. You cannot fish within 50 yards of a contestant's anchored boat. Any additional off limits will be announced at the pre-meeting prior to take-off. There are no off-limit days for qualifying tournaments, except for the Championship, which is stated below.

BOATS and MOTORS:

Any boat, 14 feet or longer, meeting B.I.A. and Coast Guard requirements with a functional kill switch and functional bilge pump and properly aerated live well will be accepted. No over-powered boats.

INSURANCE:

Boat owners must have at least \$100,000 of Boating Liability Insurance. Proof of insurance may be asked for at any time and may be a question on the polygraph test.

TACKLE and EQUIPMENT:

Only artificial lures and pork style baits are allowed. All bass must be caught on a rod and reel. Only one rod and reel in use at any time by any one angler.

SCORING:

Largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass will be scored, five (5) fish limit. A short fish will result in a one (1) pound penalty plus the loss of the fish. A dead fish will result in a one (1) pound penalty per fish. A dead fish is not allowed to be weighed as big bass. No more than five (5) fish are allowed in live well (in possession) at any time. Anyone bringing more than five (5) fish to the weigh-in scales will not be allowed to weigh in ANY fish. All fish MUST be brought to the scales in a Solo Pro Series official weigh-in bag. Culling of dead fish is prohibited.

LATE PENALTY:

An Angler will be penalized one pound per minute for up to ten (10) minutes, then disqualification for not being checked in by the tournament officials or their representatives by the prescribed times.

TIES:

All ties will be broken by 1) big bass, 2) most fish weighed in, 3) by earliest entry.

POINTS:

Each angler will receive 25 show-up points. Points will start at 200 for 1st place and descend 1 point for each place dropped. Each angler will also receive 1 point for each pound of bass weighed in, and will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

PROTEST:

All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within fifteen (15) minutes of the weigh-in completion. The appointed Tournament Advisory Board will handle all protests. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters.

QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING:

By contestant(s) signature on entry form and/or participation in these tournaments, the contestant(s) agree to any quality assurance tests if required by the Tournament Director. They may include all or part of the following: CVSA, Polygraph test, Urinalysis, or Blood test. Refusal of an angler to submit to a test or failure of a test will result in loss of winnings, immediate disqualification, plus subsequent disqualification from future tournaments. Quality assurance tests will be conducted as soon as possible at the conclusion of official tournament hours.

SAFETY and SPORTSMANSHIP:

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Contestants may not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. No tournament boat may be loaded on the trailer before weigh-in except with the permission of the Tournament Director or announced as a trailered weigh-in. Life jackets and kill switches must be used any time the combustion motor is gear and moving (recommended during idle). All contestants are required to follow the highest degree of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, tournament days may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. No alcohol or controlled substance can be used or allowed in the boat during tournament hours. No hole-sitting allowed.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS:

Cell Phones: We encourage all contestants to have a cell phone in their boat for emergency use only.

Breakdown: In the event of a boat breakdown, an angler must contact the tournament director and then may transfer their fish to another contestants boat for transport to the weigh-in site, meeting the following conditions; The fish must be placed in a segregated live well, and the breakdown angler must accompany those fish at all times to the weigh-in site.

Early Departure: Any angler departing prior to weigh in from the tournament lake must contact the tournament director or appointed staff member. Failure to do so will result in the loss of any points earned at that tournament.

Audio/Video Recording of Events

When you participate a MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series event, you will be participating in an event where photography, video and audio recording may occur. By participating in the MoBassFishin'

Solo Pro Series event, you consent to interview(s), photography, audio recording, video recording and its/their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction to be used for news, web casts, promotional purposes, telecasts, advertising, inclusion on web sites, or for any other purpose(s) that MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series, its vendors, partners, affiliates and/or representatives deems fit to use. You release MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series, its officers and employees, and each and all persons involved from any liability connected with the taking, recording, digitizing, or publication of interviews, photographs, computer images, video and/or or sound recordings.

By entering the event premises, you waive all rights you may have to any claims for payment or royalties in connection with any exhibition, streaming, webcasting, televising, or other publication of these materials, regardless of the purpose or sponsoring of such exhibiting, broadcasting, webcasting, or other publication irrespective of whether a fee for admission or sponsorship is charged. You also waive any right to inspect or approve any photo, video, or audio recording taken by MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series Board or the person or entity designated to do so by MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series Board.

You have been fully informed of your consent, waiver of liability, and release before participating in the MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series event

KNOWLEDGE OF THESE RULES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH CONTESTANT:

Failure to read these rules or ignorance of them is no excuse. The Director reserves the right to reject any entry if he feels that it is not in the best interest of MoBassFishin' Solo Pro Series. Any announcements made by the Director at the tournament site take precedent over written rules. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters.

MOBASSFISHIN' SOLO PRO SERIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN OBSERVER / VIDEOGRAPHER RIDE ALONG WITH COMPETITOR(S) AT ANY QUALIFYING EVENT OR CHAMPIONSHIP. REFUSAL TO HAVE AN OBSERVER WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION