

# GOT 2 LOVE IT TEAM BASS TOURNAMENTS OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The rules of this tournament as stated below will remain unchanged. Any questions will be left to the tournament director for final decision.
2. **GENERAL:** Team members must fish from the same boat and must stay together and within sight of each other during all fishing hours. The contestants must leave the starting area and return to it by boat. All boats must stay in the water during fishing hours.
3. **TACKLE:** Casting, spinning and flipping tackle may be used. No more than one rod or fishing line may be in use at any one time by each contestant. Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be allowed with the exception of pork rinds, chunks, and strips.
4. **BOATS/MOTORS:** It is the responsibility of each team to provide for their own use a boat meeting the following requirements: Boats must be a minimum of 14 feet in length. Each boat must have an operating live-well capable of aerating or circulating a limit of (5) FIVE FISH. Each boat must have a functional kill switch. The tournament director reserves the right to disqualify any team which is operating an extremely overpowered boat. All boats and motors must meet state requirements for safety standards.
5. **BOAT OPERATION:** Sportsmanship and safe boating are paramount at all times. Each contestant must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver any time the main engine is in use.
6. **FISHING:** Fishing is permitted anywhere on the Lake or River except, within 50 yards of a marina gas pump or another contestants anchored boat with the trolling motor out of the water. All fishing must be done from the contestants boat and all fish must be landed from within the contestants boat. All state fishing rules and regulations will apply. Tournament daily possession will be (5) FIVE fish per team. No culling of fish at the weigh-in site will be permitted.
7. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** If a team writes a protest to the tournament director for cutting off or encroaching on another contestant in the tournament you will be 1st warned. After 3 written protests from 3 different teams in a season you will be banned from further G.2.L.I. events. **Please remember, if you can cast into another contestants boat, you are too close!**
8. **SCORING:** Only largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass will be weighed for score. Scoring will be by a decimal weight. Bass which are less than legal limit will be disqualified and a **1.0 pound penalty** will be imposed for each fish found to be too short, from the team's total weight. There will also be a **1.0 pound penalty** for each dead fish weighed in. The tournament director will determine a dead fish. Any team or contestant which brings in more than the tournament limit will be disqualified for that day. All fish will be returned to tournament waters! **No Exceptions!**
9. **SUBSTITUTES:** There will be (2) substitute partners allowed during the regular season. There will be **NO SUBSTITUTES** in the Classic. No one can fish alone at the Classic on either day.
10. **Contestants:** Male or Female may fish Got 2 Love It events, as long as they are over 18 years of age or with an adult, parent, or legal guardian in our events.
11. **OFF LIMITS:** Off limits is sunset the day before each event.
12. **ALCOHOL:** No alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted in any boat during tournament hours.
13. **TIES:** All ties will be determined by the number of fish in the creel. A tie for big bass will also be determined by the same way. A flip of a coin will determine a tie after that, along with who receives plaques.
14. **WEATHER:** The start and finish times for the tournament may be adjusted if the tournament director determines that the weather conditions prohibit safe operation.