LAKE SANTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED

2016 TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2016	**7:00 AM**	
SUNDAY MAY 15, 2016	**6:30 AM**	
SUNDAY JUNE 26, 2016	**6:00 AM**	
SUNDAY JULY 17, 2016	**6:00 AM**	
SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2016	**6:30 AM**	
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2016	**7:00 AM**	***END OF SUMMER EVENT***

Entry Fee $30.00 Per Boat / Optional Big Bass Pot $10.00 Per Boat

Plus Mandatory $2.00 Bass Restock Enhancement Fee Per Boat

All Tournaments will be Six (6) Hours in Length

Any Questions / Contact Chip Ayers at (812) 593-8915

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PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION TEAM BASS TOURNAMENTS

Official Rules

1. All Lake Santee rules and bylaws will be followed.
2. There will be a mandatory meeting **FIFTEEN (15)** minutes prior to the start of the tournament at the Lake Santee Main Beach Shelter. **Those teams not entered prior to the meeting will be disqualified unless prior arrangements have been made with tournament official(s).**
3. Boat positions will be determined at the mandatory meeting by a number draw. The start will be a continual "ooze off" of boats by the position drawn.
4. A mandatory boat check will be conducted prior to the start of the tournament. *All boats must be equipped with an aerated livewell capable of sustaining a limit of bass.*
5. Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each participant is required to wear a USCG approved life preserver **and** the kill switch should be working properly any time the combustion engine is in operation prior to and during tournament hours.
6. Only largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted (Kentucky) will be counted towards the daily limit of five (5) bass per team. Only artificial baits may be utilized in competition, including pork type trailers.
7. *Only bass measuring sixteen (16) inches or longer will be weighed.* The official board will be the Golden Rule. No short fish will be counted towards daily limit. The penalty for weighing short fish will be the weight of short fish plus two (2) ounces per fish deducted from the total of the legal fish that are weighed in.
8. *No dead bass will be counted. All bass must be released in healthy condition. Any bass which fails to swim away upon release will be scored as a dead fish and the weight of that fish plus eight (8) ounces will be deducted from that teams' remaining weight.*
9. Participants will not be allowed to leave the boat during tournament hours. Participants may briefly leave the boat for an exigent emergency or answer the "call of nature".
10. All ties will be determined by combining the prizes and dividing it equally between the respective teams. All protests must be made in writing within **TEN (10)** minutes of tournament conclusion.
11. No cheating will be tolerated and contestants may only use artificial baits during competition.
12. Competitors are expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, safety, and conservation. Alcohol and abused drugs will not be consumed during tournament hours.
13. The Tournament will be a two (2) man team style format. At least one member of each team must be an L.S.P.O.A. member in good standing. Members may fish alone and be considered a team.

TOURNAMENT FEES

$42 per boat
($30 towards Payout/ $10 towards Big Bass)
$2 towards Bass Restock Enhancement Fund

PRIZES

5 boats or less pays 1 place
6-10 boats pays 2 places
11 or more boats pays 3 places
Big Bass

U.S.A. BASSIN

Team Tournament Trail

IN-47 Lake Santee Division

$5,000 Guaranteed First Place Prize at the Patoka Lake Regional #1
$3,000 Guaranteed First Place Prize at the Geist Reservoir Regional
All teams that finish the season with 250 points or more Qualify to fish a Regional of their Choice!!

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Mail Entry Form and Make Checks Payable to:
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IN-47 Lake Santee Divisional Schedule

			Check if entering
04/24/2016	Lake Santee	Marina Ramp	7:00 am - 1:00 pm_____
05/15/2016	Lake Santee	Marina Ramp	6:30 am - 12:30 pm_____
06/26/2016	Lake Santee	Marina Ramp	6:00 am - 12:00 pm_____
07/17/2016	Lake Santee	Marina Ramp	6:00 am - 12:00 pm_____
08/14/2016	Lake Santee	Marina Ramp	6:30 am - 12:30 pm_____

Membership Fee: $30.00 Per Person. * Entry Fee: $30.00 Per Boat (Includes Big Bass Pot)

The Ranger Aluminum Cup, Lucas Oil Tournament of Champions & the Ranger Comanche Classic Tournaments Held on Kentucky Lake, KY
Visit the USA BASSIN web site to find out how you can qualify for one of these Classics: www.usabassin.com

To view more USA BASSIN Tournament Divisions in your area go to www.usabassin.com

U.S.A. BASSIN Membership Form ($30.00 Per Person)

Partner 1: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Partner 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Please select one of the following:

Co-Ed Team _____ **Next Generation Team** _____ **Standard Team**_____

Youth DOB_____ **Team ID** _____

Motor/Size_____ **Boat/Year/Length**_____

Liability Release: In signing this agreement, I signify that I have read and understand all rules and I hereby release U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit, its officers, sponsors, agents, and employees, from any and all damages, claims, demands, cost, or expenses relating to injury of any persons or damage to any property which I may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with any U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. **Covenant Not To Sue and Waiver of Subrogation:** I further agree that I will never sue U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit for damages on account of any injury damage that I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future in connection with this or any other U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. I expressly agree to indemnify and hold U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit harmless from any liability whatsoever, including court cost and attorney's fees arising with respect to such action. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue U.S.A. BASSIN Circuit, I am waiving the right to recovery from U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit of my insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf. I further understand that by signing this agreement, I waive any rights my heirs or relatives have or may have to sue U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit for liability. **Verification of liability insurance:** I further state that I am a current member of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit and that I maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in any U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. **Construction:** If this agreement and the release, covenant, and waivers contained herein are found by any court to be overly broad in any manner, I ask the court to interpret it as broadly as possible. **Reading and Understanding:** I signify by my signature that I have read and understand the above agreement and all USA BASSIN Rules.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

U.S.A. BASSIN RULES

1. Membership:
Membership into USA BASSIN is $30.00 per person. **All members under the age of 19 before August 31, 2016 shall be considered a "Youth" and receive a free membership.** A USA BASSIN membership gives you the right to fish any USA BASSIN Tournament anywhere in the country. Tournaments are open to all boat makes, models and motor sizes. Anglers fishing the Elite Series of B.A.S.S. or the FLW Tour Events as a Boater, during the 2015 season, are not eligible to participate in any 2016 USA BASSIN Tournaments. Co-anglers of the FLW Tour Events are eligible to participate in USA BASSIN Tournament Trails. The Tournament Director and other tournament officials are permitted to fish all U.S.A. BASSIN events. 2016 season run from Sept.1 2015-Aug.31, 2016.

2. Tournament Entry Fees:
Entry fee for a 5-Tournament Divisions is $50.00 or 75.00 per boat per tournament, with an optional $10.00 Big Bass Pot. Entry fee into a 10-Tournament Divisions is $25.00 per boat per tournament, with an optional $5.00 Big Bass Pot. The tournament director may adjust entry fee on tournament locations that require a lake usage fee.

3. Scoring:
5-Tournament Divisions= 100 point scoring system: Sample Scoring 1st place team –100 point; 2nd place—99 points 3rd Place –98 points and so on. All teams that didn't weigh in a fish receive 50 participation points. 10-Tournament Divisions= 50 points scoring system: All Teams not weighing in a fish receive 25 participation points. Divisional Champions will be determined by the team that has the highest final total points in said division. If a Team splits up, all points will remain with Partner #1. Teams acquire points by fishing any USA BASSIN tournament. The points your team receives from each tournament will be automatically added to the standings of the division you fished and to "National Points Standings" located on the home page of the USA BASSIN Web Site.

4. USA BASSIN Teams:
Teams may consist of one person or a maximum of two persons. All teams that finish the season with 250 points or more in the National Point Standings shall be eligible to fish a U.S.A. BASSIN Regional Tournament of their choice and may fish in more than one Regional Tournament. If you are fishing more than one division and qualified for a USA BASSIN Regional Tournament using two different partners, you may choose which partner you wish to take to the Regional Tournament. The other partner may fish a U.S.A. BASSIN Regional Tournament solo or you may fish in another Regional using that partner.

5. The Next Generation Teams:
Next Generation Teams may consist of either an adult and a youth or two youths (one of the youth's must be at least 16 years of age or older). All Next Generation teams that finish the season with 150 points or more in the National Point Standings shall be eligible to fish in The Next Generation Classic event. Teams that finish the Season with 250 points or more shall be eligible to fish both the Next Generation Classic and the Regional event of their choice.

6. The Co-Ed Teams:
Teams consisting of a male/female participant will be a Co-Ed. Team All Co-Ed teams that finish the season with 150 points or more in the National Point Standings shall be eligible to fish in The Co-Ed Classic event. Teams that finish the Season with 250 points or more shall be eligible to fish both the Co-Ed Classic and a Regional event of their choice.

7. Substitutes:
A USA BASSIN member or a family member may serve as a substitute in a divisional tournament at any time and all points will be retained by partner #1. A family member is classified as Grandparents, Parent, Spouse, Sibling, Child, Grandchild, Uncles, Cousins or in-laws of the same. A family member may serve as a substitute **only two times** during a division's season without paying a membership. A participant may fish any division solo or declare a partner prior by the start of the third Tournament within a Division.

Next Generation Divisional Subs!! An adult may not fish alone in a Next Generation Division. You can substitute only with a youth when fishing a Next Generation Division. Normal substitute rules apply when not fish in a Next Generation Division.

The Co-Ed Divisional Subs: Co-Ed Teams may only substitute with the same sex as the member that is absent when fishing a Co-Ed Division. Normal substitute rules apply when not fish in a Co-Ed Division.

Regional or Classic Tournament Subs: You can only fish a Regional or the Classic tournament with your declared partner. If your declared partner cannot fish a Regional event or a Classic event with you may still fish it solo. You cannot fish solo in the Next Generation Classic or the Co-Ed Classic Tournaments.

8. The Lucas Oil Tournament of Champions:
The Lucas Oil Tournament of Champions will be held on Kentucky Lake during the USA BASSIN Classic Week. The Lucas Oil Tournament of Champions is valued at **$15,000** with First Place being a guaranteed **$10,000** in Cash. The top 10 teams in this event will receive a cash payback. There is six ways to qualify for this event.

1. Be the Divisional Champion of any USA BASSIN Division.
2. Be the highest finishing team from your state, based on total points in the National Points Standings.
3. Catch the Biggest Bass in your state.
4. Set a 2016 season record in the National Points Standings. (Highest Season Weight, Highest Winning Weight or the Lowest Winning Weight) (Not Divisional Standings)
5. Finish the season with 1000 points or more.
6. Finish in the top 3 at a Regional event.
7. Finish in the top 10% (Based on USA BASSIN Teams Only) at a Lucas Oil Open Event and acquire 250 or more points during the 2016 season

The Lucas Oil Tournament of Champions is a "FREE" tournament!!
This is our way of saying thank you for fishing our tournaments and using Lucas Oil.

9. Ties:
Ties for USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL Divisional Champions will be broken by the team that has the heaviest total weight for the season. Ties for USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL Regional & National Champions, Regional & National Points Champions and all place finishes will be broken by Big Bass.

10. Short Fish Penalties:
All fish brought to weigh-in must be of legal size determined by state law for that body of water fished. Short fish will be culled from your sack and your largest fish will also be culled from the remaining fish. A courtesy measuring board will be available to be used teams.

11. No Live Bait:
Only artificial lures can be used in U.S.A. BASSIN tournaments. The use of pork trailers is permitted.

12. Trolling:
Trolling with the use of a combustible engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. A team found to be doing this would be disqualified for that tournament and put on probation for the remaining season tournaments

13. Boat and Motor:
Boats must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment and must have a motor within rating limits.

14. Limits:
This is a 5-fish limit (per team or when fishing alone) at each tournament. Exceptions: State laws prevail when fishing on any body of water (size and limits). Anyone bringing in more than a 5-fish will have their sack culled to the 5-fish limit starting with their big fish first. All culling must be done on the water – Not on the bank.

15. Dead Fish Penalty:
For each dead fish a ½ pound penalty will be deducted from your total weight. A dead fish will not be weighed-in as big fish. Tournament director will make final decision if fish is dead or not. Fish that appears altered or mangled shall be the tournament director's decision to weigh or not to weigh the fish.

16. Late to weigh-in:
There will be a deduction of 1 lb. per minute of your total weight for every minute late to weigh-in. After 15 minutes past weigh-in teams are disqualified. (Rule maybe different at some divisions. Please contact your director to verify)

17. Registration:
There will be registration at the tournament site starting an hour and a half or more before the start of the tournament. All teams are required to be at the ramp 30 minutes prior to the start of the tournament. Registration will close 30 minutes before the start of the tournament. Paying entries fees after the tournament registration time will be accepted only at the tournament Director's discretion. Tournament Directors will only accept cash at registration (NO Checks Please). All teams may pre-register by mail for a tournament. If pre-registering, entry forms must be post marked 10 days before the tournament you desire to fish. Entry fee may be refunded or rolled over to the next tournament, if the director is contacted before the start of the tournament. Failure to contact tournament director for a refund or roll over will result in a forfeit of entry fee and contestants will receive only half of the show up points. Send all entries to the tournament Director of the tournament you desire to fish. There will not be a late registration fee for registering at the ramp. Tournament take off positions will be determined by when the tournament director receives your entry or by draw at registration (please contact the director for take-off procedures). There will be a pre-tournament meeting 30-minutes prior DURING the 30 minutes before the start of each tournament. Divisions (due to state law) that have a limited number of participates will take entries on a first come first serve basis.

18. Weigh-in procedures:
All contestants will be instructed at the pre-tournament meeting on weigh-in procedures. Each team must present his or her own catch to the weigh-in official. No other person shall then handle the fish except a weigh-in official. No person other than weigh-in officials may touch the scales; weigh-in basket or any part of the weigh-in equipment.

19. Live well Inspection:
Boats must have a live well, either built into the boat or portable. Live wells must have some type of pump or circulator to keep fish alive. Prior to boat launch Divisional Tournament Director will check all live wells.

20. Life Preserver:
During all U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments, contestants not wearing their life jackets zipped and secured when the combustion engine is running and in gear will have that day's weight disqualified from the tournament.

21. Sportsmanship:
All contestants are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation. The following shall be cause for immediate disqualification with no appeal available. 1.) Drunkenness. 2.) Use of illegal substances. 3.) Physical or verbal abuse of USA BASSIN personnel or other contestants. 4.) Possession of alcohol or illegal substances in the boat or on your person during hours of the tournament, including weigh-in.

22. Off-Limits:
The tournament director will announce the off-limits areas at each pre-tournament meeting. Any team fishing in the off-limits areas will be disqualified from the tournament. Teams may not fish closer than 50 yards to another competitor who is anchored with the trolling motor up unless given permission. If permission is given to one, then all may fish same water. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall be cause for disqualification. All U.S.A. BASSIN Divisional, Regional & Classic Tournament locations will NOT be closed to pre-fishing

23. Leaving Your Boat:
Competitors shall remain with the partners in the boat at all times during the tournament. Except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for "nature calling", a severe storm or other such hazards. If for any reason a team decides to leave the tournament waters early, competitors must try to contact the director, prior to leaving the tournament. If you have boat trouble, one member must remain with the disabled boat. The other team member may board another competitor's boat with that day's catch and bring fish to weigh-in. Please contact the tournament director prior to doing so.

24. Cheating:
Anyone caught cheating in any tournament event will be immediately barred from fishing in any U.S.A. BASSIN event. We reserve the right to have a random truth verification test performed at any time. You may not use a cell phone to gain an advantage over the rest of the competitors. All protest must be submitted in writing to the Classic director before the close of weigh-in. Verbal protest will not be accepted.

25 Insurance:
All members will carry liability insurance on any boat they might use during any of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments. Failure to do so or reporting of false information will result in disqualification.

26. Refusal of Membership:
We reserve the right to refuse membership or entry into any of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Trail Events.

All Tournament information is subject to change:

Please check the USA BASSIN web site before fishing any Divisional Tournament

All rules and regulations of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments are subject to review by U.S.A. BASSIN Officials

Mail Membership form to Tournament Director

Contact USA BASSIN at info@usabassin.com for details on becoming a director!!