



## *Trail Rules 2017*

- 1) These are the rules. Any decisions will be made by the directors and will be final.
- 2) Tournaments will begin January. Membership dead line is **Saturday April 8th**. Note, however, that teams entering on this date will have to fish all remaining tournaments to qualify for the fish off.
- 3) A team will consist of 2 people, but 1-man teams will be allowed. However, if a 1-man team has no partner by the dead line he or she must continue by his or herself. **TWO** substitutes are allowed (but not with another team member.) There are a total of 10 tournaments and a **2-day** fish off. Teams must fish at least 7 tournaments to qualify for the fish off.
- 4) This trail will be open to anyone, as long as they become a member. No member will be allowed to fish if that person or persons have been disqualified or banned from any other tournament or club.
- 5) **ABSOLUTELY NO** drugs or alcohol will be allowed. Possession of alcohol will result in disqualification. All boats are subject to inspection at any time.
- 6) **ABSOLUTELY NO** live bait or trolling will be allowed.
- 7) All TWRA laws are to be followed. Any team that receives a citation from a TWRA or TVA agent during tournament hours must match their citation fee to the trail for the fish off pot.
- 8) There is a 5 fish limit per team. Any team with more than 5 bass in their live well at weigh in time will be disqualified for that tournament. **Creel limit per person is per boat.**
- 9) All fish will be measured on a golden rule, with mouth closed and sweeping the tail. Length requirements are as follows: (*LAKE RULES APPLY*)
  - All Smallmouth & Meanmouth Bass must be at least 18".
  - All Largemouth & Spotted Bass must be at least 15".
  - Any team with a short fish will lose that fish plus their biggest fish.
  - A **one pound** penalty for dead fish and no more than 1 dead fish per team can be weighed.
- 10) All fish must be brought to the scales in a weigh-in bag or be disqualified & no points awarded. All fish will be released except those kept for mounting.
- 11) There is to be no fishing before tournament hours the day of each tournament at that tournament lake.
- 12) Teams are not allowed to come in contact with one another after tournament begins.
- 13) Protest Rule: Any team may protest another team. The protesting team must post a \$100 cash bond with the tournament directors. At that time the accused team will be asked to either take a polygraph test or have an observer assigned to their boat. This will be the director's choice. If the accused team is found guilty or refuses to cooperate; this team will be barred indefinitely from this trail. However, if the accused team is found innocent they will receive the \$100 cash bond from the protesting team.
- 14) Every team will be issued a numbered chip. Numbers will be issued according to your registration number; this will be your number for the entire year. Ease off will be groups of five; your registration determines your ease off position. **All chips must be turned in by 10 minutes after each tournament deadline or your team will forfeit that day's catch.**
- 15) Tournament directors reserve the right to refuse anyone for any reason we see fit.
- 16) All teams are asked to be courteous to each other and to have fun.

<b>Club Director:</b>	<b>Membership dues may be mailed to:</b>
Mark Teal – 931.607.4525	Mark Teal 2233 Pea Ridge Road Manchester, TN 37355



# TRILAKES BASS TRAIL

## Schedule 2017

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Launch Ramp</b>
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	7AM-3PM	Tims Ford	Devil Step
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	7AM-3PM	Normandy	Barton Springs
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	7AM-3PM	Guntersville	Goose Pond
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	6AM-2PM	Tims Ford	Bass Club
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	6AM-2PM	Nickajack	Shell Mound
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6AM-2PM	Guntersville	Goose Pond
Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	5PM-12AM	Normandy	Barton Springs
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	5PM-12AM	Tims Ford	Bass Club
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	5PM-12AM	Nickajack	Shell Mound
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	5PM-12AM	Tims Ford	Bass Club
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	6PM	Barton Springs	<i>Meeting</i>
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Hours	Mystery Lake	<i>Pre-fish for Classic</i>
Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Mystery Lake	<i>Classic</i>
Oct 21 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Mystery Lake	<i>Classic</i>

### Membership Money Pays Points And Classic Payout

<b>Membership Fee:</b>	<b>Tournament Entry Fee:</b>
\$20.00 per person per year	\$75.00 – Two Person Team \$37.50 – Single Person Team
<b>Entry Fee Breakdown:</b>	<b>Points Money Will Pay Five Places:</b>
\$50 – Tournament Pot \$15 – Classic Pot \$ 5 – Big Fish Pot \$ 5 – Admin.'s Cost <hr/> \$75 – Total	1 <sup>st</sup> – \$500 2 <sup>nd</sup> – \$400 3 <sup>rd</sup> – \$300 4 <sup>th</sup> – \$200 5 <sup>th</sup> – \$100

### Points & Places

#### Points Places:

Up to 39 boats we will pay 3 places. For every 1-10 boats thereafter we will gain a spot. For example:

*39 Boats = 3 places*

*40 boats thru 49 boats = 4 places*

*50 boats thru 59 boats = 5 places etc...*

#### Points Will Be Awarded:

1<sup>st</sup> – 100

2<sup>nd</sup> – 99

3<sup>rd</sup> – 98 etc...

All remaining boats without fish will receive 10 points less than the last boat weighing fish. Teams prepaying and not fishing will not receive any points, but will still qualify for the Classic.

#### Big Fish:

We will pay one place for big fish.



## ***Release Form 2017***

The undersigned requests permission to enter and participate in the Tri-Lakes Bass Trail. I know the risks and dangers involved in such activities and I assume all risk of injury to myself and property that may be sustained in connection with their use, hereby for myself, my heirs, administrator of my affairs, and assigns, release the Tri-Lakes Bass Trail and all officials, participants, and sponsors from all causes of action of any sort for injury to myself and my property during my participation in the Tri-Lakes Bass Trail.

I voluntarily consent to a polygraph or having an appointed observer to fish with me if asked to do so by tournament director or committee members. I give tournament officials the right to suspend, withhold, or deny the payment of any money based upon results of such exams. I certify that I have acquainted myself with the tournament rules and agree to be bound by what I have read and understand the above consent and release form.

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE TO:**

**Mark Teal  
2233 Pea Ridge Road  
Manchester, TN 37355**

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_