



Trail Rules 2023

- 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 March 18th**. 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 must be at least 18" ***Except Guntersville, Alabama.**
 - All Largemouth must be at least 15" ***Except Woods Reservoir 12"**.
 - 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 12 hours 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.

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



TRILAKES BASS TRAIL

Schedule 2023

Date	Hours	Location	Launch Ramp
January 21 st	7AM-3PM	Tims Ford	Devil Step
February 18 th	7AM-3PM	Wood Reservoir	Morris Ferry
March 4 th	7AM-3PM	Center Hill	Ragland Bottom
March 18 th	7AM-3PM	Chickamauga	Holly Park
April 15 th	6AM-2PM	Percy Priest	Fate Sanders
May 13 th	6AM-2PM	Nickajack	Shell Mound
June 17 th	6AM-2PM	Guntersville	TBA
July 15 th	6AM-2PM	Wheeler Lake	Ingalls Harbor
August 12 th	6AM-2PM	Pickwick	Riverside Park
September 16 th	6AM-2PM	Normandy	Barton Springs
Oct 11 th	6PM	Barton Springs	Meeting
Oct 12 th	Daylight Hours	Mystery Lake	Pre-fish for Classic
Oct 13 th	TBD FISH-OFF	Mystery Lake	Classic
Oct 14 th	TBD FISH-OFF	Mystery Lake	Classic

Membership Money Pays Points And Classic Payout

Membership Fee:	Tournament Entry Fee:
\$20.00 per person per year	\$100.00 – Per Boat 1 or 2 persons
Entry Fee Breakdown:	Points Money Will Pay Five Places:
\$ 72 – Tournament Pot	1 st – \$500
\$ 20 – Classic Pot	2 nd – \$400
\$ 5 – Big Fish Pot	3 rd – \$300
\$ 3 – Admin.'s Cost	4 th – \$200
<u>\$100 – Total</u>	5 th – \$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:

1st – 100

2nd – 99

3rd – 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 2023

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: _____

*****MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHONE NUMBER FOR EACH MEMBER*****