

2020 Virtual Bass Fishing Tournament Contest Information – hosted by District 5

Tournament Species

Bass: Largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, Guadalupe

See link below to learn how to identify specific fish species in Texas.

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/aquaticspecies/inland.phtml>

Tournament Schedule

| Species | Dates | Fishing Times |
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| Bass | March 7, 14, and 21 | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm |

Contests

- Statewide (individual or team)
- District (individual or team)
- Big Bass (individual)

Location

- Fish anywhere permitted by law (freshwater, ponds, stock tanks, rivers, lakes, etc.).
- Boats are not required.
- Post entry pictures for judging on Facebook during specified dates and times.

Safety and State Fishing Regulations

- Be sure to follow all Texas regulations regarding fishing licenses, bag limits, length requirements and other rules <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/>
- Each 4-H family entered is responsible for the safety of youth anglers during the tournaments.

Entry Requirements

- Register on 4-H Connect beginning January 21, 2020 at <https://texas.4honline.com>
- After registering on 4-H Connect, participants must join the Facebook 4-H Fishing group by clicking [here](#) or going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1202432833284039/> at least 2 days before the tournament begins.

Entry Fees

- 4-H youth may enter the statewide, district and big bass contests in following combinations:
 - **State only** – compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state.

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- **State and District** – compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state and against other registered district participants for separate awards and prizes.
- **State, District and Big Bass** - compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state and against other registered district participants for separate awards and prizes and for the Big Bass prize of a replica of the winning fish and bragging rights.
- \$25 per individual **per state and/or district contest** (may participate in all three dates with one-time entry fee to state or state and district).
- Optional Big Bass individual entry (additional add-on contest competing against all other Big Bass registered 4-H'ers across the state) - \$5
- Bass teams are comprised of 3 or 4 members of any 4-H age division (mixed teams are permitted).

District Registration Deadlines

- Entry to 4-H Connect by March 3, 2020

Awards

- Presentation of awards for each contest will be held at the county-level at a date determined by county agents.
 - 1st place will be presented a medal and a prize to be determined by 4-H Fishing committee. 2nd and 3rd places will receive a rosette and a prize to be determined by 4-H Fishing committee.
 - If registered in the optional “Big Bass” contest, the top placing big bass (based upon fish length and girth) will be presented a replica of the winning fish.
- Entry via 4-H Connect gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and photograph as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.

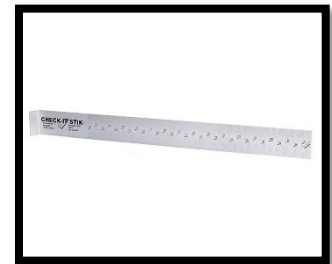
Educational Opportunities

- 4-H members that join the Facebook 2020 4-H Fishing group, will have the opportunity to view Texas Parks and Wildlife skill-based videos on using fishing gear, selecting lures and other topics of interest.
- Optional weekly skill-a-thon activities will also be available to check a member's knowledge of fishing skills and techniques.

Tournament, Contests and Participation Rules

Bass Tournament (any enrolled 4-H member across the state of Texas may participate in this event) (individual and/or team event)

1. **Event Dates:** March 7, 14, and 21
2. **Times:** 8:00 am to 3:00 pm - postings before or after times will be disqualified.
3. **Contests:** 4-H youth may enter the statewide, district and big bass contests in following combinations:
 - a. **State only** – compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state.
 - b. **State and District** – compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state and against other registered district participants for separate awards and prizes.
 - c. **State, District and Big Bass** - compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state and against other registered district participants for separate awards and prizes and for the Big Bass prize of a replica of the winning fish and bragging rights.
4. **Team:** A team is comprised of a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 4 members of any 4-H age division.
5. **Bass Species for Judging:** Largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, Guadalupe
6. **Posting Limits:** 5 bass. If more are posted, only the first 5 will count.
7. **Judging Criteria:**
 - Fish must be photographed laying on a Check-It-Stik measuring board in addition to a completed note card or the optional form below. Check-It-Stiks can be purchased at Academy, on-line and at other fishing gear stores.
 - Mouth of fish must be touching the board and tail pinched. If measurement cannot be read from photograph, the entry will be disqualified. See example below:



Check-It-Stik



- You will be given an eight letter/digit code for each event to display on an index card, or use preprinted form below, with your fish photograph. The code will be revealed one hour before the tournament begins and it will be posted to the Facebook 2020 4-H Fishing group that morning.

- Index card must have District, County, youth name(s) (if a team), fish number, and eight-digit code. Cards that cannot be read will be disqualified. See example below:

Please print – must be legible!

Contests: ☐ State ☐ State and District ☐ State, District and Big Bass

District _____ County _____

Fish Number: _____

8-digit code: _____
(posted 1 hour before tournament on FB 2020 4-H Fishing group page)

Angler Name 1: _____

(Complete below if registered as a bass team)

Angler Name 2: _____

Angler Name 3: _____

Angler Name 4: _____

(Complete below if entered in Big Bass Optional Tournament)

Fish length: _____ Fish girth: _____

8. Optional Big Bass Contest:

- Youth **entered** in the Optional Big Bass contest will compete individually against other 4-H anglers across the state. Must be entered in 4-H Connect before start of tournament.
- Awards/prizes will be given to the top 3 big bass from entire tournament. When documenting your fish on notecard, be sure to add the fish length and girth to your card so that a replica can be made as part of the prize package for the top “big bass.”
 - Length is measured in inches from mouth to tip of tail, not the fork.
 - Girth is measured in inches around the fish at the widest part, usually right in front of the dorsal fin.