



## TOURNAMENT RULES FORM

\*In order to compete in ANY tournament sanctioned by the Cal Sag Bass Anglers and South Shore Bass Open LLC, the participating angler MUST sign off on this form. Any competing angler is responsible to read and fully understand the rules/procedures set forth on this form covered in the Mandatory Pre-Tournament Meeting, as well as ALL RULES set forth on our website

This form points out KEY Rules Specific to the South Shore Bass Open. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.

### **\*\*\*RULE CHANGE FOR 2025\*\*\***

*If fishing in Indiana rivers and tributaries off Lake Michigan which include the Indiana Harbor Canal, Lake George Canal and Grand Calumet River at the southern section of the Indiana Harbor, Burns Ditch/Little Calumet River and adjoining tributaries/rivers, and Michigan City Harbor and its rivers and tributaries, a South Shore Bass Open competing team can only enter that area or leave that area with no more than 4 fish in their possession with a minimum size limit over 15 inches for smallmouth, largemouth and spotted bass. Indiana law states that no largemouth, smallmouth and/or spotted bass 12 to 15 inches may be kept and no more than 2 fish over 15 inches may be kept per angler in these areas. Any violation of these rules will result in a disqualification for that tournament day.*

1. Five Fish Limit/day – 14” Minimum Size Largemouth, smallmouth or spotted bass only.

2. Tournament Waters- State of Indiana & State of Illinois waters only.
3. Tournament Day Fishing Hours– As outlined in Tournament Directors meeting.
4. Off Limits of Tournament waters begins on Friday, August, 1st, 2025 at 5pm CST.
5. Blast Off – All participating anglers are to assemble in numerical order for blast off procedures. Anglers are to STAY directly behind the previous numbered boat in its “Prop Wash” Area until called. The Angler MUST break the plane of the Call Boats Bow. ALL specific instructions communicated by Tournament Director are to be followed. Failure to do so will result in a documented Verbal warning, with additional warnings resulting in a disqualification for that day.
6. Check-in as outlined in Tournament Director’s Meeting. Failure to check in On Time will result in penalties (SEE website “RULES”)
7. OFF LIMITS AREAS (Maps and Descriptions) – Clarification to All Areas outlined in Tournament Director’s Meeting. Off Limits Areas are to include the following (See Maps Above for Reference):
  - (1) No Fishing inside the inner Pastrick Marina, Your Boat must stay Outside of Point to Point but you MAY cast into.
  - (2) No Fishing or Casting in ANY waters separated by a wall, rocks, signs or buoys stating No Boating or No Fishing or Private Property. You MAY fish under the Bridge and the Area outside of Pastrick Marina.
  - (3) Port of Indiana is OFF LIMITS Bullnose Point to Rock Point. Your boat must Stay Outside of Designated line but you MAY cast in.
  - (4) Sawyer and Jardine Water Purification Plants. At NO time, shall anglers go inside the line of buoy markers with their boat. An angler may NOT cast or fish inside these buoys or areas outlined on maps.
  - (5) No Fishing inside Chicago Harbor Lock

(6) If you venture into the Cal Sag, there is No Fishing Inside the lock, 400 Feet Markers of O'Brien Lock on Either Side (Above or Below). An angler's Boat cannot go past the 400 foot markers, but MAY cast into.

(7) ALL Chicago Park District Shoreline Beaches: Beach Operating Hours are 11am-7pm, Daily: Memorial Day Weekend. When any Restrictive Buoys are present; despite operating hours listed; An angler MAY bring boat up to line of buoys (NOT Past). An angler MAY cast into Area.

AUTOMATIC DQ THAT DAY FOR ANY ANGLER(S) VIOLATING OFF LIMITS AREA RULES. ZERO TOLERANCE.

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