



## District 230 Bass Fishing *Tournament Series*

### **What:**

District 230 will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual D230 Bass Fishing Tournament Series. All schools are guaranteed two tournaments with a possibility of qualifying for a third tournament (**"The Classic"**). Qualifications are based on point totals (see qualification page for changes to 2013 point system). **Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 4<sup>th</sup> place, 5<sup>th</sup> place, Angler of the Year, and Classic Champion. Following each weigh-in, a free raffle for the participants will take place.

### **Where: DesPlaines/Kankakee River**

1. **DesPlaines River Launch:** Big Basin, 24045 Frontage Road, Channahon, IL 60410

### **When:**

1. Tournament #1—*Spring Showdown:* **April 6, 2013**
2. Tournament #2—*Three-Rivers Qualifier:* **April 13, 2013**
3. Tournament #3—*District 230 Tournament Series Classic:* **May 11, 2013** ←**MUST QUALIFY**

### **Times:**

For all tournaments, the check-in, rules meeting, launch, and weigh-in times will be the same.

1. Check-In/Boat Check: 5:30-6:10 am
2. Rules Meeting: 6:15-6:30 am
3. Launch: 6:45-7:00 am
4. End of Tournament/Weigh-In: 1:30 pm

### **Directions (from Tinley Park, IL):**

- **To Big Basin: Big Basin, 24045 Frontage Road, Channahon, IL 60410**

Take I-55 South to the Bluff Road exit (247). Make a right at the top of the off-ramp, and then a quick left onto the frontage road (heading south). The frontage road will turn sharply to the right, and Big Basin Marina will be immediately on the left after the sharp right turn.

### **Information about the Boat Launches:**

- **Big Basin:**

**\$12.00 charge—\$6.00 in and \$6.00 out (please bring fives and singles—No Change).** There is a privately owned boat launch with limited but efficient parking. There are docks, so boats can tie to a dock. Aluminum boats can beach on shore if needed.

### **Fee & Expected # of Participants:** Please indicate on the registration form which tournament(s) you will fish and the # of boats entered.

- **Fees:**

One boat: \$75.00 for one tournament—\$125 for two tournaments, plus a chance to fish the **Classic**.

Two boats: \$ 125.00 for one tournament—\$175 for two tournaments, plus a chance to fish the **Classic**

- IDNR permit allows 35 boats. Boats will be accepted into the tournament on receipt of **entry fee** and completed **registration form**.

### **Tournament Directors:**

Andrew Head Coach, John Bartgen: 773-428-6700; [JBartgen@d230.org](mailto:JBartgen@d230.org)

Sandburg Head Coach, James Corcoran: 815-545-7582; [JCorcoran@d230.org](mailto:JCorcoran@d230.org)

Andrew Assistant Coach, David Arndt: 708-525-8567; [DArndt@d230.org](mailto:DArndt@d230.org)

Sandburg Assistant Coach, Scott Plaisier: 708-261-4200; [SPlaisier@d230.org](mailto:SPlaisier@d230.org)

Andrew Assistant Coach, Jimmy Flynn: 815-922-3073; [JFlynn@d230.org](mailto:JFlynn@d230.org)

## **Payment and Registration Forms are due by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

To reserve your school's spot in the 2013 District 230 Bass Fishing Tournament Series, mail the **appropriate entry fees** made out to 'Andrew High School' and the **Registration Form** to the following address:

**Victor J. Andrew High School, John Bartgen, 9001 W. 171<sup>st</sup> street, Tinley Park, IL 60487**



# **“The Classic” and Angler of the Year Qualification Page**

*Based on a 25 boat field...*

## **Top 15 Points Leaders Qualify for Classic**

- Points are awarded in four ways: (1). participation points, (2). place points (**only if fish are caught**), (3). bonus limit points, and (4). total weight of fish points.
  - (1). Participation Points are awarded based on the number of boats in the field (25 points for 25 boats, 24 points for 24 boats, etc...)
  - (2). Place Points are awarded for each team’s final place (after weigh in)
  - (3). 5 Bonus Limit Points will be awarded to any boat that weighs-in a limit (5 fish).
  - (4). The total weight of each boat’s fish caught will be rounded to the nearest whole pound, and that weight will convert into extra points for that particular boat.

For example, according to the chart below, if a team finishes in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and they catch a 5-fish limit weighing 6.2 pounds, that team would earn 90 points (place points) + 6 points (weight points) + 5 points (limit points) + 25 points (participation points) = 126 Points

- The team that wins the third and final tournament of the year will be **“Classic Champion.”**
- The overall point’s leader after the third tournament will win the **“Angler of the Year”** award.
  - Ties for Angler of the Year will be broken by the largest fish caught for each team in all three tournaments. For a second tie-breaker, the largest limit would break the tie.

**The top 15 boats following the 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament will qualify for the “Classic.”**

1st place - 100pts  
2nd place - 95pts  
3rd place - 90pts  
4th place - 85pts  
5th place - 80pts  
6th place - 76pts  
7th place - 72pts  
8th place - 68pts  
9th place - 64pts  
10th place - 60pts  
11th place - 57pts  
12th place - 54pts  
13th place - 51pts  
14th place - 48pts  
15th place - 45pts  
16th place - 43pts  
17th place - 41pts  
18th place - 39pts  
19th place - 37pts  
20th place - 35pts  
21th place - 34pts  
22th place - 33pts  
23th place - 32pts  
24th place - 31pts  
25th place - 30pts

If fish are caught, **Place Points** will be awarded in 5 point increments from 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place; 4 point increments from 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place; 3 point increments from 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> place; 2 point increments from 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> place; and the rest of the field will be awarded points in 1 point increments.

**PLEASE NOTE: (example)** If only 10 boats catch fish, the remaining boats that do not catch fish will be tied for 11<sup>th</sup> place, and any boat that does not catch fish **WILL NOT** be awarded place points. They will, however, be awarded participation points, but they will not be awarded place points.

Considering the change in scoring, if you have any questions, please contact John Bartgen at [jbartgen@d230.org](mailto:jbartgen@d230.org) or Scott Plaisier at [SPlaisier@d230.org](mailto:SPlaisier@d230.org).



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**District 230 *Tournament Series***  
**DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013**

Please send the appropriate **ENTRY FEE** and the Tournament Series **REGISTRATION FORM** to the following address: **Andrew High School, Attn: John Bartgen, 9001 W. 171<sup>st</sup> street, Tinley Park, IL 60487.**

**\*School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*# of Boats per Tournament (maximum of 2):** April 6 \_\_\_\_\_ April 13 \_\_\_\_\_ ←write on line

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**\*Head Coach's Name for Boat #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants for Boat #1:** (If you do not have student names right now, you can fill in the names at the tournament.)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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**\*Head Coach's Name for Boat #2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants for Boat #2:** (If you do not have student names right now, you can fill in the names at the tournament.)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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1. Having read the official rules and regulations and completed the above entry form, we agree to abide by all the conditions stated therein.
2. **LIABILITY RELEASE:** In signing this agreement, we hereby release all District 230 employees and all tournament directors, their agents, and sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs, or expenses relating to injury of any persons or damages to any property which we may sustain or which we may cause by reason of participating in or connection with this tournament.
3. **VERIFICATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE:** We further state that we maintain current liability insurance on the boat we will use in these events, and District 230 is in no way held liable for injury to persons or damages to property.
4. We, coaches, signify by our signatures below that we have read and understand the agreements numbered 1, 2, and 3 above; and all coach's signatures confirm that the coaches are responsible for their own student/athlete participants and property.

**\*Boat #1 Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_ (please sign and date)

**\*Boat #2 Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_ (please sign and date)

**\* = Mandatory field and must be completed before submitting registration.**



## District 230 Bass Fishing *Tournament Series*

### RULES

*Please see the following page for more detailed rules. Rules in question not listed on the rule's page will be decided by the Tournament Directors.*

**1. BELOW ARE RULES OF EMPHASIS FOR ALL DISTRICT 230 TOURNAMENTS:**

- a. **SAFETY:** All participants must wear eye protection and a life jacket at all times.
- b. All boats **should** have an anchor. If a boat is anchored with the trolling motor out of the water, other boats must stay 50 yards away, unless allowed by the anchored boat.
- c. **REGISTRATION:** An official District 230 registration form must be filled out and signed by the participants. Failure to register during the prescribed time shall result in loss of starting position and reassignment to the back of the field.
- d. **STARTING POSITIONS/TAKE OFF:** Starting positions will be drawn at the mandatory pre-tournament check in at each event. Boats will launch in one flight, approximately 5 to 10 seconds apart from each prior boat's take off.
- e. **LATE PENALTY:** There will be a one pound deduction for every minute a participant is late getting back for weigh-ins up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for that day.
- f. **NO WAKE ZONES:** All no wake zones are NO PASS zones unless the boat being passed is fishing, gives permission to pass, is inoperable, or multiple boat lanes permit a different route to be taken.

**2. THE FOLLOWING SPOTS ARE OFF-LIMITS...**

- a. Dresden Nuclear Power Plant; no fishing allowed inside of cut or on adjacent banks within **300** yards on either side of the mouth of Dresden. **STAY AWAY.**
- b. Inside Harborside Marina
- c. Route 6 Quarries and the cut leading in
- d. The Illinois River (No Locking)
- e. North/East of the Brandon Street Locks
- f. Inside the cut at Com-Ed. Boat has to stay outside of imaginary line from the point (on the right) to the bank (on the left).
- g. Kankakee River House Cuts
- h. South of the Railroad bridge on the Kankakee (stay down river of bridge).
- i. **ALL SPOTS LISTED NO FISHING/OFF LIMITS/PRIVATE PROPERTY/ETC.**
- j. Any other spots declared by Tournament Directors prior to the launch of each individual tournament.

*Violating any rules may result in disqualification by the Tournament Directors. No warnings will be given.*

**NO BOAT FISHING OR SHORE FISHING ALLOWED  
BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER TOURNAMENT IN  
BIG BASIN MARINA**

***To all Coaches involved in the District 230 Tournament Series,***

On numerous occasions this year, the workers at Big Basin Marina approached coaches from Andrew and Sandburg, and the workers from Big Basin made very clear that no person is allowed to fish in the marina/harbor during any school tournaments next year, no exceptions. A Big Basin representative made it very clear that if anyone is caught casting or fishing inside the marina, he would immediately ask us to leave, which would be terrible for the students and staff involved in the tournament series.

We have developed a great relationship with the people at the marina and restaurant, and it is very important that we honor their wishes and do not violate their rules.

Please make special note of this during all tournaments in 2013.

Thank you for your awareness and consideration with this matter,

***District 230 Coaches***

**Please make sure to communicate this to your parents,  
fans, students, and staff associated with your school.**

# DISTRICT 230 TOURNAMENT SERIES' RULES (ADAPTED FROM: IHSA RULES)

**1.** All District 230 tournaments will be set for 6 to 7 hours of fishing. This might have to be varied because of weather. A tournament is considered to be complete if 3 hours of the scheduled tournament time has been fished. If one of the first 2 tournaments is cancelled prior to the 3 hour mark, the tournament will be cancelled, and all catches will be void.

**2. Weather:** If weather shuts down "The Classic" once fishing has started, that day's weight will be determined by the fish caught during the time fished on that day, and the tournament will be final.

**3. Time:** All participants must be back to the weigh-in by 1:30 p.m. This would vary only if a weather alert has been issued which might shorten or lengthen (because of a delay) that day's tournament. It is the participant's responsibility to make sure the boat is back to the dock by 1:30 p.m.

**4. Late Penalty:** There will be a one pound deduction for every minute a participant is late getting back for weigh-ins up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for that day. It is the participant's responsibility to notify the tournament manager in advance of the 1:30 p.m. closing time of any problems that may have occurred.

**5. Limit:** There will be a five fish limit (smallmouth, largemouth) per boat. Keeper length is 12" (inches). Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has five fish (5) in the live well. No more than five (5) fish in the live well at any time.

**6. Dead Fish:** All fish that are put in the livewell must be kept alive. **Dead fish will have a 1/2 pound deduction and cannot count as the large fish for that boat. Dead fish may not be culled.** All fish will be released after the weigh-in.

**7. Ties:** Ties will be broken if the poundage is equal in the following manner: first criteria will be the heaviest fish; second criteria will be the number of fish; third criteria will be a coin flip.

**8. Life Jacket/Eye Protection:** All participants must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. If they do not, disqualification may occur. ALSO, all participants must wear eye wear for protection.

**9. REGISTRATION:** An official District 230 registration form and the payment must be received by the given deadline. Failure to appropriately register during the prescribed time shall result in loss of starting position and reassignment to the back of the field.

**10. Gear:** Participants must only use the gear that is in the boat when the boat leaves the dock at the start of the day. They may use their own gear or the gear of the captain in the boat. If an alternate is used in the tournament, the gear of the alternate can be secured in an off-boat area and can be added once the alternate is picked up.

**11. Coaches:** Every boat must have an adult captain for driving purposes, and only that captain can drive when the outboard motor is in use.

**12.** The Coaches of the boat may make suggestions but cannot fish in any respect or tie on any lures for the participants. The captain or the participants can operate the electric trolling motor.

**13. Netting:** Team participants of the boat must net the fish for that boat. If a school boat only has one participant on the boat, then the captain of the boat may net fish if asked by the participant.

**14. Speed:** The speed limit will be no faster than 35 mph.

**15. Team Size:** Up to four participants per boat may be entered by each school. A school may enter up to two boats where only two of the four students entered for that boat may fish at any one time on that boat. This means only 2 students in the boat. The total weight for each of the five (5) fish limited to that boat will count for the team total of that tournament.

**16. Big Bass:** Individual weight will also be recorded for the big bass designated by each boat. The largest fish award will be given at each tournament to the participant who catches the big bass.

**17. Artificial Baits Only:** No live bait or trolling is allowed. Only one pole per person can be used at any given time.

**18. Location:** Participants must stay completely in the boat unless they are using an authorized rest room facility, are back at the dock switching participants, or due to some other emergency or malfunction. If an emergency or malfunction occurs, the boat must contact a tournament director before leaving the boat.

**19. Coaching:** The captain of the boat is allowed to talk to the participants but cannot fish or cast in any respect.

**20. Livewell:** Any transfer of fish from one live well to a different live well in another boat due to malfunction must be made in the presence of a tournament director or his designee.

**21. Advice:** Once competition is underway, contestants may not obtain fishing patterns or locations from non-competitors, follow a non-competitor's boat or participate in the practice of "hole-sitting," a practice wherein a non-competitor sits on a fishing spot, holding it for a contestant. In addition, non-competitors may not place markers for contestants. All of these acts are prohibited and will result in the immediate disqualification of the boat.

**22. Uniforms:** School uniforms can be worn during competition. Sponsorship logos may be displayed on the boats that are in the tournament.

**23. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Tournament directors can disqualify any participant, coach, and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. Tournament Directors have complete authority to penalize a school for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any person associated with the violating team.

**24. Damage to Property or Equipment:** If contestants or people from any school are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host site, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

**25. Fishing License:** All participants, if of mandated age, must have a valid Illinois Fishing License registered through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**26. STARTING POSITIONS/TAKE OFF:** Starting positions will be drawn at the mandatory pre-tournament check in at each event. Boats will launch in one flight, approximately 5 to 10 seconds apart from each boat's take off.

**27. NO WAKE ZONES:** All no wake zones and areas are NO PASS zones unless the boat being passed is fishing, gives permission to pass, is inoperable, or multiple boat lanes permit a different route to be taken.

**28. Violations:** Any team wishing to make a formal complaint must do so in writing to the tournament directors within 30 minutes of the end of the tournament. The tournament directors will make all final decisions regarding disqualification.