



2015
Rayjus Outdoors –
Oak Lawn Community High School
Bass Tournament



[Rayjus Outdoors](#), [Oak Lawn Community High School Spartan Fishing Team](#), [Unique Bassmasters](#), and the [Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation](#) have joined together to present the **Rayjus Outdoors - Oak Lawn Community High School Bass Tournament** on the Kankakee/Des Plaines River scheduled for October 3, 2015. **Schools may enter an unlimited number of boats.** Space is limited to the first 50 boats registered. Cost per boat is \$40. This tournament is also an [Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation High School](#) Champions Ship Qualifying event. IBN registration and information can be found on page six.

When: Saturday, October 3, 2015

Where: [Des Plaines Conservation Area](#); I-55 and the Wilmington Exit (241) at the boat ramp.

Entry: The IDNR tournament permit limits the number of boats participating to 50. As a result, entries to the tournament will be limited to the first teams that send in the completed entry form along with a **\$40 per boat deposit payable to OLCHS** until the permit quota is filled. Each boat may have a roster of up to four anglers and must have an adult captain.

Time Schedule:

6am-6:30am - Check-In
6:30am - Rules Meeting
6:40-7:10 – Launch Boats into the water
7:15am – Start of Tournament
1pm – End of Tournament; all boats must be in designated area
Once all boats have been trailered, the scales will open for weigh-in

Information About the Boat Launch: A public boat launch with four paved ramps is available on the Kankakee River for boating on the river or its backwaters. Excellent parking is adjacent to the ramps. Weigh-in will take place in the parking area.

Awards

1st Place: Trophy for each person on boat roster
2nd Place: Trophy for each person on boat Roster
3rd Place: Trophy for each person on boat roster
4th -5th Place: Medals for each person on boat roster
Big Bass Award (by weight): Trophy
Creature Fish Award (by weight): Trophy



Tournament Directors:

Chris Kuchyt of Oak Lawn High School: ckuchyt@olchs.org
Kevin McLean of Unique Bassmasters: bassfish90@sbcglobal.net

*To secure your school's entry in the tournament, please mail a **\$40 per boat** non-refundable check made out to "OLCHS" and the attached registration form. The **\$40 per boat deposit payable to OLCHS** is the entry fee for the tournament, and will reserve your school's spot in this bass tournament. Space is limited to the number of boats permitted by the IDNR tournament permit. The State of Illinois also requires a copy of liability insurance **OR** a release of liability form. The forms must be received a week before the tournament. Contact Coach Kuchyt for a State of Illinois release of liability form.*



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1. If weather or conditions shuts down the tournament, entry fee's will be refunded. The tournament is considered official after 3 hours of fishing.
2. Only largemouth or smallmouth bass of 12 inches may be weighed.
3. 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 the day.
4. There will be a five fish limit per boat. Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has five fish in the live well. No more than (5) fish in the live well at any time.
5. Ties will be broken, if the poundage is equal, in the following manner: First criteria will be the largest fish; second criteria will be the number of fish.
6. All participants must wear a coast guard approved **life jacket** the entire time they are on the water. If they do not, disqualification will occur.
7. All participants must wear **eye wear** and a **hat** for protection.
8. Participants must only use the gear that is in the boat. If participants "switch out" during the tournament, gear may be taken on and off the boat in a safe manner. Participants may use their own gear or the gear of the captain in the boat.
9. Every boat must have an adult captain for driving purposes and only that captain can drive when the outboard motor is in use. A high school fishing coach may also be present on the boat.
10. All boats must have an anchor. If a boat is anchored with the trolling motor out of the water, other boats must stay 50 yards away.
11. All boats must have **tournament ribbons** attached to the trolling motor at all times.
12. Captain/coach of the boat may make suggestions but cannot fish in any respect or tie any lures on for the participants. Captain/coach or participants can operate the trolling motor.
13. Anyone on the boat may net fish.
14. All fish that are put in the live well 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.
15. All fish will be released immediately after weigh-in. **A one pound deduction will be made for each fish not "ethically" released.**
16. There will be a speed limit enforced at this tournament. The speed limit will be no faster than **35mph**.
17. Teams of up to four participants per boat may be entered by each school. Only two students may be in the boat at any one time. The total weight for each of the five fish limit for that boat will count for the boat total of the tournament.
18. Individual weight of the largest bass will also be recorded for the top fish designated by each boat. The big bass award will be given to the participant that weighs in the largest bass of the tournament.
19. No live bait or trolling is allowed.
20. Participants must stay completely in the boat unless they are using an authorized rest room facility or they are back at the dock switching participants.
23. 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 the local manager or his/her designee.

24. Once competition is under way, 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.

25. **Creature Fish Competition:** In an effort to get more kids involved, this portion of the competition is open to **ANY** member of a participating schools fishing team. **Entries are not limited.** Fishing must be done from the shore for any fish that is not a black bass. When a creature fish is caught from shore, it must be immediately weighed at the weigh station and then released. A trophy will be given at the end of the tournament for the heaviest creature fish.

26. **Coaching:** The captain or coach of the boat is allowed to talk to the participants, but cannot fish in any respect. Coaches may net fish.

27. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any participant, coach and/or other person guilty or profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct.

Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries, conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification.

28. **Violations:** Any team wishing to make a formal complaint must do so in writing to the tournament directors before the conclusion of the weigh-in. tournament directors will make all final decisions regarding disqualifications.

River Boundaries & Rules:

- 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.
- b) **Inside Harborside Marina**
- c) **Route 6 Quarries** and the cut leading in
- d) **The Illinois River (No Locking Through)**
- 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) **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.
- k) Any other spots declared by tournament directors prior to the launch of the tournament.

Registration Form



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Please print this form and mail it to Oak Lawn High School to ensure your teams place in the tournament.

Participation is limited to IDNR permit

School name: _____

Head Coach's Name: _____

Head Coach's Cell Phone number: _____

Head Coach's Email: _____

Number of Boats Participating: _____

\$40 per boat fee payable to OLCHS = _____

(for example, if you would like to register 3 boats, your fee is \$120)

How many students do you estimate to bring to the tournament? _____

(We hope to have "goody bags" for the kids and would like to have an estimate of the number of participants)

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. We understand that we are responsible for our own student/athlete participants.
3. Unique Bassmasters, Rayjus Outdoors, and Oak Lawn Community High School assume no liability for accidents before, during, or after tournament hours.

Head Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

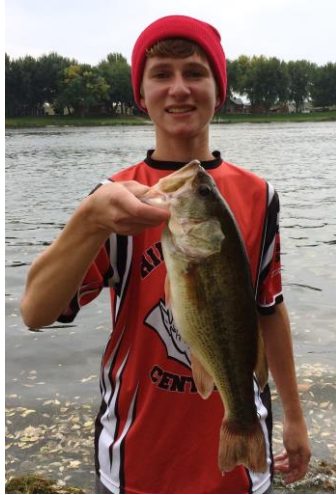
New for this year, the State of Illinois is requiring all teams using State facilities to provide a copy of liability insurance or a release of liability form. If your team needs a release of liability form, please email Coach Kuchyt at ckuchyt@olchs.org.

Please mail your school's \$40 per boat deposit payable to OLCHS to:

Oak Lawn Community High School
c/o Chris Kuchyt
9400 Southwest Hwy.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Rayjus Outdoors – Oak Lawn Community High School Bass Tournament Winners

**Tournament
Big Bass
2013
Hinsdale Central
Jeff Hopkins
3.14lbs**



**2010 – Oak Lawn
Kyle Kallenborn, Matt Hentgen,
Carlos Patino & Kody Frega**



**2011 – Seneca
Nick Kirkton & Nick Stuedemann**



**2012 – Brother Rice
Matt Caulfield & Jimmy Ciurej**



**2013 – Hinsdale Central
Jeff Hopkins & Christian Sona**



**2014 – Joliet Central
Sean Cook**



Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation High School Championship Qualifying Event!



The Top five teams that register with the IBN in this event move on to the IBN State Championship in June 2016 at Lake Springfield.

Top 2 teams from that event will go on to the Bassmaster High School Nationals. There you will have a chance to win college scholarships and a fully loaded Triton boat.

For your high school team to be eligible for these opportunities you need to register your club with B.A.S.S. Nation. Simply go to www.bassmaster.com/high-school Download the needed forms, complete them and send them in to register your team.

The Oak Lawn tournament on October 3rd will be an IBN State Championship qualifying event!

A registration fee of \$20 per angler and must be paid the morning of the event to register your team for this great opportunity!

There is no additional IBN tournament entry fee.

You will simply pay a registration fee the day of the event if you wish to enter your team. This fee is not required to participate in the event hosted by Oak Lawn High School. It is a separate opportunity offered by the Illinois Bass Nation.

Print Clearly:

Boat Captain: _____ Address: _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Cell# _____

Boat Captain Email Address: _____

Angler Name: _____ Address: _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Cell# _____

Email Address: _____

Angler Name: _____ Address: _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Cell# _____

Angler Email Address: _____

Registration fee of \$20 per angler

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Boat Captain Signature _____ Date _____

Angler Signature _____ Date _____

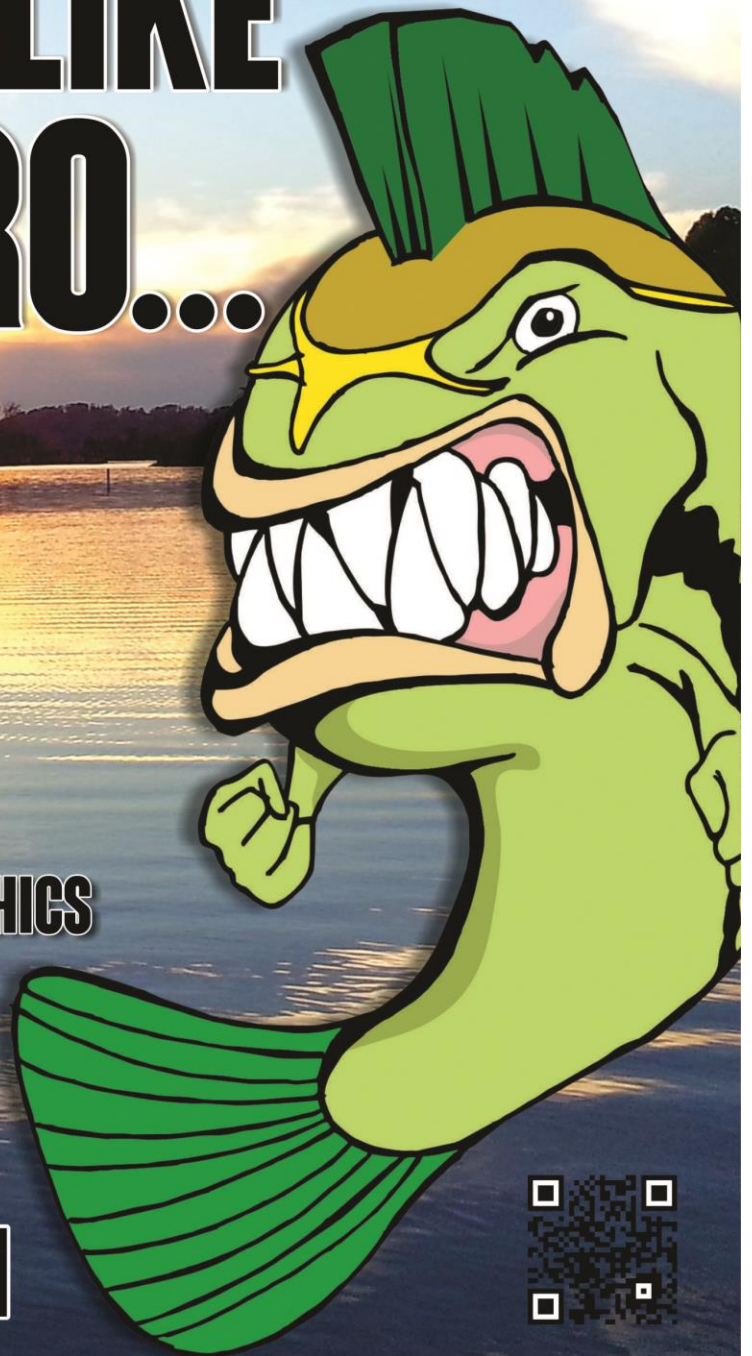
Co-Angler Signature _____ Date _____

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