



2014



Rayjus Outdoors - Oak Lawn Community High School Bass Tournament

Unique Bassmasters, along with [Rayjus Outdoors](#) and the [Oak Lawn High School Spartan Fishing Team](#) have joined together to present the **2014 Rayjus Outdoors - Oak Lawn Community High School Bass Tournament** on the Kankakee/Des Plaines River scheduled for **October 4, 2014**. Schools may enter an **unlimited number of boats**. Space is limited to the first 50 boats registered. Cost per boat is \$40.

When: Saturday, October 4, 2014

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

Entry: The ILDNR 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 each boat 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
- 2pm – 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 \$40.00 per boat non-refundable check made out to "OLCHS" and the attached registration form. The \$40.00 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 ILDNR permit.



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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. Boats numbered 1-25 must be back in for weigh-in by 2 p.m.; 26-50 must be back by 2:15.
3. Only largemouth or smallmouth bass of 12 inches may be weighed.
4. 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.
5. It is the participant's responsibility to notify the tournament manger in advance of the 2/2:15 tournament end time of any problems that may have occurred.
6. 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.
7. If the poundage is equal, ties will be broken in the following manner: first criteria will be the largest fish; second criteria will be the number of fish.
8. 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.
9. All participants must wear **eye wear** and a **hat** for protection.
10. 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.
11. Every boat must a 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.
12. 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.
13. All boats must have **tournament flags** visible at all times.
14. 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.
15. Anyone on the boat may net fish.
16. 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.
17. All fish will be released immediately after weigh-in. **A one pound deduction will be made for each fish not "ethically" released.**
18. There will be a speed limit enforced at this tournament. The speed limit will be no faster than **35mph**.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. No live bait or trolling is allowed.
22. 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 tournament directors or his 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.

23. **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.
24. **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.
25. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any participant, coach and/or other person guilty of 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.

26. **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.

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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 ILDNR 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? _____

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. **VERIFICATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE:** We state that we maintain current liability insurance on the boat we will use in these events.
3. We understand that we are responsible for our own student/athlete participants.
4. 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: _____

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

Tournament Records

Biggest Bass of the Tournament – 2013 Jeff Hopkins Hinsdale Central 3.14lbs

2010	Oak Lawn	Kallenborn/Hentgen/Patino/Frega	5	5	2.29	6.77
2011	Seneca	Nick Kirkton/Nick Stuedemann	5	5	2.42	8.90
2012	Brother Rice	Matt Caulfield-Jimmy Ciurej	5	5	2.50	7.43
2013	Hinsdale Central	Jeff Hopkins/Christian Sona	4	4	3.14	7.52