

# JONI & FRIENDS "CASTING THE NETS" OPEN TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES

- RULES:** These rules shall apply to all contestants of the **Joni & Friends "Casting the Nets" Open Team Tournament**. It is each contestant's responsibility to thoroughly read & understand the following rules. Tournament director is not responsible for any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the following rules. Violation of any of these rules will result in immediate disqualification from the current event. **Any team disqualified from the current event will forfeit their entry fee for the event.**
- REGISTRATION:** Entry fee is **\$300.00 per team + (\$25.00 per person big bass optional)**. A **\$25.00** fee will be charged for returned checks. All contestants must have a current valid Texas Fishing License. Registration/rule meeting will be from **5:00-7:00 pm** at the Dallas Boat Show/**C.A.B.A.** stage area. Due to the location of the weigh-in, awards program & various related activities, this event will be limited to **75 teams**. Early entries will be accepted & are encouraged but at least one member of each team **MUST** attend the mandatory registration/rule meeting to receive their registration packet, tournament information & draw a number for start position.
- TOURNAMENT TIMES:** Starting time will be safe light (to be announced @ registration/rule meeting). All boats will take off in numbered order beginning @ safe light @ 15-second intervals (in flights of 25 boats) based on sequential number drawn @ registration/rule meeting. The number drawn by each team will be used for both days. 1st flight **MUST** be checked in @ host marina by **2:00 PM** to avoid penalty on their stringer weight. Check-in times @ host marina for additional flights will be staggered @ 15-minute intervals thereafter. A drive-thru weigh-in procedure will be used both days. **All teams must be in the drive-thru weigh-in line @ Market Hall by 4:00 pm.**
- LATE PENALTY:** Any team that has not checked in by their designated time will have **½ lb. per minute** deducted from their total weight. Any team more than **15 minutes** late @ host marina check-in will not be allowed to weigh-in.
- OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** There will be only one official checkpoint for boat check-in the morning and only one official check-in point in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat check-in the morning or failure to check-in @ the official check-in point in the afternoon will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon check-in.
- PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing to be done on Ray Hubbard only. Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible by boat & **WITH NO VISIBLE GROUND SEPARATION**, except those areas designated as "**off limits**" or "**keep out**" by state/federal or lake officials, within **25 yards** of another tournament boat for any reason unless by mutual consent or as per tournament director discretion in special situations.
- OFF LIMITS:** Tournament off limits will begin @ **3:00 PM** the **Friday** immediately prior to tournament until tournament start time.
- TRAILERING:** Trailering will not be allowed except for safety reasons as determined by tournament director. Any boat ramp may be used for launching purposes, but all boats must pass through the official morning checkpoint @ registration prior to fishing. It is each contestant's responsibility to make sure his or her team is in position to start tournament prior to safe light. **Tournament start time will not be delayed unless for safety reasons as determined by tournament director.**
- LAWS:** All STATE, FEDERAL and LOCAL laws must be strictly obeyed by all contestants at all times during tournament hours.
- TEAMS:** This event is open to all anglers except pros. A Pro is defined as any person that has entered a bass tournament that required an entry fee greater than \$1,499 in 2007. Only tournament participants will be allowed in boat during tournament hours. A team will consist of no more than two individuals or one individual providing that individual pays full entry fee. Tournament participants cannot have participated in a guided trip, paid for a guide trip for another individual or followed a guide on tournament lake for 5 days immediately prior to the event.
- FISH LENGTHS & LIMITS:** Scoring will be determined by the total weight of not more than **3 fish** with a minimum length of 14 inches. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. No white-gilled fish will be weighed. No more than a tournament limit is allowed in the livewell at any one time. Only Largemouth or Spotted bass are accepted species.
- SHORT FISH:** A team will be penalized **1 lb.** per short fish and the short fish will not be weighed. Fish will be measured on an official **Golden Rule** measuring board with mouth closed and tail compressed. An official courtesy **Golden Rule** measuring board will be available for contestants to check fish prior to entering the weigh-in line.
- TIES:** In the event of a tie in any position, prize money for that position will be determined in the following manner; **A.** Number of fish weighed; **B.** Largest fish weighed; **C.** Number of live fish weighed.
- PROTESTS:** All protests must be presented in writing to tournament director within 15 minutes after the closing of scales. Tournament director's decisions will be final in all matters.
- PERMITTED FISHING METHODS:** Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers. For **2 man teams 1** rod and reel per contestant may be used at a time. For **1 man teams 2** rods and reels may be used at a time. No trolling with the combustion engine will be allowed. All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner. No fishing is to be done while the big motor is running and in gear. "Hole sitting" or the placing of markers by non-competitors is NOT allowed. The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine & CB radios, walkie-talkies, or any similar device to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is strictly prohibited. Your team may only weigh-in fish caught by your team. Switching or sharing fish with other teams will result in immediate disqualification from the event. All fishing must be done from a US Coast Guard approved boat. At no time during tournament hours may a contestant leave their boat to make their boat more accessible to fishing waters or to land a fish. Standing on the fishing seats or outboard motor will not be allowed.
- BOATS & MOTORS:** Anglers will be permitted to use prop or jet style propulsion boats only. Tournament boats must have all required US Coast Guard safety equipment. No engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. Any altering of the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating plate will result in immediate disqualification. All boats must have an aerated livewell large enough to sustain a tournament limit of fish in releasable condition. All boats must have an operational emergency **KILL** switch **ATTACHED** to the driver and all contestants must wear a **FASTENED** US Coast Guard approved "PFD" Personal Flotation Device any time the combustible engine is running and in gear. All boats **MUST** display a chartreuse ribbon, which is provided at registration, on the upper portion of trolling motor during tournament hours. No contestant may have a platform, raised deck, or ladder which is higher than the gunnels of their boat.
- The **Joni & Friends "Casting the Nets" Open Team Tournament** will be conducted in a **CHRIST-LIKE** and **SPORTSMANSHIP** manner. All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, and courtesy and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to the **Joni & Friends "Casting the Nets" Open Team Tournament, C.A.B.A.**, its sponsors, the sport of fishing and all efforts to promote the sport. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to: 1) Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any mind-altering substance before and during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure. 2) Abuse of, or addition to, mind altering substances. 3.) Any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably on the **Joni & Friends "Casting the Nets" Open Team Tournament, C.A.B.A.**, its sponsors or reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules. If conduct does not comply with the standards set forth, by these rules, the tournament director shall have the right to refuse any entry, or to deny a confirmed entry, by returning the entry fee previously accepted, or to disqualify a contestant. Any team that places in the money may be required to take a polygraph test. Failure to submit to and pass such a test will result in disqualification from that event.
- SWITCHING/CHANGING BOATS:** Switching or changing boats during tournament competition for any reason other than mechanical failure to boat, motor or trolling motor will not be allowed. Should this situation occur, tournament director must be notified. **CHANGING BOAT PROPULSION TYPES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR ANY REASON.**

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## OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRY FORM (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

### CONTESTANT 1

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT 1 BIG BASS ENTRY FEE - \$25.00

CONTESTANT 1 PITCHIN CONTEST ENTRY FEE - \$25.00

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### CONTESTANT 2

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT 2 BIG BASS ENTRY FEE - \$25.00

CONTESTANT 2 PITCHIN CONTEST ENTRY FEE - \$25.00

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TEAM STRINGER ENTRY FEE - \$300.00   
TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR TEAM \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

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**IN SIGNING THIS ENTRY FORM.** I hereby release all other contestants, tournament officials, host, and sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, expenses and liabilities relating to or resulting from this tournament, including personal injury and/or property damage. I further agree that I will not sue or make any claim against any individual or group involved with this tournament now or in the future concerning any damage or injury relating to this tournament. In the event the **Joni & Friends "Casting the Nets" Open Team Tournament, C.A.B.A.**, or its officials are involved in a lawsuit resulting from my actions, intentional or accidental, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the **Joni & Friends "Casting the Nets" Open Team Tournament, C.A.B.A.**, and its officials and/or employees harmless from any liability whatsoever. This release will also serve as notice that my insurance carrier will not sue or make any claims against the **Joni & Friends "Casting the Nets" Open Team Tournament, C.A.B.A.**, its officials and/or employees for any claims that may be paid on my behalf.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY BY MY SIGNATURE** on this form that I have read and understand the rules and regulations concerning this tournament. Any misunderstanding or untruthful statement made by me is my personal responsibility and I will hold the **Joni & Friends "Casting the Nets" Open Team Tournament, C.A.B.A.**, and its officials and/or employees harmless.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

For information contact Mike Rouse/C.A.B.A. @ 214-801-9944

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5TH	\$800.00
6TH	\$600.00
7TH	\$500.00
8TH	\$450.00
9TH	\$400.00
10TH	\$350.00
11TH	\$325.00
12TH	\$300.00
13TH	\$275.00
14TH	\$250.00
15TH	\$250.00

**\*WHEN: JULY 19 & 20, 2008\***

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**\*TOURNAMENT SITE – RAY HUBBARD\***

**\*HOST LOCATION – CHANDLERS LANDING\***

**\*TIME: SAFE LIGHT – 2:00 PM+\***

**\*STRINGER ENTRY FEE: \$300.00 PER TEAM\***

**\*BIG BASS ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 PER PARTICIPANT\***

**\*PITCHIN' CONTEST ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 PER PARTICIPANT\***

**\*PAYBACK\***

**STRINGER - 80% - ONE PLACE IN FIVE**

**BIG BASS - 80% - TEN PLACES**

**PITCHIN' CONTEST - 80% - TEN PLACES**

BIG BASS & PITCHIN CONTEST PAYBACK BASED ON FULL FIELD OF 150 PARTICIPANTS 10 PLACES	
1ST	\$750.00
2ND	\$500.00
3RD	\$350.00
4TH	\$300.00
5TH	\$250.00
6TH	\$225.00
7TH	\$200.00
8TH	\$175.00
9TH	\$150.00
10TH	\$100.00

\$7000.00 1<sup>st</sup> Place Stringer – Based on a full field of 75 teams

**SPECIAL GUEST – FRIDAY JULY 18 ONLY – SHAW GRISBY**

**\*\* ACTIVITIES INCLUDE \*\***

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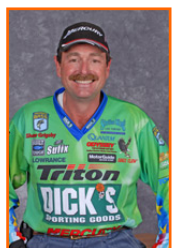
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