

Release Ruler HUGE Bass Championship

The HUGE Bass Championship relies on honesty and sportsmanship of its participants to ensure fairness. The tournament reserves the right to request additional information on submissions to ensure that all requirements are followed. The tournament committee reserves the right to invalidate submissions deemed to not meet tournament standards.

Tournament Rules and Details

1. The Release Ruler Huge Bass Championship is a length-based bass fishing tournament with submissions registered via Facebook or Instagram. It will start **August 28, 2018** and conclude on **November 19th, 2018**.
2. **Release Ruler Huge Bass Championship consists of 6, two week rounds.** Each round anglers will face off in a head-to-head fashion. Anglers will video themselves measuring bass on the tournament release ruler. The angler with the longest measured bass will move on to the next round. There is no need to weigh bass that are submitted.
3. **All fish must be measured on the numbered tournament ruler provided.** Anglers are provided a numbered ruler that corresponds to their angler number. Rulers may not be modified in any way. Tournament committee reserves the right to inspect tournament rulers during or after the event. Anglers found to be using modified rulers may be disqualified. If you lose your tournament ruler, please contact tournament officials to obtain a new one. Replacement rulers will be \$13.99 plus shipping.
4. **Each video must show a live bass measured in its entirety-- from the mouth to the tip of the tail (pinched length).** The bass' mouth must be placed on the zero line. The video must also show a safe release and the bass swimming off in a healthy fashion. Please keep an optimal distance (12 to 24 inches) from the bass while video measuring.
5. **The fish will be measured to the ¼ inch.** The length of the fish must be clearly stated to the nearest quarter of an inch in the submission video. All video submissions will be reviewed and confirmed by the tournament committee.
6. **The anglers will be provided with a keyword or phrase (token) prior to every round.** This keyword or phrase (token) must be heard in every fish submission video. **The token phrase will change every Friday during the tournament.** New token phrases will be posted to the HUGE Bass Championship Facebook Group at 4:30 eastern time. It is the angler's responsibility to keep track of the current token phrase changes. Videos submitted with the incorrect token phrase may not be accepted.
7. **Fishing Rules:** Anglers may fish from boat or land. All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Anglers can use live bait, dead bait, or artificial lures.

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8. **Angler Rules:** Tournament anglers may only submit fish that they catch. Any angler caught submitting fish caught by others may be disqualified from this and future events. The angler must fight the fish for the duration of the fight—from hook up to landing. Anglers may be assisted in landing/netting of the fish.
9. **In the event of a tie (same length), the angler who uploaded the bass first will be awarded the prize based upon time.**
10. **The HUGE Bass Championship is a live release tournament.** Submissions that include bass that appear to be dead and or mutilated may be disqualified based on tournament committee's discretion. Bass caught during other tournaments may be included HUGE Bass Championship. Release of bass into a live well is permitted.
11. **If neither angler in a bracket submits a bass video then neither angler will advance to the next round. In this case, the angler who submitted the longest, non-advancing fish in the round will move on.**
12. **Rule violation protests must be filed with the Tournament Rules Committee within 24-hours of the post with the alleged infraction.** Protests must be submitted in writing (email) and accompany a \$300.00 check. (Note- check payment is refundable if protest is deemed valid and actionable by tournament committee(s)). All Decisions made by the Rules Committee are final and official. In the event of a complaint, prize winning anglers may be subject to a lie detector tests at the discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee. Failure to pass a lie detector test may result in disqualification from tournament and any awards, cash or prizes associated with the tournament. Tournament Committee reserves the right to review and video submission for rules infractions.

Video Submissions:

All videos must be submitted via Facebook to the Release Ruler Tournament Page. Please post the video as quickly as possible to the Facebook Tournament Page. The time at which the video is posted will be the deciding factor in the event of any ties.

For those anglers who do not have Facebook accounts:

1. **Consistently post videos to the account of a person listed on your tournament registration.**

Submission Requirements

- Must contain the bass in its entirety on the ruler. Rulers must be placed on a flat surface.
- Must contain panning shot of bass from mouth to tail with measurement markings visible. The entire bass should be visible during the panning shot.
- The angler number must be visible in the video.
- Angler must clearly state angler name, angler number and active token phrase for the round.
- Angler must also clearly state the length of the fish.
- Must contain the release of the bass or bass going into a live well alive.

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Sample Submission text:

This is Nick Poza, Angler number 1 - Yamaha Reliability (token Phrase) – (Video measure the bass) This bass is 23.75”

Bracket Tournament -- 6 Rounds

- Round 1 – August 28 through September 10 (**Longest Single Bass advances**)
- Round 2 – September 11 through September 24 (**Longest Single Bass advances**)
- Round 3 – September 24 through October 8 (**Longest Single Bass advances**)
- Round 4 – October 9 through October 22 (**Longest Single Bass advances**)
- Round 5 – October 23 through November 5 (**Longest Combined 2 Bass advances**)
- Round 6 – November 6 through November 19 (**Longest Combined 2 Bass advances**)

Each round will start at 6am on a Tuesday and the round will end on a Monday at 6pm.

Payout Structure

- 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place,

Fishing Categories

- **HUGE Bass Champion** – awarded to the angler that measures the longest bass during the HUGE Bass Championship. Tournament anglers who have been eliminated from the brackets may still submit bass for consideration during tournament dates.
- **Tournament Champion** – The angler who wins the bracket system will be recognized as the tournament champion.
- **Longest Bass Per Round** – The longest bass per round will be recognized. All anglers are eligible.
- **Most Bass Caught per Round** – Angler that submits the most eligible bass per round will be awarded. There is a 17” minimum for submissions. All anglers are eligible.
- **Most Bass Caught Overall** – The angler who submits the most entries over the course of the tournament will be recognized. There is a 17” minimum for submissions. All anglers are eligible.
- **Longest combined 3 fish** – The angler who catches the longest three combined bass will be recognized. All anglers are eligible.
- **Largest Smallmouth Bass** – The angler that video measures the longest Smallmouth Bass.
- **Wee Bass**—The angler who catches the shortest hook and line caught bass will be recognized. The 17” minimum does not apply to this category. All anglers are eligible.

Tiebreakers

- **Bracket Status** – In the event of a tie (longest fish, most fish, etc.), preference will be given to the angler still active in the brackets.
- **Time of video submission** – The second tie breaker is time of video submissions, with preference given to the fish caught first.

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