



Jimmy Granger Outdoors Tournament Rules and Regulations

1. Participant Acknowledgment

It is mandatory that all participants read and thoroughly understand all the rules, regulations, and bonus/incentive programs before signing this entry form.

2. Conduct and Communication

Negative comments about the circuit, tournament officials, the dealership, any sponsors, or fellow competitors while speaking to news media or on social media will not be tolerated. Any questions about rules, scheduling, payouts, or reasonable disagreements should be directed solely to the tournament officials.

3. Tournament Format

There will be four qualifying events and one Championship. The qualifying tournaments will be "trailer tournaments," meaning participants may launch from any location on the designated lake for each event. Teams may launch anytime and proceed out at any time on the tournament day, but they **MUST HAVE AND USE PROPER RUNNING LIGHTS, PFDs, AND PROCEED WITH CAUTION AND COURTESY.** Fishing will begin approximately 30 minutes before legal sunrise (time posted two days before each event in the newsletter). Teams must stop fishing by 3:00 p.m. and check in at the "Bag Line" no later than 3:30 p.m. Teams checking in late will receive a 1-lb. per minute penalty up to 15 minutes, after which total disqualification will occur. The check-in person's cell phone will be the official time.

4. Minors

Persons under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian's signature in the designated entry form space.

5. Regulatory Compliance

All state, federal, and lake regulations must be followed.

6. Polygraph Testing

All entrants are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to take or pass such a test will result in disqualification. Anyone previously failing a polygraph test due to cheating is ineligible.

7. Courtesy and Safety Standards

Contestants are required to follow high standards of courtesy and sportsmanship, including respect for all anglers, tournament and non-tournament. Complaints about discourteous conduct will be treated as a rule infraction. A U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn and fastened while the combustion engine is in gear, with **NO EXCEPTIONS.** All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard standards, and outboards must not exceed the boat's maximum HP rating. Boats must have a kill switch attached to the driver when the engine is in gear.

8. Substance Policy

Alcohol and/or narcotics are prohibited in a contestant's possession during tournament hours, except for legal prescriptions. Alcohol may be permitted post-weigh-in, unless the contestant is subject to a polygraph test.

9. No Outside Assistance

During competition, contestants may not receive information or assistance from non-competitors. "Hole" sitting is not allowed.

10. Live Well Requirements

Boats must have an operational live well with an aerator system. Teams must cull after catching their sixth fish.

11. Fishing Equipment and Techniques

Only artificial lures are allowed, although pork is permitted. Only one rod and reel may be used at a time, and no rod should exceed 8 ft. 6 in. Trolling with a combustion engine is prohibited, and all fish must be caught legally. Competitors should not fish within 25 yards of another anchored tournament boat with its trolling motor up.

12. Penalties

A 0.5-lb penalty will apply for each dead fish weighed. A 1-lb. Penalty and loss of the fish apply for any fish that fails to meet the minimum length set for the tournament or falls within a lake's slot limit.

13. Launch and Lighting Requirements

Trailing will be allowed at all four qualifying events without an official take-off site. Teams may launch anywhere on the designated lake, but MUST use running lights. Any team found without proper running lights is subject to penalties or disqualification.

14. Weigh-in Procedure

Fish should not be brought to weigh-in in a personal bag. Official bags will be provided. Once checked in at the bag line, retrieve fish in the official bag and proceed to the weigh-in line.

15. Scoring

Scoring will be based on the total weight of up to 5 bass per team. Fish are measured on a flat board with a closed mouth and pinched tail. Tied teams will receive the same points and split prize money equally.

16. Point System

Points are based on a 200-point scale, with 1st place earning 200 points, 2nd place 199, and so on. Teams not weighing fish receive 10 points less than the last team with fish. Points will be used for AOY (Angler of the Year)

17. Entry Forms and Team Numbers

Teams must complete an entry form for their first tournament and retain the same TEAM NUMBER throughout all four events. Team numbers for the Championship will be based on yearly standings. Entries can be submitted at Jimmy Granger Outdoors (cash or credit card) or by contacting the tournament director.

18. Fees

Entry is \$250 per tournament, with a one-time \$40 team membership fee. All entries to be paid in full by February 22, 2025

19. Championship Eligibility

The top 50 teams in points and any team entering all qualifying events will qualify for the Jimmy Granger Outdoors Team Trail Championship.

20. Partner Declaration

Partners must be declared by the third tournament. Changes after the first tournament result in a loss of accrued points.

21. Bonus Money

Any bonus money awarded for winning in a particular boat brand will be managed solely between the angler and the dealer or factory.

22. Liability Insurance

Boats must have a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance per event. Proof is required, and random checks will be conducted. Failure to provide proof of insurance results in disqualification.

23. Off Limits

Tournament location will be off limits Monday-Friday the week of the tournament. No distribution of information will be allowed during the off limits time.

24. Graphs only to be used for mapping and navigation only before "Start Fish" time. No livescoping before "Start Fish" time.

Release of Liability

For and in consideration of admission to the Jimmy Granger Outdoors Team Trail for the year of 2025 (hereinafter the "Tournament"), the undersigned releases Jimmy Granger Outdoors, its owners, directors, officers, shareholders, underwriters, insurers, agents, and employees from any claims, demands, rights, and causes of action arising out of participation, including injury or damage to property. This release extends to equipment use and binds heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns