



2016 Lake Guntersville Rat-L-Trap Open

Civitan Park

Sunday, February 7th

1. Boater (Team Captain) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____

Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____

2. Non-Boater PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____

Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____

3. Payments

Tournament Entry (\$100)

Big Bass (Optional) (\$20)

Total Payment _____

Cash Check Credit Card

Credit/Debit Payment

Name (As appears on card) _____

Card Type Visa MasterCard Discover AE

Card Number _____

Expires ____/____

CVV Code (Last 3 digits on the back) _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

4. Liability Release Please Read and Sign

A. In signing this agreement, I hereby release Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc., its officers, agents, employees and sponsors (herein referred to as Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc.) from any and all damages, claims, demands, cost or expenses relating to injury of any person(s) or any property, which I may sustain or which I may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with any and all Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. events.

B. Covenant not to sue and Waiver of Subrogation: I further agree that I will never sue Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. for damages on account of any injury or damage I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future. In the event Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. is sued because of my actions, I expressly agree to indemnify and hold Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. harmless from any liability whatsoever, including court cost and attorney's fees, arising with respect to such actions. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. I am also waiving my rights of recovery from Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. of my Insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf. I further understand that by signing this agreement I waive any rights my heirs or relatives have or may have to sue Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. for liability.

C. Verification of liability Insurance: I state that I maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in this or any Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. event.

D. Truth Verification: Polygraph or truth verification may be given at any time at the discretion of the officers of Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. Refusal of failure of polygraph or truth verification will automatically eliminate team members' participation from all future Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. events.

E. Camera Release: I hereby grant Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. the unconditional rights to use my voice, photographic likeness and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with all Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. video/audio production, promotions and/or other compensation in connection with such use.

F. I signify by my signature that I have read, understand and agree to abide by all rules and regulations and decisions set forth by Xtreme Bass Series/Sports Design and Development Inc. tournament officials.

G. Xtreme Bass reserves the right to refuse membership and/or participation in any event for any reason.

Boater _____ Date _____ Non-Boater _____ Date _____

Legal Guardian _____ Date _____ Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

5. Mail (with check or money order), Fax or Email Entry form to:

Bill Lewis Outdoors ♦ 3240 Baldwin Avenue ♦ Alexandria, LA 71301 ♦ Fax: 318-445-8301 ♦ cdauzat@rat-l-trap.com

1. **Rat-L-Trap Rules:** Tournament rules are included herein with special notations. It is each participant's responsibility to read all items before entering. Rat-L-Trap rules will apply in all events unless superseded by federal, state or local laws. Rat-L-Trap reserves the right to refuse any tournament entry fees or entry forms for any reason. Rat-L-Trap/XBS officials and directors decisions will be final in all matters.
2. **Laws:** State, Federal, and Local Laws must be obeyed.
3. Any lures CURRENTLY made by Bill Lewis Outdoors "Rat-L-Trap" may be used during this tournament. **This includes the NEW Echo 1.75. Slap Stik is no longer allowed. NO UMBRELLA RIGS.** Custom painting your lure is permitted. You may also change your hooks. Modifying internal shot loads is NOT allowed. Adding or attaching soft-plastic baits to the 'Trap is NOT permitted. If your modification is in question then it is advised you seek permission from the tournament director prior to tournament.
4. Anglers do not have to remove non-Bill Lewis Outdoors lures/tackle from their boats. However, **ONLY** Bill Lewis Outdoors lures CURRENTLY approved in #3 above can be out on the boat deck during the tournament. Non-Bill Lewis Outdoors lures of any kind placed on the deck or fished while participating in this tournament will result in immediate disqualification.
5. **Insurance:** All boats used in Rat-L-Trap tournaments must have liability insurance. This is the user/owners responsibility. Failure to have insurance will result in disqualification.
6. **Eligibility & Participation:** Any person age 17 or under may be a team partner with a parent or a person age 18 or older, or if a team consist of two persons 17 or under, a third person may be allowed in the boat strictly as a Captain. The Captain shall at no time pick up a fishing rod during tournament hours. Persons under 18 must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the tournament entry form.
7. **Tournament Winners:** Winners will be determined by the heaviest five (5) fish on Lake Guntersville...Big Fish (side pot) - NO DEAD FISH can be considered for BIG FISH. Only Live fish will count towards BIG FISH category.
8. **Fishing Licenses:** Each contestant will observe fish and game laws and have in his or her possession a valid State fishing license.
9. **Ties:** Prize money for tied positions will be combined and distributed equally among the tied teams.
10. **Tournament Entry Fees:** \$100.00 per boat (1or 2 man team) with 100% Payback. Big Fish side pot is \$20, (OPTIONAL), and 100% payback.
11. **Pre-registration & Sign Up:** Call in to 1-800-633-4861 to register over the phone or go online to www.rat-l-trap.com and look under the "tournaments" tab. ONSITE REGISTRATION will begin at 4pm the day prior to the tournament at the Guntersville Middle School gym. It will finish at 6pm. We will open up registration again the morning of the tournament at 5am at CIVITAN PARK. Check or money order must be received SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT DATE. Contestants may pay at pre-registration meeting the afternoon prior to event or cash at the ramp the morning of the tournament. Cash or Debit/Credit cards only at onsite registration. NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ONSITE REGISTRATION.
12. **Fish Limits & Penalty:** All contestants must use care in handling and keeping fish alive for release after weigh-in. All fish will be brought to the weigh master in official weigh bags with enough water to keep the fish covered until weigh-in. A tournament limit for Lake Guntersville will be FIVE (5) fish, minimum legal length of 15 inches, measured on a PRO RULE with mouth closed and tail compressed (pinched) in accordance with State law. No culling of dead fish. No culling at ramp or in host marina. No retaining bass in live well and not weighing those fish, this is the same as culling at the ramp. Dead fish penalty will be .50 pounds per dead fish. Teams must not have more than (5) fish in the live well at any time.
13. **Life Jackets & Kill Switch:** Safe boating practices must be observed by all times. Life Jackets or Vest will be worn by both team members any time the outboard motor is in gear and running above IDLE. Kill switch will be connected to boat operator any time the outboard motor is running and in gear.

14. Tackle & Equipment: No live or prepared bait is permitted. You may not fish on or from any structure above the deck. All fishing must be done from boat deck. Only Bill Lewis Outdoors family of lures may be used per number 3 above. No multiple lures of any kind; i.e. NO UMBRELLA RIGS. No wading or trolling is allowed. All fish must be caught from the boat. Only one rod and reel may be used at any given time by each angler. No rod may be left unattended with line or lure in water.

15. Permitted Fishing Locations: No “hole sitting” or reserving a fishing area is permitted. Anglers may not leave their boat except in a dire emergency. You must fish water that is available to all competitors. No fishing within 50 yards of any boat anchored, with trolling motor up. No fishing in areas designated off limits by governmental agencies. No fishing within 50 yards of Launch Site. No fishing within 50 yards of a marina gas pump. There is NO off limit days at any Rat-L-Trap event.

16. Team check-in: Contestants must check in and out at the official Check Point. All contestants will be assigned a boat number. Any team checking in after his announced check-in time will be disqualified.

17. Tournament Hours: The week of the tournament the director will determine the time for safe light. That official start time will then be announced at the mandatory meeting the evening prior to the tournament. Each boat must have one working cell phone in order to be sure they don't start fishing prior to the official start time. When the clock on each boats cell phone reaches the official start time then it will be time to start fishing. Trailering will be allowed in this tournament. The weigh-in will begin at 3:00pm for the 1st flight of boats. The following flights will be assigned weigh-in times. Each team will be assigned a boat number at the mandatory meeting. At check-in, all teams must return their boat chip prior to their designated return time.

18. Emergency or Break Down: Anglers are not permitted to leave their boat or touch another boat with the exception of an emergency or equipment failure. It is permitted to be towed either to safety or the weigh-in area by any safe means available. You may not transport fish by land. One or both anglers must identify their fish with some sort of marker or separation system before entering the rescue boat with fish, to return to launch site. (No fishing from rescue boat, both teams may be subjected to a polygraph test).

19. Boat & Horsepower Regulations: Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. All boats must contain a properly aerated live well space to maintain a live limit catch of bass. All boats must have an operating kill switch that must be attached to the operator at all times when the outboard motor is running and in gear. Violation of any of the above rules may be cause for disqualification. If running lights are not working you may be held at take-off. XBS officials or directors reserve the right to refuse entry to any boats that does not meet tournament standards. No airboats, canoes, or pontoon boats are permitted.

20. Sportsmanship: Each team is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, safety, courtesy, and conservation. Any team found in violation of these rules or any federal, state, or local laws may be disqualified. The use, possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages during tournament hours, which conclude upon the completion of payout, will not be tolerated and shall be cause for disqualification from current and future Rat-L-Trap events.

21. Firearms: Firearms are not allowed in tournament boats during tournament hours or carried during registration or weigh-in. Law Enforcement Officers are the only exception to this rule.

22. Protest & Polygraph Test: Rat-L-Trap contestants may submit a protest during the tournament morning prior to launch or immediately following the weigh-in of the last team's catch, but before the start of the awards presentation. Protests shall be in writing and accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit. The burden of proof of a rules infraction will be the responsibility of the angler filing the protest. This deposit will be refunded providing the protest be upheld, otherwise, the deposit shall be forfeited to Rat-L-Trap. Any contestant may be required to submit to a Polygraph or truth verification test. Failure to submit to either of these tests will result in disqualification from this tournament and will not be eligible to fish in any future Rat-L-Trap tournaments. Any angler making an accusation against another contestant without submitting a written protest accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit may be subject to disqualification from current and future Rat-L-Trap events.

23. Cellular Phones and Radios: With us launching from multiple points on the lake this year, each boat will need at least one working cell phone that can tell time. This way all anglers can start fishing at a consistent time. Cellular phones and radios are also encouraged for safety reasons but are prohibited during tournament hours unless for an emergency or for communications with the tournament director.