

# 2022 Pro-Guide Batteries AiA Tournament of Champions, presented by Phoenix Boats: Truman Lake - November 5-6, 2022



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**ELIGIBILITY:** By invitation only. Anglers must possess a valid state fishing license for the tournament waters (Truman Lake, MO)

### ENTRY FEE / PAYBACK:

**Entry fee: \$300 per boat / Includes Big Bass:** The 2022 Pro-Guide Batteries AiA Tournament of Champions, presented by Phoenix Boats, will pay back 1 place for every 6 boats entered, with a maximum of 25 places regardless the number of teams entered. First place will win a Phoenix 819 with 200 Mercury outboard, 2 Power Poles, and electronics from Russell Marine Products. If the winning team is Phoenix First Flight compliant, they will also win **\$7,000 in Phoenix First Flight money.**

**BIG BASS:** (**Saturday:** 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$250 Lew's Gift Card per angler) (**Sunday:** 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$250 Lew's Gift Card per angler)

### TEAM CHECK-IN:

**Sterett Creek Resort & Marina:** Friday, November 4th, from 3pm-6:30pm. Boat numbers & flight times, championship goodie bags, division winner plaques & checks, etc., will be handed out at this time.

### BOAT NUMBER DRAW / TAKE OFF & WEIGH IN:

Anglers in Action® will do a random, computer generated draw for take off numbers. Take off numbers will be reversed for the second day of competition. Official take off time will begin at 7:15am/safe light on Saturday, 6:15am/safe light on Sunday. Weigh-in will begin at 3:00 pm each day. You can trailer your boat prior to weighing in both Saturday & Sunday.

### CATCH LIMIT, SIZE, AND PENALTIES:

Largemouth & Smallmouth - minimum of 15 inches in length, Kentucky/Spotted Bass - minimum of 12 inches in length. No more than five (5) fish are allowed in a live well at any time, unless it is during the culling process. Anyone bringing more than five (5) fish to the bump tub will not be allowed to weigh in any fish that day. Culling of dead bass is prohibited. A short fish will result in a one (1) pound penalty plus the loss of the fish. A dead fish will result in a one (1) pound penalty per fish. If the dead fish is your big bass, the one (1) pound penalty will be deducted from that fish. All fish weighed in must be caught during the tournament hours on the tournament lake.

**All fish must be brought to the scales in an Anglers in Action® weigh-in bag, do not use your personal bag!**

Weigh-in bags will be located next to the tournament trailer. If none are available, please wait in line until the next one is available.

### SAFETY and SPORTSMANSHIP:

Safe boating must be observed at all times. **LIFE JACKETS & KILL SWITCHES** must be used any time the combustion motor is running above an idle. All contestants are required to follow the highest degree of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, tournament days may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. No alcohol or controlled substance can be used or allowed in the boat during tournament hours.

### LATE PENALTY:

There will be a one (1) pound penalty for every minute you are late checking in, up to ten (10) minutes, then disqualification.

### TIES:

If a tie occurs for overall weight or big bass, the prize money will be combined for those places and divided equally to the tied teams. If the tie is for the grand prize, the heaviest one-day catch for the tournament will break the tie.

### TACKLE and EQUIPMENT:

Only artificial lures or baits are allowed. All bass must be caught alive on a rod and reel. Only one rod and reel can be used at any time by any one angler. Trolling, as a method of fishing, is not allowed. Use of Umbrella Rigs will be allowed (max of 3 hooked baits)

### LOCATIONS AND OFF LIMITS AREAS:

Fishing is permitted anywhere on the tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by the Corp of Engineers, local, state, or federal officials. **See image below for the off limit area at the take-off location.** You cannot fish within 50 yards of a contestant's anchored boat with trolling motor up, without their approval. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat, unless it is authorized by a tournament director.

**NO FISHING ALLOWED FROM 6PM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, UNTIL OFFICIAL START TIME SATURDAY MORNING**



### PROTEST:

All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within five (5) minutes of the weigh-in completion. The appointed Tournament Advisory Board will handle all protests. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters.

### INSURANCE:

Boat owners must have at least \$100,000 of Boating Liability Insurance. Proof of insurance may be asked for at any time and may be a question on the CVSA/Polygraph test.

### SPECIAL SITUATIONS:

**Breakdown:** In the event of a boat breakdown, the team may transfer their fish to another contestants boat for transport to the weigh-in site, meeting the following conditions; The tournament director must be notified prior to transferring fish to another contestants boat. The fish must be placed in a segregated livewell. One member of the breakdown team must accompany those fish at all times to the weigh-in site. The team broken down must stop fishing from the time of transfer.

**Early Departure:** Any team departing the tournament lake prior to weigh in must contact the tournament director or appointed staff member. Contact numbers are 314-591-4578 and 314-703-8462. **Cell Phones:** We encourage all contestants to have a cell phone in their boat for emergency use only.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING:

By contestant(s) signature on the printed or online entry form and/or participation in the 2022 Anglers in Action® Tournament of Champions, the contestant(s) agree to any quality assurance tests if required by the Tournament Director. They may include all or part of the following: CVSA and/or Polygraph test. Refusal of an angler to submit to a test or failure of a test will result in loss of winnings, immediate disqualification, plus subsequent disqualification from future tournaments. Quality assurance tests will be conducted as soon as possible at the conclusion of official tournament hours.

### KNOWLEDGE OF THESE RULES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH CONTESTANT:

Failure to read these rules or ignorance of them is no excuse. The Tournament Director reserves the right to reject any entry if he feels that it is not in the best interest of Anglers in Action®. Any announcements made by the Tournament Director at the tournament site take precedent over written rules. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters.

**ANGLERS IN ACTION® RESERVES THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN OBSERVER RIDE ALONG WITH COMPETITOR(S) AT ANY TIME DURING THE 2022 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. REFUSAL TO HAVE AN OBSERVER WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.**

**By signature on each anglers entry form and/or participation in this tournament, each angler agrees that they have read all tournament rules and liability release and agree to abide by all rules, regulations, releases and tournament official's decisions.**