City of Rochester Hills - Spencer Park Bass Tournament

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Tournament Rules

1. The Tournament is open to all ages and skill levels.
2. Tournament participation is free. Participants are responsible for the park vehicle entry fee.
3. The Tournament takes place on Michigan’s Free Fishing weekend which means a fishing license is not needed to participate. All other DNR regulations apply.
4. The Tournament is a shore fishing only event. Participants may fish from the shore anywhere around the lake except from the south end of the swim area to the north side of the watercraft rental area. This area is indicated on the depth chart.
5. Participants may not enter the water deeper than ankle deep.
6. You must register to participate. Register at the Spencer Park Boat House shelter on the day of the event. Registration opens at 10am and closes at 1 pm.
7. The Tournament runs from 11 am until 2:30 pm.
8. The start and finish of the Tournament will be signified by a whistle or air horn sound emitted from the beach area.
9. For catches to count, they must be a largemouth bass 7” in length or longer.
10. When a largemouth bass is caught, wave down the scoring vehicle as it travels around the lake. Tournament officials will record the catch.
11. All bass under 14” must immediately be released after recording. All others may be kept, however Spencer Park encourages the release of all fish.
12. For the Heaviest Caught categories, catches will be considered by weight. Ties will be broken by length, then most caught, then first caught.
13. For the Most Caught category, the most largemouth bass caught wins the category. Ties will be broken by total weight, then length.
14. The Heaviest Caught category and Most Caught category can be won by any age.
15. A participant cannot win more than one prize category. If a participant is the final leader of more than one category, they will be designated winner of the first category they are the leader of in the following order: Heaviest Caught, Heaviest Caught 12 & under, Most Caught, Casting Contest. The runner up in additional categories led by the first participant will win those categories.
16. Participants ages 12 and under can compete in the Casting Contest. The contest is held just outside the boat house shelter. Participants may enter the casting contest anytime during the Tournament.
17. Casting Contest ties will result in a playoff. Check with Tournament officials at 2:30 pm to see if you are a participant of a playoff.
18. All Prizes will be awarded at 3:00 pm in the Boat House shelter.
19. Fishing equipment is not provided. Bring your own fishing poles and tackle. A limited supply of night crawlers may be available for sale at the Boat House shelter.
20. Watercraft rental will be closed for the day of the Tournament.
21. Tournament participants are invited to make use of the park after the Tournament.
22. Please pick up your litter.