

2017 Hobie Bass Open & Fun Festival!

June 9 – 11, 2017

Sponsored by Kentucky Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau and hosted by Calvert City, Kentucky. Lodging host is Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park.

Event Headquarters: Kentucky Dam Village Convention Center/Lakeview Pavilion. Located off of U.S. 641, Gilbertsville, Kentucky 42044

Kayak Anglers from all over the country will have the opportunity to test their skills on the legendary fishery of Kentucky Lake for a chance to win big cash and prizes and 2 spots to represent Team USA in the next Hobie Fishing Worlds.

The online early entry fee for adults is \$100 and is good from now until May 9 at midnight. After that the entry fee will be \$125.00 and can be paid online or onsite until June 9 at 7pm CT. Junior angler entry fee is \$25. In this 2-day event, anglers will be trying to catch their 3 largest bass each day in a catch, photograph and release format. The angler with the largest total inches will win the Hobie Bass Open.

100% of entry fees will be paid out with a ratio of one place for every 10 entrants. There will be many raffle prizes from sponsors given out as well as awards for top finishers and biggest bass each day. In addition, the overall 1st and 2nd place finishers will qualify for the Hobie Fishing Worlds. Along with the prize money, the winner will have their airfare, accommodations and entry fee covered courtesy of Kentucky Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau and Hobie Fishing.

Calvert City, Kentucky is our host from June 9 – 11, 2016 and they have secured special lodging rates and options through Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park for the competitors. Please call for rates and details: (270) 362-4271. Tell them you are there for the Hobie Bass Open

Family Fun Fest: Free demo rides (open to the public) on Hobie kayaks, Hobie Islands, Hobie Eclipses and Hobie SUP's will be held on Saturday, June 10 at the Kentucky Dam Village Beach from 10am-2pm.

Schedule

Fishing Waters are Kentucky and Barkley Lake. No fishing in off-limits areas. Pre-Fishing is allowed before the tournament.

Friday, June 9 is Registration Day and Captain's Meeting

- Registration and Check-in will be held at KY Dam Village Convention Center/Lakeview Pavilion from 5-7pm CT
- On-site registration of \$125 for adults or \$25 for youth must be paid in cash

- Tournament registration will be closed by 7 pm CST on June 9, 2017; all anglers must check-in and sign a waiver during this time period
- 6:30 PM CST is a mandatory captain's meeting to go over the rules and format. Official Day 1 token will be passed out after the mandatory Captains Meeting. The Meeting will start shortly after check-in and registration closes at approximately 7pm CST

Saturday, June 10 is Day 1 of Event

- Participants are allowed to begin fishing at safe light. This time will be delivered at captains meeting on Friday evening
- Participants must be in line to have their token on the check-in board by 4pm CST
- The check-in will start at 3pm CST and continue until all on-time participants have checked-in
- 7pm CST will begin a recap of day 1: Acknowledgement of top 10 anglers, review day 2 format, day 1 awards and drawings for sponsored prizes.
- Following day 1 recap, official day 2 token will get passed.

Sunday, June 11 is Day 2 of Event

- Participants are allowed to begin fishing at safe light.
- Participants must be in line to have their token on the check-in board by 4pm CST.
- The check-in will start at 3pm CST and continue until all on-time participants have checked-in
- Once all anglers have checked-in and inches have been totaled and checked, we will begin the awards process to complete the tournament

Rules

1. Registration and Entry Fee: All participants must completely fill out the official registration form available at iAnglerTournament.com or at the tournament location. \$100.00 early entry is available online @ iAnglerTournament.com until May 9, 2017 at midnight CST. Regular online entry of \$125 is available after that. **Registration will also be taken onsite by 7pm on June 9: \$125.00 (Adult); \$25 (Youth) CASH ONLY must be paid to a tournament official when registration form is turned in.** This event will be 100% payout!

2. Format: Anglers will be participating in a two day event using CPR format. Anglers will turn in pictures of their best 3 black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted) each day. Anglers must be using an approved Hawg Trough measuring device. A limited number of Hawg Troughs will be available for purchase at the event.

3. Vessel: Anglers must be fishing from a non-motorized vessel. Any Brand of Kayak, Canoe, or Stand up Paddleboard/Stand up Pedalboard (SUP) is permitted in this event. Only one person per vessel.

4. Launch and Access: Anglers are allowed to launch at any public access ramp on Kentucky and Barkley Lakes. Anglers may only fish from their watercraft (kayak, canoe, SUP). Anglers may not get out of their watercraft to fish. Any angler caught fishing while outside of their watercraft during tournament hours will be disqualified. Any backwater lakes that are not accessible by paddle or pedal power directly from Barkley or Kentucky Lakes via water are off limits. Anglers must be able to paddle or pedal their watercraft over water that is directly connected with Barkley Lake or Kentucky Lake to access any backwaters. Portaging watercraft by foot from Barkley Lake or Kentucky Lake in to a different body of water is not allowed. Any area marked off-limits is to be honored. Any angler caught launching or fishing in any off-limits area will be disqualified. Anglers are responsible for paying their launch fee at whichever launch they use. Anglers must have a valid Kentucky or Tennessee fishing license for whichever state they will be fishing in. Launching from and fishing in Kentucky Dam Village will be prohibited for 2017 HBO.

5. Catch:

- a. All fish must be taken with a fishing rod, line and hook on the day of the tournament. No other methods are permitted
- b. Artificial lures and flies only
- c. Fish must be hooked in the mouth. Purposefully foul hooked fish are ineligible
- d. No live bait
- e. Only 1 rod may be used at a time
- f. Trolling is NOT permitted
- g. Any angler caught violating these rules will be disqualified
- h. The use of umbrella rigs, scents, Gulp, and pork trailers is permitted
- i. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass measuring at least 12 inches will count
- j. Fish must be alive during photograph and released alive

6. Token: Anglers will be given a token for each day of the tournament. This token is very important to the angler as it must be in the picture of your fish for the fish to count. This token is also how you check-in on time at the end of each day. An angler is responsible for this token from the moment it is assigned to them until they check in for the day. No replacement tokens will be available.

7. Photo: All fish must be photographed on an approved Hawg Trough measuring device. You are allowed to use a camera phone or digital camera for the picture.

- a. Fish must be lying flat, belly towards the angler, facing to the left with mouth completely closed against the vertical wall of the Hawg Trough. Mouth must be **closed** in a natural resting position centered against the vertical portion of the Hawg Trough. Open mouth will result in penalty. The fish must appear in a natural state. The tail will be measured as it lies
- b. Only the anglers' hand can hold the fish down on the board. Use of bands, straps, grips, stringers, hooks, lures, etc. will result in a **disqualification of that fish**
- c. Angler's hand must not cover the fish's eye or go underneath the gill plate. If the

angler's hand covers the fish's eye or the angler's hand is underneath the gill plate the **fish will be disqualified**

d. Photo must be taken on the angler's watercraft with the token clearly visible in every picture for it to count

e. Anglers are responsible for having pictures clear and visible for the judge's view. The judge and tournament director have official say on a fish's length

f. Anglers will have the convenience of using the **iAnglerTournament App** to turn in fish from their smartphone immediately after they catch it and up until 4:30pm. If an angler does not utilize this app, they must be prepared with an SD card and/or cord to plug the phone or camera in to a computer for submission. Expect to unlock cell phones that are used and to relinquish cell phones or cameras requiring cords for download until judging is completed. Pictures of submitted fish should not be deleted off of the device until the tournament has concluded.

8. Judging: The judge will round down to the closest 0.25" from where the tail lies. Judges have full discretion on open mouth and where the tail lies. If there is a questionable photo, judges can ask tournament director to make final ruling. After the conclusion of tournament hours once 3 fish have been submitted and judged, an anglers' day total is final.

9. Ties: Any ties in total inches will be broken by single longest fish. In the case that single longest fish are tied then the second single longest fish will be used and so on. In the case that all three fish are identical length, then the earliest check-in time of the day will break the tie.

10. Safety: All anglers are to follow the laws specifically stated by U.S. Coast Guard and the local Department of Fish and Wildlife. Each angler must have a valid fishing license for the days they will be on the water. **All participants must wear their life vest (PFD) through the duration of the competition.**

11. Ethics: Anglers are to use sportsmanship on and off the water. Be respectful of other participants that are launching or fishing in similar areas to you. Anglers are expected to follow all the rules. Each angler can be subjected to a lie detector test to validate honest participation. Anyone caught cheating could receive punishment by law and receive lifetime bans from other kayak fishing events and tournaments.

12. Penalties:

a. Open Mouth on fish; 0.5" deduction penalty

b. Unnatural manipulation of the fish aside from pinching the tail; 0.5" deduction penalty

c. Any device, other than the hand, holding a fish to the trough; fish will be disqualified

d. Token and/or watercraft missing in photo; fish will be disqualified

13. Disqualifications:

a. Angler does not turn in their token by 4pm CST their catch that day will be 0

- b. Anglers violating the catch rules
- c. Any fish on a stringer or restrained to Hawg Trough by any other means other than the competitor's hand. This includes: bands, straps, grips, stringers, hooks, lures, etc.
- d. Angler's fishing off-limits areas

14. Formal complaints: Any participant wishing to file a formal complaint against a competitor must do so in writing previous to the conclusion of check-in each day. This complaint must be turned in, in writing, specifically explaining the violation and by whom; it must be signed and turned into the Tournament Director with a **\$100 deposit**.

Payout and Prizes:

- a. The winner and second place finisher of the 2017 Hobie Bass Open will qualify for the next Hobie Fishing Worlds. If either the winner or the second place finisher cannot attend, the next place finisher will receive that opportunity and so on
- b. For the adult division; payout will be based on the amount of participants with 100% payout going to the anglers. For every 10 participants we will pay out 1 place. IE: A field of 120 will pay out 12 places
- c. Prizes won or received at the event are final. There is no official trading or switching of items won

FAQ

Q: Can you recommend good accommodations?

A: Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
113 Administration Dr.
Gilbertsville, KY 42044
Phone: (270) 362-4271
<http://parks.ky.gov/parks/resortparks/ky-dam-village/>

(A discounted rate is available for Hobie Bass Open Competitors - You must mention you are coming in for the Hobie event, otherwise they will say they are sold out)

Q: Do I need a fishing license?

A: Yes, you will need a fishing license for the state you will be fishing in. The lake is in Kentucky and Tennessee. Your license need will depend on the area you plan to fish.

Q: Do I have to fish from a Hobie to win?

A: No, you may fish from the kayak of your choice.

Q: Can I fish from a 2 person kayak?

A: Yes, but only one person per boat.

Q: Can two people fish from the same boat?

A: No.

Q: Can I use a trolling motor?

A: No, pedal or paddle only.

Q: Can I register on-site?

A: Yes, cash only between 5-7pm on June 9.

Q: Am I going to enjoy the event?

A: Yes, bring your happy face.

Q: Is trolling allowed?

A: No.

Q: Is live bait allowed?

A: No, artificial only.

Q: Can I fish from the bank?

A: No, all fish must be caught from your watercraft.

Q: Is wade fishing allowed?

A: No.

Q: Do I pinch the tail for measurement?

A: The tail will be scored as it lies in a pinched or fan position.

Q: Can two people share one camera?

A: No.

Q: What if I win and cannot make it to the "Worlds"?

A: If the first place or second place angler cannot fulfill the invite, then the third place angler will receive the offer and trip. If the third place angler is unable to make the event then the invite and trip goes to the fourth place angler and so on. The winner of the competition will have 30 days to notify Hobie of their intent to compete.