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TUFF-MAN TOURNAMENT SERIES

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PRE-REGISTRATION SITES

Marine Outlet – Temple
4410 S General Bruce Dr, Temple, TX 76502

Tightlines Premium Fishing Tackle -- Killeen
5902 E Veterans Memorial Blvd, Killeen, TX 76543

Yowell's Boat Yard -- Waco
3500 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710

Online – www.tuffmanseries.com/registration

Sunday September 13 th , 2020 Lake Waco	\$5000.00 for 1st Place
Sunday October 18 th , 2020 Lake Limestone	\$5000.00 for 1st Place
Sunday November 15 th , 2020 Lake Whitney	\$5000.00 for 1st Place
Sunday December 13 th , 2020 Lake Stillhouse	\$5000.00 for 1st Place
Sunday January 10 th , 2020 Lake Belton	\$5000.00 for 1st Place

CHAMPIONSHIP **\$15,000.00 for 1st Place**
 Day 01 Saturday January 23rd 2021
 Day 02 Sunday January 24th 2021



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*Please read the rules carefully as there are **major** changes for the Tuff-man series.*

Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. Failure to comply may result in **DISQUALIFICATION**. The decision of the tournament director shall be final in all matters. **If you wish to file a challenge/protest it must be done within 15 minutes of the closing of the scales.**

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation is open to anyone 18 years old and older. Applicants under the age of 18 may fish, but only with a signed permission slip from their parent or legal guardian, unless they are fishing with their parent or legal guardian. Anyone under the age of 18 must have someone 18 or older in the boat with them. Proof of age must be supplied to the tournament director before participation in the event, if requested. A properly completed and signed official entry form and entry fee must be completed and turned in prior to the tournament. The tournament director reserves the right to refund/refuse any entry fee.

REGISTRATION & CHECKPOINT: Each team must register at the designated site or have the designated proxy before the start of the tournament. Start time will be "Safe Daylight" as determined by the weigh master. Teams may launch as early as 4:00 am on the day of the tournament. No more than two fishermen may be in a boat and they both must be paid contestants. **Pre-registration entry fee is \$175 per team and it must be received BY 6:00 pm on the Thursday preceding the tournament – NO EXCEPTIONS!** Late registration is \$225 and may be paid at the ramp. Tuff-Man Series will not be responsible for postal errors. There will be a one-time annual membership fee of \$25 per contestant, which must be paid at the time of registration for the first event fished. Teams will draw their starting place number the morning of the qualifying tournament.

TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATIONS: Those who have fished four out of five scheduled tournaments will be eligible to fish the Championship. **Entry fee of \$200 for two-day Championship.** The team with the highest combined points totaled after the championship tournament will become Anglers of the Year. If a fisherman changes partners during one of the qualifying events, then that team's points start over. Teams must fish the championship with the same fisherman they qualified with. If one of the team members is unable to fish the championship, then the remaining fisherman may fish solo. Day One all teams that qualify will fish Day One, Top 50% from Day One will move on to Day Two.

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS: Registration for the championship will be Friday evening, January 23, 2021, at the Bell County Expo, starting at 5:30 PM and will close at 6:45 PM. **Any qualified team not in line or that does not have a representative in line will lose their slot. Starting place numbers will be drawn during this registration period. A captain's safety meeting will follow.** (THIS PARAGRAPH REMOVAL WAS MISSED, CHANGED TO A POINTS POSITION LAUNCH IN LAST YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP JAN, 2020)

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION: Tournament lakes are off limits at midnight one week before the qualifying tournament unless the Monday preceding the tournament is a Federal holiday, then the lake will go off limits at midnight Monday night. Licensed black bass guides that have guided on the body of water in the previous 14 days will not be allowed to participate. No trailering will be allowed to the qualifying weigh-ins, unless deemed necessary for safety reasons by the tournament director. The tournament site boat ramp to the tournament headquarters is not considered trailering. There will be only one official point for check-in and weigh-in. Flights will be in groups of 25 boats for the qualifying tournaments. The first flight weigh-in will be at 3:00 PM and each succeeding flight will be allowed an additional 15 minutes to bring their fish to the scales. In other words, boats 26-50 will need to report in by 3:15 PM and so forth. There will be only two flights for the championship. Competitors not at the weigh-in site at their designated time will be penalized at the rate of 1 ounce per minute which will be deducted from their total weight for the day. Any team more than 15 minutes late will be disqualified without recourse. The scales will close 15 minutes after the final flight. Cell phones should be used for emergencies only.



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SPORTSMANSHIP: All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. All contestants **MUST** have a valid Texas fishing license in their possession. Violation of this rule will be reason for immediate disqualification without recourse.

DISQUALIFICATION: No alcoholic beverages or illegal non-prescribed drugs are allowed in the boat at any time. Each contestant must keep the waters clean and dispose of all trash in the appropriate containers. Any violation of state, local or Federal law shall be construed as a reason for disqualification without recourse.

POLYGRAPH: Each contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph examination and to abide by its conclusion. Failure to pass the examination will result in disqualification. Interpretation is the sole responsibility of the examiner.

SAFETY: Safe boating practices will be observed at all times. Each competitor must wear a serviceable U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation. State law and tournament rules require the boat operator to have a safety-stop switch with lanyard attached to their person. USCG approved wireless switches will be allowed. Boats must not have engines larger than the boat's horsepower rating.

SCORING TIES: The weights of each team's catch will determine their tournament standings. Only large mouth, small mouth, and spotted bass will be weighed. The limit per boat shall be five (5) fish. Culling must be done as soon as the sixth fish is caught. The minimum length limit will be as mandated by Texas Law for the lake fished, but under no circumstances less than 14 inches. A penalty of ¼ pound will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish. A team that presents more than five bass at weigh-in will be disqualified. In case of a tie, awards will be combined and divided equally among the tied teams.

BOAT, MOTOR, TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures, except for pork rinds, may be used. Only one rod and reel combination may be used at one time. Trolling, as a method of fishing, is prohibited. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. All boats must have an adequate live well to maintain a limit of five fish.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Teams may fish anywhere accessible by boat except areas designated as off-limits or within 50 feet of another team's boat. A team that allows any other team to fish within the 50 feet rule has suspended the rule and has opened the waters to all competitors.

SCALE CLOSING: Scales will be closed 15 minutes after the last flight is due in, but due to certain weigh-in locations, this time may be adjusted at the tournament director's sole discretion. Any changes will be announced during registration. It is the angler's responsibility to verify official scale closing time and to be in the weigh-in line by such time.

IT IS THE ANGLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE RULES AND ABIDE BY THEM.

ANGLER SUGGESTIONS ARE GREATLY APPERCIATED, PLEASE EMAIL ANY SUGGESTIONS TO TUFFMANSERIES@GMAIL.COM PLEASE INSERT "SUGGESTION" IN SUBJECT LINE

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For additional information: Call Dean Thompson at 254-290-1937 ,Jackie Cooper at 254-913-4916. You can also call Tightlines Premium Fishing Tackle at 254-690-3474 ask for Dean or Marine Outlet at 254-773-9931 ask for Jackie . You can email: tuffmanseries@gmail.com or jackie@marineoutlet.com, Please mail this application with your check to Tuff-Man Series, 5902 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd, Killeen, Texas 76543. Tuff-Man Series and its associates will not be responsible for injuries or accidents that may be caused by a person or by an unfortunate act of God.



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PLEASE **“PRINT CLEARLY”** the following information to participate in the “Tuff-Man Series”

ANGLER 1:	ANGLER2:
ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
CITY/STATE:	CITY/STATE:
COUNTY/ZIP:	COUNTY/ZIP:
PHONE:	PHONE:
<i>MOBILE NUMBER FOR TEXT ALERTS</i>	<i>MOBILE NUMBER FOR TEXT ALERTS</i>
EMAIL:	EMAIL:
BOAT BRAND:	MOTOR BRAND:

Event 01 [] \$175.00

Event 02 [] \$175.00

Event 03 [] \$175.00

Event 04 [] \$175.00

Event 05 [] \$175.00

Angler1 Membership [] \$25.00

Angler 2 Membership [] \$25.00

Total Amount Paid: \$: _____ **Cash () Check ()**

SIGNATURE

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By my signature on this form, I certify that I have read and understood the rules and regulations concerning this tournament series. I waive and release all official of the Tuff-Man Series of any and all claims of personal injury, lost or stolen property, and accidents and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament series. Also, by my signature in this release to rights to any and all photos for the series to use for event promotions.