

**2023 SJHT 20th Annual**

 **Union Lake Open Buddy Bass**

 **Tournament**

 **Saturday, July 01, 2023**



**Time: 6:00am-2:00pm**

**Location: Union Lake, Millville, NJ**

**Entry Fee: $80.00 per Boat**

**Lunker Fee Included**

**Cash Payable at the Ramp beginning at 4:45AM**

 **Fish Limit: 5 Largemouth\Smallmouth Bass**

 **80% Payout: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 100% for Lunker**

 **Website:** [**www.SouthJerseyhookthis.com**](http://www.southjerseyhookthis.com/)

**Active Member: South Jersey Bass Club Association** [**http://www.sjbca.org/tournschd.htm**](http://www.sjbca.org/tournschd.htm)

**Field Limited to 75 Boats**

* **See Back of this form for Tournament Rules & Waiver**

**South Jersey Hook This Bass Club**

**Union Lake, Saturday July 01, 2023, 6AM to 2PM**

**Please PRINT CLEARLY and remember to include your signature on the bottom line.**

 **Boat Operator Partner**

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**UNION LAKE OPEN BUDDY BASS TOURNAMENT**

**PRESENTED BY**

**SOUTH JERSEY HOOK THIS BASS CLUB**

**JULY 01, 2023**

# OFFICIAL RULES

1. Starting position will be assigned in the order that entry applications are received.
2. Registration/boat inspection starts at **4:45 AM** at the new ramp. All competitors must check in at registration table to obtain **weigh-in number**, weigh-in procedure instructions and any pertinent information regarding the tournament. All boats must undergo a **boat inspection** prior to launching.
3. All boats must have an **aerated live-well** or cooler to sustain the life of the fish.
4. Landing nets are permitted.
5. **Largemouth and smallmouth bass only**. **5 fish per team, 12” minimum size**. Fish will be measured on a flat rule, closed mouth to tip of tail in its natural state. **(Cannot pinch the tail.)** Any short fish weighed will result in the loss of the team’s lunker. A courtesy measurement will be allowed by request only.
6. An 8 oz penalty will be assessed for each dead fish weighed in. No culling of dead fish.
7. All boats must be within 50 yards of the weigh-in site with lines out of the water **at 2:00 PM or will be disqualified**.
8. All live fish become the property of the **SJHT** to be released to the water. A potential state record may be kept.
9. No live bait may be used or possessed at any time. Fish must be caught on artificial lures only. (Pork frogs, strips, etc. may be used.) 10. No trolling is permitted.
10. No fishing is permitted within **50 yards of an anchored boat** with its trolling motor out of the water.
11. A wearable approved floatation device is required on board for each competitor. All laws of the State of New Jersey and the Division of Fish & Wildlife must be obeyed at all times. Boats must be in a safe operating condition.
12. The use or possession of any **alcoholic beverages or controlled dangerous substances** during this tournament will result in **immediate disqualification**.
13. All disputes and protests must be registered with the tournament director prior to completion of the weigh-in. All decisions will be made at the tournament site. The decision of the **tournament director and the SJHT** will be final.
14. Winners are determined by **total weight of fish (per team)**. **Ties** are **broken** by weight of the **lunker fish**. Lunker ties are broken by the lowest boat number.

Having acquainted ourselves with the rules and regulations of this tournament, I hereby waive and release the **South Jersey HOOK THIS Bass Club**, its **officers**, **sponsors** and other contestants from all **damages, claims, demands, costs or expenses** relating to injury of any person or property which I may sustain or cause by participating in this tournament. I also understand that I will **forfeit** my entry fee if I fail to appear at the **specified date and time**.