



EVERETT

FISHING TEAM TRAIL

2017 Rules and Regulations

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Limit 2 people per boat. At least one member of the team must be 18 years of age or older. Youth entries must be 16 years of age or younger as of the first ETT qualifying tournament to compete in the McGaugh RV Youth Division and fish with a parent/guardian or approved partner at least 18 years of age or older. An approved partner must be approved prior to the first ETT qualifying tournament by the ETT Tournament Director and/or ETT Board Members. Any angler 16 years of age or older must carry a valid Arkansas fishing license. Anglers must be present at events to win any gift giveaways or drawings. *

*Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1986, and of legal age to operate a motorboat, must have successfully completed an approved AGFC Boating Education Course and carry proof while operating a motorboat on Arkansas water.

2. **REGISTRATION AND ENTRY:** Every team must register online at www.everettteamtrail.com or in person at Hook Line & Sinker or Southtown Sporting Goods. All members must complete a W9 form; have boater's liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000, prior to the tournament. Entry fees for the 4 qualifying tournaments will be \$65 per boat and an annual \$50 membership per person. Entry fee for the two-day ETT Classic will be \$130. **All entries must be received by 5pm on Wednesday prior to the tournament.** Late registration will be allowed at the boat ramp, the entry fee will be \$130 for qualifying tournaments. The late fee for the ETT Classic will be \$260. Ramp entries must be accepted 30 minutes prior to official take off times. **Any entry taken after 5 pm on the Wednesday prior to the tournament will automatically be in the last flight out and will be due to check-in in the first flight.**
3. **TOURNAMENT TIMES:** Take off times will be listed on www.everettteamtrail.com and on the brochures. Departure will be drawn in random sequence. Official starting times and return check-in times are shown on the schedule. The ETT Tournament Director will call off boats and check live wells. Boaters are to be in line per their assigned *take off* number (**not your team number**). Boats must be within marina buoys by their flight check-in time for afternoon check-in. Teams will use their *team numbers* for morning and afternoon check-ins.
4. **LATE CHECK-IN PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION.** No excuses! Boats must be inside buoys located at Prairie Creek, No Wake Zone, by your designated check in time.

5. **FISHING LOCATION:** Anywhere on the tournament lake, except within 50 feet of another contestant's boat without consent, or any public marinas. No fishing inside the buoys of Prairie Creek, or any off-limits areas, or no boating areas.
6. **BOATS AND MOTORS:** Any boat 14 ft. or longer will be accepted if powered by an engine of 10 hp or more and equipped with a kill switch and an aerated live well. Boats may not be trailered during tournament hours. Trailering refers to hauling the boat from ramp to another ramp. If you launch at Prairie Creek you may load your boat to the parking lot and retrieve your fish.
7. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. Pork-style lures are allowed. All bass must be caught on one rod and reel at a time. Trolling and live bait are not allowed. **No Alabama Rigs or Umbrella Rigs Allowed!!** All multi-armed baits and rigs are banned regardless of materials used in construction with the exception of two arm spinnerbaits and buzzbaits. Two arm spinnerbaits and buzzbaits are allowed for use provided the arms are no longer than 5" (five inches) from the "R" bend or line tie to the end of the wire. Spinner or buzz blades **CANNOT BE CHANGED TO TEASER BAITS**, only spinner or buzz blades may be used. Umbrella type rigs are prohibited for use in Everett Team Trail competition, regardless of materials they are constructed with. The use of prohibited rigs will result in Disqualification. **Any rig or bait that is in question should be presented to the ETT Tournament Director prior to competition. Any ruling on baits that can or cannot be used by the ETT Tournament Director will be final.**
8. **SAFETY AND SPORTSMANSHIP:** Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed at all times. Life jackets must be worn when the boat is on plane. All Game & Fish rules and regulations will be strictly enforced. All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. Intoxication will be cause for **immediate disqualification**. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in the boats during the tournament hours, extending through the signing of the weigh-in form. Illegal use of drugs, commitment of a crime, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules are grounds for disqualification and/or rejection of any application for participation.
9. **WEIGH-IN:** Teams will use only Everett Team Trail weigh-in bags provided at each tournament to bring fish to the scales. A courtesy board will be provided.
10. **SCORING:** Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass (Kentucky), Meanmouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass will be counted for total weight. The total stringer weight per team will determine finishing place. Any Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass or Meanmouth Bass under 15" and any Spotted Bass (Kentucky) under 12" presented for weigh-in will result in a one pound penalty plus the loss of the fish. **A dead fish will result in a .50-pound penalty. According to AGFC any bass that is brown in color, or has any hue of brown in coloration will constitute a "Meanmouth" and must be 15" in length.** Bass will be measured on a Golden Rule, mouth closed and tail to touch the line. Five (5) FISH LIMIT PER TEAM. No more than 5 legal fish in the live well at any time. Any team presenting more than 5 fish at the weigh in will be disqualified. Any frozen or iced fish presented for weigh-in will result in immediate DISQUALIFICATION. Snagging is illegal, any bass caught by method of sight-fishing must be hooked inside the mouth. The use of any electronic implanted device(s) (bugging) used to locate fish will result in team DISQUALIFICATION.

11. *****ANGLER OF THE YEAR** – Points will be determined by PLACE FINISHED (1st place will receive 200 points, 2nd place 199 points...) **Angler of the Year champions will be determined by the 4 ETT qualifying tournaments. There will not be a “throw out” this year. AOY will be determined prior to the ETT Classic. You will only receive AOY points, if you fish with your regular season partner, or if you fish with an alternate approved by the ETT Tournament Director and/or ETT Board Members (only if an emergency arises) or fish alone. If an approved alternate is used, points will count towards AOY for that tournament.** Each team that pays an entry fee will receive 25 points if no fish are weighed-in.
12. **TIES:** Total weight category, largest single bass will determine winner. If single bass ties, total number of fish will determine winner. If still tied, a coin flip will determine winner. For big bass tie, we will combine the places and divide the prize winnings equally.
13. **QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING:** By his/her signature on this entry form and/or participation in this tournament, contestants agree to submit to and pass a quality assurance test if required by the ETT Tournament Director and/or ETT Board Members. Refusal to submit to a quality assurance test will result in immediate disqualification, plus subsequent disqualification from future tournaments. Contestants disqualified by result of the test will forfeit all monies and prizes and may be banned from future tournaments. Tests will be random.
14. **PROTEST:** Protest must be filed in writing with the ETT Tournament Director and/or ETT Board Members no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the weigh-in.
15. **TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** Everett Team Trail reserves the right to cancel any tournament and fully refund any tournament fees paid. Decisions will be made by 3pm 1 day prior to the event on www.everettteamtrail.com.
16. **CLASSIC QUALIFYING:** Prior to qualifying for the ETT Classic, a team or an individual must pay or fish all 4 ETT qualifying tournaments to qualify for the 2-day ETT Classic (No “back paying” allowed). Whomever your sign-up with for the first ETT qualifying tournament is considered your classic/regular season partner, and cannot be changed without the ETT Tournament Director and/or ETT Board Members approval. You may use an alternate for the ETT Classic (if an emergency arises), **it must be approved by the ETT Tournament Director and/or ETT Board Members! NO EXCEPTIONS!** However, you may fish the ETT Classic alone if you choose.
17. **PARTICIPATION AND ALTERNATES:** Alternates are allowed for the 4 ETT qualifying tournaments. **Each alternate must pay a one-time membership fee of \$50, but is NOT considered AOY or ETT Classic eligible, without the ETT Tournament Director and/or ETT Board Members approval. Remember: You must have pre-paid or fished all the qualifying tournaments, to qualify for the AOY and/or ETT Classic.**
18. **LATE:** If a team is going to be late for any tournament takeoff, it is required to notify the ETT Tournament Director immediately so arrangements can be made. ETT Tournament Director - Shannan Moseley (479) 409-1172.

19. BONUS MONEY: Members who have purchased vehicles that are model year 2013 or newer from Everett Chevrolet in Springdale, AR, Everett Chrysler Dodge in Springdale, AR, or Everett Buick GMC in Bentonville, AR are eligible for highest finisher bonus money. Members can win 1 time only during the regular season. The bonus money will be determined by the general manager at each Everett location listed above. Members who have purchased a motorcycle, side by side, ATV, or scooter from Heartland Honda since January 1, 2013 are eligible for Honda's highest finisher money. Each member is only allowed to win contingency money one time during the 4 ETT qualifying tournaments; if both members of a team are both qualified for contingency money, it will be paid to each angler. For the ETT Classic all qualified members are eligible for contingency money, regardless if they were the recipients during the regular season. All other contingency money is the sole responsibility of the fisherman.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL ANGLERS TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE EVERETT TEAM TRAIL RULES.

ETT Tournament Director:
Shannan Moseley

ETT Board of Directors:
Clint Brannon, Aaron Stanphill, Jeff Cook, Aaron Jolliff, Jared Gobel

Interpretation of the rules detailed above shall be the exclusive right of the ETT Tournament Director and/or ETT Board of Directors. Decisions shall be final in all matters.

In completing the ETT entry form (either electronic and/or paper), contestants confirm they will abide by all rules and regulations and are subject to a random quality assurance test. I also hereby waiver and release Everett Team Trail and all affiliated entities from any and all claims in this tournament series. Everett Team Trail, ETT Tournament Director, and ETT Board Members will not be responsible for any accidents or lost/stolen items.

2017 EVERETT TEAM TRAIL DATES

2/25/2017--- Prairie Creek --- 7:00am – 4:00pm

3/25/2017--- Prairie Creek --- 7:00am – 4:00pm

4/15/2017--- Prairie Creek --- 6:30am – 4:00pm

5/27/2017--- Prairie Creek --- 6:00am – 4:00pm

10/7-8/2017--- Prairie Creek --- 6:30am– 4:00pm