

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PUBLICITY RELEASE
Spring 2024 (20th Anniversary) Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America & Outcast Bass Club TEAM BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT
READ BEFORE YOU SIGN!

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the above-named Bass Tournament, related events and activities, and by my presence there, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees as follows:

I, _____, have read the attached Spring 2024 Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America and Outcast Bass Club Team Bass Fishing Tournament (hereinafter "TOURNAMENT") rules and I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all TOURNAMENT rules and regulations. I further understand and agree that the TOURNAMENT executives reserve the right to reject my application for any reason.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this TOURNAMENT, related activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees as follows:

I hereby release, hold harmless, covenant not to sue and forever discharge Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America (Keystone PVA), Outcast Bass Club, the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), all of their officers, directors, members, agents, employees, vendors and contractors, owners and lessors of the premises used for this TOURNAMENT and any and all sponsors, officials, volunteers and other participants of the above-named event (hereinafter "RELEASEES"), from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or any property belonging to me, whether arising from the negligence of any of the RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in the above-named TOURNAMENT. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this TOURNAMENT is significant, including the potential for serious bodily injury, including death, and property damage. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards associated with participating in this activity and I voluntarily, without any inducement, elect to participate in the activity.

I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE OR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, THAT MAY BE SUSTAINED BY ME, OR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OWNED BY ME AS A RESULT OF BEING ENGAGED IN SUCH ACTIVITY.

I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participating and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.

I hereby consent to medical treatment in the case of emergency. I agree to assume full responsibility for payment of any and all fees incurred as a result of such medical treatment.

This Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is binding on me, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, administrators, and next of kin.

I hereby voluntarily and without compensation authorize pictures and/or voice recording(s) to be made of me by, or on behalf of, Keystone PVA and/or Outcast Bass Club and or PVA during the above-named TOURNAMENT. I authorize Keystone PVA and/or Outcast Bass Club and/or PVA to publicize and/or display such photographs and recording(s), or to provide such photography and records to others of their choosing for display, without notice or payment of any royalty, fee or other compensation of any character to me for the use of my picture and/or voice.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Signature _____ Printed name _____ Date _____

20th anniversary
Paralyzed Veterans of America—
Keystone Chapter/
Outcast Bass Club

TEAM BASS
TOURNAMENT

A team tournament for one able-bodied boat captain/angler and one disabled angler.

Friday, 14 June 2024

Reception and briefing at Hugo's Restaurant
687 National Pike West, Brownsville, PA 15417
5 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, 15 June 2024

Tournament at the American Legion Post 940
Marina, 800 Middle St., West Brownsville, PA 15417
Angler check in from 5:30 to 6:00 a.m.
Cast Off at 7:00 a.m. Weigh In at 1:00 p.m.
Picnic and awards after Weigh In

| <i>Tournament Director:</i> | | PRIZES: | |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Larry Freeman, 724-678-6860 | | 1st Place | \$2,000.00 |
| | | 2nd Place | \$500.00 |
| | | 3rd Place | \$400.00 |
| | | 4th Place | \$300.00 |
| | | 5th Place | \$200.00 |
| | | 6th Place | \$100.00 |
| | | 7th Place | \$100.00 |
| | | 8th Place | \$100.00 |
| | | 9th Place | \$ 75.00 |
| | | 10th Place | \$ 75.00 |
| | | 11th Place | \$ 50.00 |
| | | 12th Place | \$ 50.00 |
| | | 1st Big Bass | \$200.00 |
| | | 2nd Big Bass | \$100.00 |



Keystone Chapter

1113 Main Street, Pittsburgh PA 15215-2407
412-781-2474; keystoneparavets@gmail.com

One fisherman cannot have both big fish. Entries limited to 30 boats.



The 20th Anniversary Keystone PVA/Outcast Bass Club Tournament is supported with our deep gratitude by the Weisbrod Foundation and by the Tom Landish Fund at the Pittsburgh Foundation.

REGISTRATION

I am entering as a

boat captain (entry fee: \$25.00)

disabled angler (entry fee: \$50.00)

Your **signatures** on this page (at the right) and on the reverse are your acknowledgment that you have read and will abide by the rules on this page and the waiver and release of liability and publicity release on the reverse.

Printed name

Street address

City, state, ZIP

Best phone numbers to use to reach you

E-mail

Person to reach in case of emergency; phone

Make your check out to “**Keystone PVA**” and return it with this completed form to **Keystone PVA, 1113 Main Street, Pittsburgh PA 15215.**

Spring 2024 Tournament Rules

Sponsored by the Paralyzed Veterans of America--Keystone Chapter, and the Outcast Bass Club

- RULE CHANGES:** Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. The decision of the judges and Tournament officials are final.
- PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in this tournament is open to sportspeople who are 18 or older. A properly completed official application form and entry fee must be sent to **Paralyzed Veterans of America, Keystone Chapter**, 1113 Main Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215 by **02 June 2024**. The drawing for pairing will be at 6:30 a.m. before cast off. Entry Fees \$25-Boat Captain / \$50-Disabled Angler.
- LEGAL FISH:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass, minimum length of 12 inches, all bass measured with mouth closed.
- SCORING:** Limits will be 6 eligible fish per boat and if limit violations are found the largest bass shall be culled down to limit described. Bass presented for weigh-in, docking boat at launch site/weigh-in site, which fail to measure 12 inches, will be a penalty of one pound and loss of short fish. In case of a tie, biggest fish from each team will be measured down to a winning fish.
- DON'T KILL YOUR FISH: SIX OUNCES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM TOTAL WEIGHT FOR EACH DEAD FISH.**
- TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** ONLY artificial lures will be used; NO trolling will be allowed. Only one (1) casting or spinning rod and reel may be used at any time. All other types are prohibited.
- PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing on the tournament water is permitted anywhere except; within 50 ft. of any marina gas pump or within 50 ft. of another competitor's boat that was anchored first. A boat is considered anchored only if it is tied to an object or has anchor line over boat side and trolling motor is out of water. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within 50 ft. claimed by them to exclusion of any competitor. Contestants must leave and return to official check point by boat.
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** will be allowed in the tournament boats. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.
- BOAT IDENTIFICATION:** Each boat must be given, prior to start, an inspection check by the Tournament Director or his/her designee as well as a number plate which must remain in the boat until turned back in at the weigh-in. Fishing boats may be used that are 14 feet long or longer. A small motor, gas or electric, may be used for slow maneuvering. NO "barge" or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. Every boat must have all required U. S. Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition, every boat must have a live-well space to adequately maintain a live limit catch of bass by both fisherpeople. No boat will be allowed in the tournament that has a higher horsepower than what is specified on the manufacturer's BIA rating plate.
- SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. **EVERY COMPETITOR IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED CHEST TYPE LIFE PRESERVER.** It must be worn any time the combustion is running. The preserver must be strapped, snapped or zipped securely and maintained in that condition until the competitor arrives at their fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. **ALL WAKE LAWS MUST BE OBEYED. VIOLATION OF THESE RULES SHALL BE REASON FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.**
- LATE PENALTY:** Competitors who are not in the official check-point area as described previously at the appointed time shall be penalized at a rate of one (1) pound per minute to be deducted from total weight of their catch that day, including losing chance at big fish. Any competitors that are five minutes or more late will be disqualified.
- PAIRING OF COMPETITORS:** There will be one (1) handicap/disability/paralyzed competitor with able-bodied person ("partner"). They will be as a TEAM and scored that way. The drawing for pairing will be done at 6:30 a.m. before castoff.
- IMAGE RELEASE:** Competitor grants the Outcast Bass Club and Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America the unconditional right to use his/her name, voice, photographic likeness; biographical information; and fishing tips and other instructional information presented by competitor in connection with this tournament and shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.
- PROTEST:** Any protest must be filed with the Tournament Director prior to weigh-in in writing.
- NONE OF THE RULES ABOVE SHALL PROHIBIT A DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL FROM APPROACHING OR BOARDING ANY COMPETITORS BOAT AT ANY TIME DURING TOURNAMENT. HAVING ACQUAINTED MYSELF WITH THE RULES, I HAVE COMPLETED THIS APPLICATION AND AM ENCLOSED MY ENTRY FEE. IN SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE KEYSTONE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, OUTCAST BASS CLUB, ITS AGENTS, SPONSORS, EMPLOYEES, ALL CONSTATN'S, HOST AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS FROM ALL CLAIMS OF INJURY AND/OR DAMAGE INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TOURNAMENT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THE TOURNAMENT SPONSORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUND THIS ENTRY FEE IF THEY SHALL CHOOSE. FOR ANY REASON, NOT TO ACCEPT MY APPLICATION. I SWEAR THE FACTS PROVIDED ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

If registering as a **BOAT CAPTAIN**, please sign here: _____

If registering as a **DISABLED ANGLER**, please sign here: _____

Tournament Director: **Larry Freeman**
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Tom Strang, Associate Sports Director
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