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SOUTH 40 TRAIL

LIMESTONE ★ BELTON ★ WHITNEY ★ WACO

A Fishing Tournament organized by the
Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo's South 40 Committee.
Proceeds benefit the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship Fund.

Trail Dates

September 17, 2017

Lake Waco
Twin Bridges Ramp

October 28, 2017

Lake Limestone
County Ramp #2

January 20, 2018

Lake Belton
Cedar Ridge Ramp

February 17, 2018

Lake Whitney
McCown Valley Park

Shootout Championship

March 24-25, 2018

Lake Waco
Twin Bridges Ramp



Championship Prize: TBD

The South 40 Expo Committee is very excited to be in its 6th year of the South 40 Trail! Along with their other fundraiser, the South 40 Outdoor Expo, the committee has raised over \$170,000 to provide scholarships for the youth of McLennan County and the surrounding areas.

South40Shootout.com

South 40 Trail — Official Rules

IT IS THE ANGLERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW/BE AWARE OF ALL TOURNAMENT DEADLINES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOURNAMENT. INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES SHALL BE LEFT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ARE FINAL AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL. PROTESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF THE OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE SCALES AT EACH TOURNAMENT & PROTEST DEPOSIT OF \$200 MUST BE PAID AT THAT TIME.

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

- Registration Deadline: Registration for each stop will close prior to the start at the designated lake. A late fee may be applied. Each team must register in person at the designated site during official registration. A completed and signed entry form must be received, with full payment, prior to the registration deadline. Flight numbers will be randomly drawn at the draw party before each stop and the morning of each qualifying tournament in order of arrival. Flight number drawing will close 15 minutes prior to safe light, all entries received after cut-off will be placed in the first flight for check-in times but will take off at end of the line.
- Contestants may not enter or scout tournament waters or potential fishing waters after 11:59 p.m. the Sunday before each qualifier. Scouting includes any method of intentionally visiting the tournament water or potential fishing waters to gathering information about such waters. Shootout Championship off limits is the Sunday before the Shootout at 11:59 p.m.
- Tournament is open to all anglers except professional anglers. A professional angler is defined as: Any angler that has entered more than one bass tournament that required an entry fee greater than \$2,499 in the six months prior to the date of the Tournament.
- Licensed guides that have guided on the body of water in the previous 14 days will not be allowed.
- All contestants must have a valid fishing license on their person.
- Official Checkpoints: There will be only one official checkpoint used for boat inspection in the morning and boat check-in in the afternoon. Failure to go through the official checkpoint in either the morning or afternoon will result in disqualification from the event. During morning check-out, all teams are required to idle a minimum of 100 yards before putting the boat on plane. It is the sole responsibility of each contestant to arrive at the official checkpoint on time. Regardless of what you are told or understand, it is the angler's responsibility to verify their provided flight card time. All fishing must cease upon check-in, or upon such other time as may be designated by the Tournament Director.
- Fishermen will start in sequence based on their drawn number. Flights for weigh-in will be 25 per flight every 15 minutes starting at 3 p.m.
- Competitors not at the official checkpoint at the designated time will be penalized at the rate of .1 pound per minute, deducted from the total weight for the day. Any team more than 15 minutes late for weigh-in will be disqualified without recourse.
- Trailering is not allowed: All boats must leave the official checkpoint by boat in the order designated at registration.
- Contestants may launch their boat at any ramp on the designated lake, but they must come to the official checkpoint prior to leaving to fish.
- In the event of severe weather alternate take-off instructions will be given at the registration site, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Teams may fish anywhere accessible by boat except areas designated as off-limits or within 25 yards of another team's boat anchored or not.
- Any team that allows any other team to fish within 25 yards of the team's boat has suspended the 25 yard rule and has opened the water to all competitors.
- Scales will close 30 minutes after the last flight is due in. This time may be lengthened/shortened at the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion.
- If one partner is unable to fish then you may fish solo.
- Polygraphs may be used.
- All Qualifying Fishermen must attend the mandatory meetings the Friday before the Shootout Championship and those that qualify after Saturday.
- Any change to the above stated official scale closing time will be announced during registration and boat check-out. It is the angler's responsibility to verify the official scale closing time and to be in the weigh-in line by such time.

SCORING & TIES

- The pounds and ounces of each team's catch will determine tournament standings during the tournament.
- Only largemouth, spotted or smallmouth bass will be weighed.
- The limit shall be five (5) fish per team.
- Culling must be done immediately upon catching the sixth fish.
- The minimum length will be as mandated by Texas Law for the lake fished.
- A penalty of .5 pound will be deducted from the total weight for each short fish, plus loss of the small fish.
- A penalty of .25 pound will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish.
- A team that presents more fish than the tournament limit will be disqualified.
- In case of a tie, combining awards and dividing equally among the tied teams will resolve positions.
- Trophy positions will be determined by a coin toss.
- If a team fishes a tournament but does not weigh-in a fish, they will receive 100 points. Team must participate in the tournament to receive the points.

BOAT, MOTOR, TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

- Only artificial lures with the exception of pork rind may be used.
- Only one rod and reel combination may be used at one time. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. All bass, large mouth, spotted and small mouth must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner.
- All boats must have a properly accredited or re-circulation live well to maintain a live limit (5) catch of bass.
- Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
- Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition may not exceed the horsepower limitations as set by the U. S. Coast Guard in such vessel.
- Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating plate to conceal such limitations will be cause for disqualification from the tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- All contestants will follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Violation of this rule will be reason for immediate disqualification without recourse.
- No alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed drugs are allowed in the boat at any time.
- No alcoholic beverages may be consumed until after the official weigh-in has been started.
- Drunkenness will be grounds for immediate disqualification without recourse.
- Each contestant must keep the waters clean and dispose of all trash in the appropriate trash containers.
- Switching or sharing fish with other teams or individuals is a violation of these rules and will result in immediate disqualification.
- All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish, or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.
- During tournament hours, contestants may not receive fishing information from non-competitors or participate in the practice of "hole sitting." The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., to communicate information during tournament hours is prohibited.
- The act of moving bass from one area of the lake to a confined area of the same lake, whether or not during official practice days or competition days, is prohibited.
- Any violation of state, local, or federal laws will result in immediate disqualification without recourse.

SAFETY

- Safe boating will be observed at all time.
- Each competitor must wear a serviceable U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver (PFD) any time the combustion engine is in operation and until the combustion engine is shut-off.
- The boat operator must have a safety-stop switch (kill switch lanyard) attached to his/her person when the combustion engine is running.
- The driver must be seated in the driver's seat anytime the combustion engine is engaged in gear.
- Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors at the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion.
- Competitors are allowed to leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather, at which time no fishing may occur.
- Tournament Director reserves the right to place an official observer in a contestant's boat at any time during competition hours.
- In the event of an emergency situation, competitors should call 911 first, then notify tournament officials.

South 40 Trail — Official Trail Entry Form

Participant (1): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Participant (2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card

_____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip: _____

Payment For: Lake Waco Lake Limestone Lake Belton Lake Whitney All Four Late Entry

Total Due: _____

Payment Procedures

Prize Money Payout*: 100% Participant 1 100% Participant 2 50%/50%

*Participant(s) must have a W-9 on file and are subject to a 1099 at the end of the year.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF SOUTH 40 SHOOTOUT RULES

In consideration for being allowed entry into and participation in the South 40 Shootout associated with the Extraco Events Center and the Back Porch Club (collectively, "HOTFR"), the undersigned hereby releases and discharges HOTFR; their insurance carriers, their legal representatives; their present and former corporate parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and successors; their present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives, and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "HOTFR Parties") from any and all claims, causes of action, suits, or demands for personal injury, death or property damage accrued or to accrue in the future, known, or unknown relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional acts on the part of the undersigned in connection with the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities. The undersigned further agrees, on behalf of himself/herself and on behalf of any and all of his/her heirs, successors and assigns, to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the HOTFR Parties from and against all claims, demands, or causes of action for personal injury, death or property damage, including without limitation, all costs, expenses and legal fees incurred in defending the same, made by, or through the undersigned, or on his/her behalf, relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional acts on the part of the undersigned in connection with the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities. The undersigned warrants that he/she has read this Agreement and fully understands it to be a release of all claims, known or unknown, present or future, that he/she has or may have against the HOTFR. In addition, the undersigned warrants that he/she has read the Rules of the South 40 Shootout and fully understands the rules and agrees to abide by them at all times during the event.

Participant (1) Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant (2) Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

QUALIFICATIONS - UPDATED OFF LIMITS RULES LOCATED ON RULES SHEET

Teams must fish two (2) of the four (4) stops in order to be eligible for qualification.	After meeting eligibility requirements, the Top 10 teams from each stop and Top 10 in points overall will advance to the South 40 Shootout.	Two-Day Championship Top 25 teams will proceed to Sunday
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PAYOUT AT EACH STOP

SHOOTOUT CHAMPIONSHIP PAYOUT

\$3,500 First Place Guaranteed	BIG BASS COMPETITION \$500 First Place	First Place TBD or \$12,500 Cash	BIG BASS COMPETITION \$1,000 First Place \$500 Second Place
Prize money paid for every 10 teams		Top 5 Teams Paid Out, Plus Side Pot	

ANGLER OF THE YEAR

Angler of the Year standings will include the Shootout Championship's points	Shootout Championship first day flight numbers are based on Angler of the Year standings
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ENTRY FEE - Includes Championship Fund

\$200 Per Team \$225 Late Entry Fee* <small>*Considered Late if after 5 p.m. of the Friday before the Qualifier.</small>	Once qualified for the South 40 Shootout entry fee becomes \$150. (<small>\$25 late fee still applies</small>)	Entry Fee Discount Pack \$700 Entry Fee* <small>*Includes all four (4) stops! (Must purchase before first stop)</small>
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