

Lake Thunderbird Conservation Committee
Late Spring Bass Tournament – May 2nd, 2026
TOURNAMENT RULES & ENTRY FORM

On-Line Entry - You may type your info into this form, save it, and email it to: conservation@lakethunderbird.us.

Or, you may print it, fill it in, and mail it with your payment to LTA Conservation.

1. Tournament registration will be from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. The tournament will start @7:00 a.m. at the South Boat Launch. Any boat that starts fishing prior to the starting signal will be disqualified.
2. The entire lake is “NO WAKE” for participants during the tournament. All participants must register and all boats must be inspected prior to starting time. Any boat missing inspection will be ineligible to participate.
3. Only clip-on culling tags may be used. All bait must be artificial. **NO LIVE BAIT!**
4. All live wells must be in good working order, **able to recirculate continuously**, and will be inspected prior to the start of the tournament. Live wells and trailers must be dry prior to launching and no weeds can be hanging from the trailer.
5. Weigh-in will start at 1:00 p.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. You must be **at** the beach by 1:30 p.m. Late arrivals are disqualified.
6. Large and Small Mouth Bass qualify. There is a 12” minimum size, and a five (5) Fish Boat Limit. During Tournament hours no more than 5 fish allowed in live well at any one time. No dead fish will be allowed. Dead fish will **NOT** be weighed and there is a 16 ounce deduction for each dead fish and fish under 12”. Conservation will determine the total weight for each team/boat.
7. Percentage Payout - from total purse collected will be: **40% 1st place, 20% 2nd place, and 15% 3rd place.**
8. Main motors and electric motors may be used for positioning only – **NO TROLLING, FISHING FROM DOCKS, OR SHORE!**
9. All entrants must follow the IDNR rules for availability and use of life jackets.
10. All Boats must display valid State registration stickers & certificate numbers. All Coast Guard regulations will be enforced.
11. All Boats must have a copy of Liability Insurance on file (i.e. LTA Boat registration). All other Boats must provide proof of Liability Insurance submitted with their mailed in “Entry Form”, or provide a copy of the Insurance Certificate during registration/check-in time – prior to launching their Boat into Lake Thunderbird Association waters. Lack of proper Liability Insurance Certificate disclosure means ineligibility from this tournament.

All boats without a valid LTA sticker **must remain “NO WAKE” and must be removed** from Lake Thunderbird directly after the weigh-in is over.

There may be members of the Conservation Committee on the water throughout the tournament. Any reported violations of the above RULES will result in disqualification from this tournament and forfeit of entry fee.

May 2nd 2026 Late Spring Bass Tournament Entry Form (please print)

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 - REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Partner’s Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I, hereby for heirs, executors, administrators, or myself, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I have against Lake Thunderbird Association, Putnam, Illinois and their agents for any losses or injuries suffered to myself and/or my partner during this event.

Signature: _____ Partner’s Signature: _____

MAIL & MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

LTA Conservation Committee

2 Lake Thunderbird Drive, Putnam, Illinois 61560