

## WHO WILL RECEIVE THE PROCEEDS?

The Emerge Center empowers children with autism and individuals with communication challenges to achieve independence through innovative and family-centered therapies. As a mission-driven, non-profit organization, Emerge strives to be a community resource, accessible to all. A fund in the name of J. Arthur Bergeron and Lana Valley Estopinal has been established by Moonie and Angela Bergeron so that more families can access Emerge's services. All proceeds will directly support this fund.



*Due to COVID-19, we ask all attendees to practice the recommended CDC guidelines including social distancing and wearing a mask. If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, please refrain from attending the event on March 6, 2021.*

### Questions about the fishing tournament:

Moonie Bergeron - (225) 938-2834  
Keith Thibodeaux - (225) 938-0941



presented by Bergeron's Boudin & Cajun Meats

## TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Doiron's Landing ● Morgan City, LA

60/40 Payout to Top Teams

**\$5,000 Grand Prize to 1st Place Winners**

Bonuses Include:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Big Bass payouts
- \$300 to First Person weighing a 3.00 lb. bass

**\$205 Entry Fee Per Boat (2 People)**

Includes launch fee

No late fees; *non-refundable*

**WEIGH IN AT 3:00 P.M. AT DOIRON'S LANDING**

*Free jambalaya for fishermen at weigh in*

Proceeds benefit



# TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. Rule Changes:** Rules will remain unchanged throughout the event. Tournament Director's decision on rules will be final. Weigh master can refuse to weigh any fish, and has final say on disqualification based on length of fish, etc.
- 2. Sportsmanship:** State, Federal and Local Laws must be obeyed. No alcoholic beverages allowed in boat during tournament hours. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or Fish and Game laws of the State of Louisiana will be disqualified.
- 3. Eligibility:** This is a 2-person team tournament open to all persons, but single anglers are welcome. One team member operating combustion engine must be at least 18 years old. An adult choosing a minor as a partner will take responsibility for that minor.
- 4. Registration:** Each team member must sign entry form. Signing the entry form signifies each team member has read, understands, and agrees to follow the rules as they are written. One team member must register in person at tournament site (Doiron's Store) the morning of the tournament. Registration will begin at 4:30 AM.
- 5. Applications:** Online applications must be received by 6:00 p.m. Thursday prior to tournament date. Applications will be accepted at the Landing on the morning of the tournament.
- 6. Fishing Hours:** After you register, you may leave the landing when you feel like it is safe to run. The tournament will begin at daylight. Tournament Director will determine time to start. **You must have boat chip on board at pavilion by 3:00 p.m.** Any boat chip not on the board by 3:00 p.m. that team will be disqualified
- 7. Protest:** All protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 15 minutes after the weigh scales are closed. Tournament Director must be informed of such action prior to, or during weigh-in.
- 8. Safety:** Safe boating conduct is required at all times. Unsafe operation of a boat disqualifies the team. All boats must have USCG approved life jackets which must be on and secured when combustible engine is running. In case of an emergency or break down, one angler may take their catch aboard another tournament boat to go to weigh-in. All boats must be equipped with running lights and working kill switch.
- 9. Tackle:** Only artificial lures can be used. No live bait or trolling permitted. A contestant may only use one rod and reel at a time.
- 10. Boat Equipment:** Safety Equipment adequate to pass US Coast Guard regulations must be in boat at all times. All boats must be equipped with functional live well with aerator pump to keep fish alive. No iced fish will be accepted. Boat length will be a minimum of 14 feet with outboard engine.
- 11. Permitted Fishing Water:** Doiron's Landing either side. No crossover permitted. No fishing permitted in Doiron's launch canal or within 50 yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored or secured in a fixed position. Pullovers are not allowed. Waters that are posted (off limits, no fishing, or no trespassing and private property) by State or Local authorities or any posted water where the public is not allowed is off limits to fish or cross over by all competitors. If competitors are uncertain about off limit areas, they should contact the Tournament Director. **NO FISHING SOUTH OF HWY 90, EAST OF THE ATCHAFALYA RIVER EXCEPT FOR BATEMAN ISLAND WHICH WILL BE OPEN.**
- 12. Limit:** Five (5) bass limit per team. Minimum length 12" measured on flat board. Any team attempting to weigh more than 5 fish or fish shorter than 12" will be disqualified. Only 5 bass in livewell at a time. Culling at the landing not allowed. There will be 4 oz or .25 lb deducted for each dead fish. If dead fish is largest, penalty will be assessed to that fish. Largest bass will decide all ties. Total weight will decide a tie for Big Bass. If Big Bass and Total Weight are tied, a coin flip will determine the placing.
- 13. Prizes:** A total cash prize of \$600 or more is considered taxable income by the IRS. Teams that win a cash prize of \$600 or more will be taxed as applicable.
- 14. Polygraphs will be conducted.**

# TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

**\$205 Boat Registration - (2 people; includes launch fee)**

Boater #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am unable to participate, but would like to the support**

**The Emerge Center with a tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

**\*Liability Release:** In signing this agreement, I hereby release Angling Against Autism, Tournament Directors, and Sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs, or expenses relating to injury of any person(s) or any property which I may sustain or which I may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with this tournament.

## Registration and payment details:

- Register and pay at launch day-of tournament.  
*Checks made payable to The Emerge Foundation*
- Register and pay online at [emergela.org/angling](http://emergela.org/angling)

Questions about registering:  
[events@emergela.org](mailto:events@emergela.org)

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