

## Tournament Rules:

**All rules are spoken and written to allow for a fair field and promote fair competition. Participating anglers should familiarize themselves with federal, state, and local laws prior to competing.**

**Eligibility.** Contestants must be at least 18 years of age UNLESS participating with a parent or guardian. Entry forms must be filled out completely and signed by both participants.

**Insurance.** All boats must have a mandatory minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance. This is the user/owner's responsibility and must be provided upon request from tournament officials.

**Entry Fees.** The entry fee for the tournament will be \$150.00 including big bass. No entries will be accepted at the ramp.

**Safety.** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. No wake at the launch/weigh-in area. Obey local water laws. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type personal flotation device (PFD). PFD must be worn any time the combustion engine is operating. The PFD must be strapped or zippered securely until the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for immediate disqualification.

**Sportsmanship.** Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from each competitor. Behavior contradicting these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Drunkenness on the part of any competitor during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification. If a competitor is obviously intoxicated in the opinion of the tournament director, that competitor will not be permitted to participate in the tournament. No alcohol is allowed in your boat during tournament hours.

**Tackle and equipment.** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips, rind, etc. Only one casting, spinning, or spin-casting rod (8-foot maximum length from butt to tip) and reel may be used at any one time by each competitor. All other types are prohibited. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner.

**Horsepower.** Combustion engines powering boats used in the tournament may not exceed the horsepower limitations set forth by the boat manufacturer's hull rating.

**Boat and motors.** Tournament boats must be 15 feet or more in length and have standard Coast Guard safety equipment. An electric motor may be used to maneuver the boat while casting. However, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Boats having electric starters must have emergency kill switches used while the combustion engine is operating. **All boats must have at least one operating aerated livewell.**

**Permitted fishing locations.** Fishing is permitted anywhere that is accessible to all competitors unless otherwise stated by the tournament director during the pre-tournament meeting or before launch. You may not fish within 50 yards of another competitor's boat that is anchored with the trolling motor up. A boat may be anchored by traditional anchor or spike-style anchor (e.g. Power-Pole or Talon) but the trolling motor MUST BE UP to be considered anchored. All fishing must be done from your boat. Competitors may not leave the boat to land fish. Boats must stay in the water during the tournament hours. All competitors must leave the official dock by boat and return by boat. Both competitors must remain together at all times except in the case of fire, emergency, or where crew safety is involved. Trailering of boats during the Tournament is prohibited.

**Fish care.** Competitors are expected to keep bass alive. An 8 oz. penalty will be assessed for each dead fish weighed in. Culling of dead fish will not be allowed.

**Tournament hours.** Check-in time begins at 5:00 a.m. Take off begins at safe light as determined by the tournament director and will be staggered by boat flights as determined by the total amount of entries received. Weigh-in time begins at 3:00 p.m. and will be staggered by boat flights as determined by the tournament director. Hours will be given before blast off and hours are subject to change by the tournament director.

**Late penalty.** Competitors who have not checked in with the dock attendants prior to their official weigh-in time will be assessed a 1 pound penalty for every minute they are late. Anglers who check in 15 minutes past their respective check in time will be disqualified.

**Scoring.** Scoring will be determined by pounds and ounces accumulated during the Tournament. Only Largemouth Bass are allowed to be weighed in. Only five (5) fish per boat may be weighed in. Competitors bringing more than five (5) fish to the weigh-in station will have their catch culled down to 5 fish and the largest fish will be culled first. At no time shall any competitor possess more than the legal limit. Each competitor must present his own catch to the weigh-in station. Minimum length for all bass is 12 inches. All fish will be measured on a flat metal measuring board (Golden Rule) with mouth closed and with a pinched tail. Any short fish presented for weigh-in will result in the loss of the weight for that fish plus the weight of the largest of the remaining creel limit. Dead fish may not be culled during competition or at weigh-in. Dead fish will not be permitted to be weighed as big bass. **DO NOT TRAILER YOUR FISH.**

**Ties.** All ties will be broken by biggest fish.

**Blast-off procedure.** Boats will leave the launch area in line, by boat number, beginning with boat #1 and progressing in numerical order. Boat number plates will be provided to each competitor for displaying to other competitors in the launch area prior to take off to enable positioning prior to blast off. Live well checks will be conducted prior to boats entering the water.

**Locking.** Competitors are permitted to lock into Lake Toho. OBSERVE ALL LOCK REGULATIONS. Approaches to the locks are considered no-wake areas. Smoking is prohibited in the lock. Boats shall enter the locks and proceed to the front of the lock in the order they arrive at the lock. DO NOT TIE YOUR BOAT OFF, rather hold onto the ropes or ladders inside the lock.

**Team.** Each team may consist of up to a total of two (2) competitors.

**Breakdowns.** In case of a boat breakdown, a competitor is allowed to return to the tournament headquarters in another tournament competitor's boat. Fish must be kept separate or identifiable. One competitor from the broken down boat must remain with the fish at all times. Fish must be passed from boat to boat. The tournament director must be notified upon return to the ramp prior to attempting to weigh-in.

**Protest.** Protests must be presented in writing to the tournament director within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the weigh-in, accompanied by a \$100 payment. Funds will be returned to the claimant pending the protest is upheld by the tournament director. Upon completion of the weigh-in and assignment of monies, protests will be considered null and void at that time. Arguing with tournament directors, including volunteers, will be reason for disqualification.

# 2014

## Diabetic Charitable Services Bass Fishing Tournament

### Camp Mack - Lake Kissimmee

### Saturday, December 6, 2014



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campmack.com

## About Diabetic Charitable Services

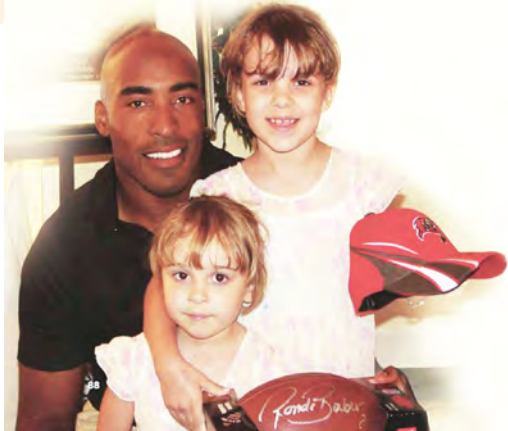
Diabetic Charitable Services, DCS, is excited at the opportunity to be involved with a Bass Fishing Tournament.

As a 501(c)3 organization, the DCS mission is to find persons who are at high risk for developing diabetes and prevent the onset of the disease by early detection and adopting healthy lifestyles. Our vision is to increase awareness of diabetes and provide the tools to help people take action to decrease risk factors and minimize the development of long-term complications.

Claire, who is pictured with #20, Ronde Barber of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and her sister Grace, was diagnosed with diabetes at the young age of 2.

Her symptoms were increased thirst, lethargy and sweating. She was taken to the emergency room and her blood was tested. Her glucose level was 543. A normal level is between 80-130. Claire is now 11 years old and tests her blood about 10 times per day and gets at least 3 insulin shots each day.

Claire is doing very well and attending school and has very few complications. Diabetes is not curable but it is treatable. It is a disease that never takes a break as it constantly has to be monitored 24/7.



**Diabetic Charitable Services**  
**11800 28th Street North**  
**St. Petersburg, FL 33716**



## Tournament day schedule

**When:** Saturday, December 6, 2014

**Where:** Camp Mack  
 14900 Camp Mack Road  
 Lake Wales, FL 33898

**Cost:** Entry Fee \$150.00

**Schedule:** 5:00 am Check-in begins  
 Take off begins at safe light  
 (To be determined by tournament director)  
 3:00 pm Weigh-in begins

## Registration for the 2014 DCS Bass Fishing Tournament

### Captain's Information

Captain's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Boat Brand: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

By signing above, I agree to the rules and regulations set forth for the Diabetic Charitable Services' Bass Fishing Tournament.

### Non-Boater's Information

Non-Boater's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### For credit card payments please contact:

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 888-813-7315

### Please make checks payable to Diabetic Charitable Services.

### Please mail entry forms and payment prior to 11/21/14 to:

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