



**PERRY ROTARY CLUB  
FISHING TOURNAMENT  
PURPOSE AND TOURNAMENT RULES**



### **Purpose**

The purpose of this tournament is to raise money for Perry and neighboring communities while providing a day of fun for all participants. The Perry Rotary Club is a non-profit organization and will use the net proceeds from this tournament to provide free medicines to the Houston County Volunteer Clinic, support local charities, and fund service projects in our community. All competitors are expected to show courtesy and good sportsmanship in keeping with the purpose and spirit of this tournament. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

### **Logistics**

The tournament date is Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Participants may fish in any body of water with the exception of a commercial hatchery, beginning at legal daylight on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Weigh in is at the Go Fish Education Center. Teams must enter from South Perry Parkway for the weigh in (I-75 Exit #134). Directional signs will be posted at the Go Fish Entrance.

### **Format**

This is a bass tournament and all black bass species qualify, including large mouth, spotted, and shoal bass (all species of the genus *Micropterus*). Fish must be a minimum of 12" in length. There is a 3 fish per team limit, with the combined weight of the fish determining your team score. A team can only weigh in fish caught by a member of the team, and combining or sharing fish with another team is not allowed. Team members must fish together in the same body of water at the same time. The first place team will receive \$1,000 and the top 10 teams will receive cash awards. Only fish caught on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, are eligible for weigh-in. Safe boating and adherence to all State laws is required. Teams can consist of up to 3 people in any of the following combinations: 1 adult; 1 adult or 2 youth age 16 or younger; 2 adults; or 2 adults and 1 youth age 16 or younger. The entry fee is \$150 per team, which includes entry fee for the Adult Big Fish Prize. If a team member is unable to participate, one alternate can be substituted. The adult (17 yrs or older) that catches and weighs in the single largest qualifying fish wins the Adult Big Fish Prize and will receive \$250. The 3 age brackets for the Youth Big Fish Prize are: up to 8 years old; 9 to 12 years old; and 13 to 16 years old. The youth that catches and weighs in the single largest qualifying fish in the Youth Big Fish Contest in their age bracket receives a trophy. Qualifying fish caught by a youth team member may or may not, at each team's discretion, count toward the team 3 fish weight.

However, each youth can weigh-in their biggest fish for the Youth Big Fish Contest even if they aren't included in the team's 3 fish. Participants can use any method legal in the State of Georgia to catch their fish, with the exception that no live bait is allowed. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources will administer the weigh-in and all winners are subject to a polygraph screening. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify questionable fish.

### **Registration**

All entries, accompanied by a \$150 entry fee, must be received by mail or by a member of the rules committee, no later than 12:00 p.m. on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mail checks payable to the **Perry Rotary Club**, with registration form to Attn: Mike Gray, P.O. Box 1770, Perry, GA 31069. No late entries accepted. The first 30 teams registered receive tournament T-shirts at weigh-in. Please use the QR code below to find registration and sponsorship forms.



### **Weigh-In**

Check in for the weigh-in at the Go Fish Education Center, 1255 Perry Pkwy, Perry, GA, begins at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and closes at 3:30 p.m. Participants not checked in by 3:30 p.m. will be penalized four (4) ounces for every minute late up to 10 minutes, and participants more than ten minutes late will be disqualified. Once checked-in, tournament officials will instruct you how to proceed to weigh-in. Weigh-in begins promptly at 3:30 p.m. Make every reasonable effort to keep your fish alive. A four-ounce credit will be given for each fish weighed-in alive. The late penalty and live fish credit apply to both your tournament placing and the Big Fish Competitions.

### **Rules Interpretation**

Interpretation of the rules shall be left solely to the Tournament Director and shall be final. By registering for this tournament, you agree to these terms. You also release from any liability and hold harmless the Perry Rotary Club, Inc., its members, the Go Fish Education Center, all tournament officials, and tournament sponsors for any claim or causes of action arising from participation in this tournament or submission to polygraph screening.

Special Thanks to the Go Fish Education Center [www.gofisheducationcenter.com](http://www.gofisheducationcenter.com).