



**Nationwide (Kid's under 17)**  
**Catch and Release Bass & Panfish Challenge**  
**Challenge Rules and Regulations** revised 10.5.23

- 1) Parent or Guardian must sign up Kid(s):  
\*This is a "Catch and Release" Bass & Panfish Challenge ONLY. All freshwater bass and panfish are eligible. This Challenge is open to all Kids 17 and under living anywhere in the USA. You may fish anywhere in the USA except any bodies of water that have been cultivated for bass or panfish: for example, pay to fish lakes. Federal or state stocked bodies of water open to the public are permitted.  
  
Gift prizes awarded: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place from 3 groups & 1 Grand Champion.  
Age Groups: 6 and under, 7-12 & 13-17.
- 2) Parent/Guardian & Children choose 1 out of 3 days to fish 3 consecutive hours between 7am-6pm. Eligible days: Saturday, Sunday or Monday (October 7, 8 or 9, 2023) & 3 consecutive hours between 7am-6pm (your time zone)
- 3) **Registration:** Sign up through our website: [www.ReelTimeUSA.com](http://www.ReelTimeUSA.com)
- 4) There is no weather committee, so this event is solely the responsibility of each Parent/Guardian & participating child to decide if he or she wants to fish this event and to decide if weather conditions are safe for fishing. The Challenge will take place on these dates rain or shine. You may fish on a boat, kayak or from land.
- 5) Each child will be allowed a maximum **total of 3 consecutive hours fishing time between 7 a.m. through 6 p.m. (Angler's local time)**. Each Parent/Guardian of kid(s) must register your (3) hour time frame before you start fishing that day along with submitting a photo of that days Newspaper **OR** a "Validation Card" \*\*A "Pre-Fish form" link will be available Saturday October 7,8 & 9th, 2023 @ 4 a.m. (EST) at [www.ReelTimeUSA.com](http://www.ReelTimeUSA.com) to designate your 3 hour fishing time and upload your selfie photo with the Validation card or newspaper from the day of the contest. Parent/Guardian or child can log their catch and releases as explained below in Paragraphs 10 & 12.
- 6) Your fishing time **must start at the top of a specific hour**. [i.e. 10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 1 p.m.] Lines cannot be in the water before your designated 3-hour time period you select on the pre-fish form. For any fish to count the fish **must be photographed before the end of your 3-hour fishing time**. Any photos taken before or after your time slot will not count. Please note your time zone (Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific). Just to note: If your running late to your designated fishing time, you can not make up for that lost time in your 3 hour period.
- 7) This event will be based on an honor system. This to be a fun Catch and Release Challenge. Gift prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all age groups. Gift Prizes consist of: 1st place: Tackle Box filled with tackle valued at \$300, a blackfin rod & gift cards. 2nd place: Tackle box filled with tackle value at \$200 and 3rd place: Tackle box filled with tackle valued at \$100 for all age groups. The Grand Champion between all age groups will win an addition \$50 Gift Card from Academy Sports plus be featured in Bass Angler Magazine.

- 8) In order for each Bass to qualify for 8 points per release & each Panfish to count for 2 points **you must comply with the following:**
- a) You must have a cell phone or an iPad to take photos of every Bass or Panfish you catch and release. **\*YOUR GPS LOCATOR MUST BE TURNED ON.**
  - b) **BEFORE** you start fishing, you must print out the Validation Card \*\*\* located on our website or purchase that day of fishing newspaper for verification of your catch. You must fill in your pre-fish form including your 3 hour fishing time frame and submit the photo of the Validation Card or Dated Newspaper. The Pre-fish form will be available on our website by 4 a.m. (EST) , 2023. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
  - c) \*\*\* There will be a link to a Validation Card, Pre-fish & Catch report forms the morning of the event by 4 a.m. (EST) that you can print to use as verification of your catch.
  - d) Each Bass & Panfish you photograph for your catch report should be **taken from the same side** with the validation card or dated newspaper for every fish you catch in one of two ways:
    - Left hand with belly facing to the left, or
    - Right hand with belly facing to the right.
    - \* **Important:** You should position each and every Bass or Panfish you photograph from the same side – either right or left. Choose one side and stick to it each time to take a photo.



- 9) You may only use (1) one rod at a time to catch fish and you can use live bait, artificial lures or . You may have more than one rod in your possession, but only 1 line in the water at any given time. No Dredges.
- 10) **TO REPORT YOUR CATCH:** After your 3 hour fishing time has ended but in no event later than 9 p.m. your local time, Parent/Guardian or child **MUST** fill out catch report & upload all photos of your Bass to [www.ReelTimeUSA.com](http://www.ReelTimeUSA.com). **You will be disqualified if your photos are not uploaded by 9 p.m. (your local time) that same day.**
- 11) Winners will be announced and contacted. Gift Prizes will be awarded: MOST FISH RELEASE POINTS: EACH BASS COUNTS FOR 8 POINTS, EACH PANFISH 2 POINTS.
- 12) If you have a child that would like to participate, and the child does not have an e-mail address, a parent or guardian may register the child and submit the required photos using the parent/guardian's e-mail address. Use the child's name and e-mail as the angler when possible.
- 13) In case of a tie in number of points, the angler that lands the most fish POINTS in a shorter time frame will be declared the winner of that division.
- 14) At the end of this event, *Reel\*Time USA* will post photos of the winners on [www.ReelTimeUSA.com](http://www.ReelTimeUSA.com).

- 15) All winners will be determined in the sole discretion of *Reel\*Time USA*. All winners' catches are subject to verification of date and time of each catch by *Reel\*Time USA*. *Reel\*Time USA* reserves the right to disqualify any winner whose photos cannot be verified for the date and time the photo was taken.
- 16) By participating in this Challenge and submitting photos, you consent to the use of your photos by *Reel\*Time USA* at their discretion to promote *Reel\*Time USA* events.
- 17) By agreeing to participate in this Challenge, you, the participant, agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless *Reel\*Time USA LLC*, *Reel\*Time USA Catch & Release Challenge*, *Lenny Strobel*, and any and all affiliates involved in this event from any claim or causes of action of any kind including but not limited to for injury, death, property damage or other damages whether through your own negligence, the negligence of another or the negligence of *Reel\*Time USA* or *Lenny Strobel*. *Reel\*Time USA LLC* reserves the right to refuse any entry at *Reel\*Time USA*'s discretion.
- 18) REFUND POLICY: Entry fees are non-refundable in the event you do not participate in the Challenge for any reason whatsoever.
- 19) **Legal Stuff:** Each participant is responsible for consulting his or her local fishing laws/regulations concerning Bass before participating in this contest. Each participant accepts sole responsibility and risk for knowing the fishing regulations/laws where you fish for this contest. *Reel\*Time USA* makes no representations regarding any fishing regulations/laws nor makes any guarantee of safety in participation. Each participant participates at his or her own risk.

**\*\*\*IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN THIS EVENT AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS, YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THESE RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION.**

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