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ISPAT INLAND INC.

Present  
Lake Michigan Bass Fishing  
(Indiana and Illinois Waters)  
and

# Big Lake Shootout V

Two man Team Bass Tournament

\$120 Entry Fee

\$15 Optional Big Bass Pool

First Place \$5000

(Based on 100 Boat Field \* Maximum field 150 boats)

East Chicago Marina

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Saturday, June 3, 2006

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## Schedule of Events

**4:00 AM** - Check in, mandatory registration and boat check at East Chicago Marina Boat Launch.

**5:30 AM** - Mandatory Pre Tournament rules meeting. Any team late or not in attendance will forfeit their starting positions and reassigned to the back of their scheduled flight.

**6:00 AM** - 1st Flight ooze off from the official check point by boat number. Approximately 10 second intervals.

**6:30 AM** - 2nd Flight ooze off from the official check point by boat number. Approximately 10 second intervals

**2:00 PM** - 1st Flight check in at official designated location.

**2:30 PM** - 2nd Flight check in at official designated location.

## Pay Back Schedule

(15% one out of every 7 1/2 entries)

1st Place \$4000*	9th Place \$250
2nd Place \$1500*	10th Place \$250
3rd Place \$1000*	11th Place \$200
4th Place \$600	12th Place \$200
5th Place \$500	13th Place \$200
6th Place \$350	14th Place \$200
7th Place \$300	15th Place \$200
8th Place \$250	*plus trophies

Big Bass \$1000 Second Big Bass \$500

(Based on 100 Boat Field)

**Official Entry Form: Please Print**  
**Entry \$120.**  
**Make payable to: (Anglers Dream, PO Box 1201, Hammond, IN 46325)**

<hr/> <p>(Boat Owner's Name)      Please Print</p> <hr/> <p>(Address)                      (City)                      (State)      ( Zip)</p> <hr/> <p>(Phone)                              (Social Sec. Number)</p> <hr/> <p>(Signature)</p> <p>Method of Payment.      Cash: ( )    Check: ( )    Money Order: ( )    Credit Card: ( )</p> <p>Type: Visa: ( )    American Express ( )    Master Card ( )    Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____    Exp Date ____/____/____</p> <hr/> <p>(Print Name on Card)</p>	<hr/> <p>(Name)                              Please Print</p> <hr/> <p>(Address)                      (City)                      (State)      ( Zip)</p> <hr/> <p>(Phone)                              (Social Sec. Number)</p> <hr/> <p>(Signature)</p> <hr/> <p>(Signature of Cardholder)</p>
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- (1) Having read the Official Big Lake Shoot Out rules and regulations and completed the entry form, we agree to abide by all conditions stated therein. We agree to assume all applicable taxes.
- (2) **LIABILITY RELEASE:** In signing this agreement, we hereby release Anglers Dream, MikLurch Tackle Specialties, The Big Lake Shootout staff, their officers, agents, employees, and sponsors (herein after referred to as The Big Lake Shootout., et al) from any and all damages, claims, demands, cost or expenses relating to injury of any person or any property which we may sustain or which we may cause by reason of participation in or in connection with this tournament.
- (3) **VERIFICATION OF LIABILITY:** We further state that we maintain and agree to provide proof of current liability insurance to The Big Lake Shootout on the boat we will be using in the tournament.
- (4) We signify by our signatures that we have read and understand the agreements 1, 2, and 3 above.
- Entry fee of \$120 is to be submitted with entry form.

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**Big Lake Shootout V 2006 Official Rules and Regulations:**

- 1. Safety:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. All contestants are required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver any time the combustion engine is running. Violation of this rule shall be cause for disqualification.
- 2. Horsepower Regulations:** The boat and motor must conform to the B.I.A. horsepower rating.
- 3. Boat and Motor:** All Boats are to be equipped with the necessary equipment designated by the Coast Guard for boating on the Great Lakes and some type of ignition kill switch which is required to be used any time the combustion engine is running. Boats are also required to have a properly aerated live well.
- 4. Tackle and Equipment:** Only artificial lures may be used. Live or prepared baits are prohibited with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. Only one casting or spinning rod (8 foot maximum length) and reel may be used at any time. Other rigs as specified may be in the boat and ready for use. All bass must be caught live, and in a conventional sporting manner. Any competitor caught with prohibited equipment or bait in their possession shall be disqualified from this event.
- 5. Pairings:** This is a fish with your partner tournament. A contestant can fish by himself but is only allowed a one man 3 bass Indiana Lake Michigan limit.
- 6. Sportsmanship:** Tournament competitors are expected to adhere to high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Possession or consumption or alcoholic or illegal substance during tournament hours shall be cause for automatic disqualification. Contestants cited for violation of state, marine, fishing, or conservation laws during tournament hours will be disqualified, pending due process of law. Entry fees are non refundable
- 7. Eligibility:** Participation is open to either sex, and at least one member of each team must be 18 years of age or older. All contestants agree to be photographed, and their names used in future publications and promotions without the benefit of compensation..
- 8. Registration:** One member of the team must register at the official registration site on the day of the tournament. Failure to register at the prescribed time shall result in loss in starting position. There will be a mandatory Pre Tournament meeting following registration. One member of the team must attend this meeting.
- 9. Permitted Fishing Locations:** Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere in **Indiana and Illinois** except those areas designated as Off Limits on the day of the tournament. In addition, fishing is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of another competitors anchored boat. All angling must be done from the boat and competitors may not depart the boat to retrieve a fish. Boats must remain in tournament water on tournament day. Partners must remain together at all times except in case of dire emergency. Trailing of boats is prohibited. Boats must launch from the designated launch site and only after 3:00 A.M. the day of the tournament.
- 10. Pre Tournament Practice:** There will be a five day off limits prior to the tournament. No fishing or boating is allowed on the tournament waters from 12:01 A.M. Monday May 31 to the start of the tournament.
- 11. Scoring:** Final tournament standings will be determined by the pound and fraction of a pound of each teams catch. Only largemouth, smallmouth bass shall be weighed. The maximum team limit will be five bass (three for one man team). Any team bringing in more fish than the tournament limit shall have their fish culled by tournament official starting with the largest fish until the designated limit is met. The minimum length shall be 14" with the mouth closed and the tail pinched in the longest straight line. Any fish presented for weigh in by a contestant that fails to meet the minimum length shall not be counted in the day's total. In addition, the largest fish from that contestant's catch shall be culled. Any culled fish will not be counted towards any other prize awards.
- 12. Dead Fish:** A penalty of a 1/2 pound deduction will be deducted for each dead fish from that fish weight and the total bag.
- 13. Late Penalties:** Competitors who checks in late at the designated check in site shall be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute late. Said penalty shall be deducted from the total weight of the days catch. Any weight penalties shall be deducted from the largest fish or fishes of that day's catch. Competitors more then ten minutes late shall lose credit for the entire day's catch. Upon check in all fishing will cease. No early weigh-ins.
- 14. Ties:** In the event of a tie, big bass will break stringer ties, and big bass ties will be broken by total stringer weight.
- 15. Starting Positions:** Starting positions will be assigned in the following manner. All prepaid entries received prior to midnight March 20, 2006 will be entered into the first drawing for starting positions. This drawing will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. All pre paid entries received after midnight March 20, 2006 will be assigned starting positions on a first received basis. No checks will be accepted after May 27, 2006. Conditions and weather may alter the exact times.
- 16. No Wake Zones:** To be designated at the pre tournament meeting. All no wake zones are no pass zones unless the boat being passed is stopped or fishing or multiple boat lanes permit a different route to be taken.
- 17. Polygraph:** As assurance of fair play two polygraph exams will be given prior to declaring the winners and awarding of the prizes. The first polygraph will be given to a member of the winning team selected by the Big Lake Shootout Staff. The second polygraph will be administered to a randomly selected contestant drawn from all of a pool of the top 15% finishers. Refusal to take or failure to satisfactory complete said polygraph will be ground for disqualification.
- 18. Electronic Communication:** Electronic or verbal communication with anyone other then tournament officials during tournament hours is prohibited. Cellular phones may be used to contact tournament officials in case of emergency.
- 19. Rulings:** Tournament Officials reserve the rights for all rule interpretations and rulings thereof. In the case of emergency or bad weather the committee reserves the right to change date of the event. All protest must be made in writing, and signed by the protestor, and filed with the director within ten minutes after the conclusion of weigh in. The decision of the Officials in all rulings is final.