

Future Pro Tournaments Rules

1. You are NOT eligible to fish the Future Pro Tour if any of the following apply:

- If you have earned \$6,000 or more (in cash) individually or as part of a team in any one season - two times. Please note that money won as an amateur in Pro/Am competition or specialty events is excluded.
- If you have earned two Anglers of The Year titles in organized (non-club) pro team or amateur team competition – within one region. This applies even if you have fished with different partners.
- When you win your second prize boat, engine, or vehicle while fishing as a pro in any pro/am or pro team competition. Prizes won in specialty events such as River2Sea Open, Bass Pro Shops Open, Yamamoto Big Bass Challenge, etc., are excluded.
- When you win your second prize boat, engine, or vehicle fishing as an amateur in any organized circuit.
- If you have won two TOC championships in any major amateur or pro team circuit. This applies even if your championship win did not include a boat, vehicle, or engine as first prize. Note: “major” refers to organized circuits that consistently draw or average over 40 teams.

The Future Pro Tour reserves the right to determine the participation eligibility of all anglers that want to participate in Future Pro Tour events. Decisions regarding eligibility are at the sole discretion of the Future Pro Tour organization and its Tournament Competition Committee and all decisions will be final.

2. Boat and Motors: Each event will be divided into horsepower divisions. Division 1 will be boats, kayaks, or float tubes with horsepower ratings of 0 through 90. Division 2 will be boats with horsepower rating of 91 and up. In the event there are not enough teams in the Division 1, the Division 1 teams that show up have the option of competing in Division 2 for that division’s prize money.

3. Start of Tournament: The order that teams are required to blast-off and check-in, will be determined by a random draw on the morning of the event. Upon registration, every angler will draw a token with a boat number on it. That number will determine each team’s blast-off order and check in time. For safety reasons, Division 1 teams - including kayaks, tubes and belly boats, will blast off, and check in last.

4. Payback, Awards, Prizes: Cash paybacks, trophies, and out-of-the money prizes for all events will vary based on the size of the field. The payout ratio will be as stated in the “sample” payout matrix located at the bottom of the rules section, with a PURE at-the-ramp cash payback of 80% paid out to the field.

It is important to note that the FPT Classic Championship prize - is GUARANTEED, and, if calculated into the overall payback, would constitute a payback of well over 100%. However, we do not calculate the value of this Classic Championship prize into the at-the-ramp payback as this is the FPT's reward to its participants for being members of the Future Pro Tour.

5. Anglers of the Year: Will be determined by the team in each region, with the most points accumulated at the end of the year. To be eligible to win angler of the year, you must fish all five (5) FPT events in the northern region and all five (5) FPT events in the central region. The "Future" Future Pro Angler of the year title will be determined by the qualifying team in each region, with most points for the 5 regular season events. Anglers of the year will receive the following:

Anglers of the Year (big boat division only) will receive:

- Ram Trucks - "Guts and Glory" Trophy – commemorating the AOY title
- \$200 cash award

Anglers of the Year (small boat division) will receive:

- Special award commemorating their AOY achievement, and memberships paid into the following year

6. FPT Classic Qualifying/Wildcards selections (applies to both divisions and both regions)

Classic Qualifiers will be determined based on the most points accumulated for 5 events. The FPT has no "throw out" points, as the total for all points earned in each event fished will determine if a team qualifies for the FPT Classic championship. You must however, fish at least 4 of the 5 scheduled events in your region to even be eligible to qualify for the FPT Classic.

Please note that there is no "Travelers Region" in the FPT, therefore you cannot combine points from events fished in different regions to qualify for the FPT Classic, or AOY title.

For events that combine regions (i.e. Camanche and Delta) points will not be separated between each region.

Wildcards - Wildcard draws will be picked after the last event of the season. Wildcards will be selected randomly by Future Pro Tour sponsors or by Tournament Competition Committee officials. Wildcards from each region will be drawn from the group of anglers sitting in the first 10 places outside of the regular qualifying bubble.

You must have fished 4 of 5 events within your region to even qualify in the wild card drawing.

2019 - Classic Championship qualifications:

The scale to qualify for the FPT Classic will be as follows:

- 1- 25 teams - 1 team, no wild card
- 26-50 teams - 20 teams, 2 wild cards
- 51-75 teams - 25 teams, 3 wild cards
- 76-100 teams - 40 teams, 4 wild cards
- 100 and up - 50 teams (max), 5 wildcards

(Note: this scale is based on the average number of teams that participated in the total events for the region)

The FPT Classic field will be "capped" at no more than 100 teams*

*In the event that participation levels far exceed projections, FPT Tournament Competition Committee reserves the right to extend the field of entries at its discretion.

"Up and Comer" Rookie of the Year Division!

This competition is for those anglers that have fished ZERO to no more than ONE full season in competitive fishing as a team or individual. It is designed to help our newcomers build their confidence as they transcend into the larger group of seasoned anglers.

There is no additional entry required to be part of this competition, however you must be registered as an "Up and Comer" prior to the event. Please note that "Up and Comers" are eligible to win the regular tournament purse just like any other team.

The "Up and Comer" Rookie of the Year will be based on the highest points accumulated for the season by "Up and Comer" registrants, will receive a special trophy, a \$50 Chevron fuel card, their memberships paid for the following season, and a free entry into the opening event of the following season.

PLEASE NOTE: None of the rewards awarded to "Up and Comer" winners can be sold, redeemed for cash value, substituted or exchanged, and are not transferable in any way. They are only valid for the season, by the team winning the "Up and Comer" award. If for WHATEVER reason the team or any member of the team cannot participate in the next following event or fish the next following season - for whatever reason, they will not be awarded any "Up and Comer" cash or prizes.

Youth Angler's League

This division is open to all from grade school to high-school (18 years and younger) There is **no entry fee** to be part of this exclusive division, however, there will be a \$40 YAL one-time membership fee that is good for the entire season – in both regions.

YOUTH ANGLER'S LEAGUE

This division is open to all youth, from grade school thru high-school (18 years and younger).

There is a yearly YAL **membership fee of \$40 per youth**, that is good for all year, and all regions

There is **NO ENTRY FEE** to participate any of the events in this exclusive division.

YAL participants must be 18 years of age or younger, and must have written permission from parents, and approved by the tournament director prior to participation.

YAL participants fish as individuals and are allowed to bring in 5 fish to the scales.

YAL participants will place a special "tag" on their fish prior to coming to the scales, to help identify their limit.

If a YAL participant requires an escort to drive the boat to participate, the escort is allowed to fish, and can pay to participate in the regular FPT event, but they are not allowed to assist the YAL participant - in any way (landing or netting fish), nor will their fish be included in that YAL participants limit.

How To register as a Youth Angler League participant

Before the event, each YAL participant must register as a "YAL" participant and will receive a special Youth League wristband.

Please note: that any YAL participant has the option to pay the regular FPT entry fee and participate in that day's regular FPT event to win the regular event's purse, cash and prizes.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a "Pro" level angler that is ineligible to compete in FPT events, you may fish with your youth, but are not allowed to include any of the fish you catch throughout the day in their limit – they must catch **all of the fish** they bring to the scales. PLEASE REMEMBER – this is being done on "honor" system.

Youth Angler League awards:

The top 3 registered Youth League teams with the highest weight will receive a trophy and cash or prizes as follows:

1st Place: \$150

At the following events, a Sea Eagle PakFish7 boat will be awarded to the 1st Place YAL finisher

- Berryessa
- New Melones
- Clear Lake
- Camanche
- Delta

2nd Place: \$100

3rd Place: \$50

Note: YAL 1st place finisher may only win boat ONE TIME. If they have won the boat before, they will be awarded 2nd place cash money and the boat will go to 2nd place YAL finisher.



Youth League team – Performance bonus awards:

The winning Youth League team will also be eligible for the following “performance” bonuses:

If the winning YAL angler catches a limit of 10 pounds or greater they will receive:

- A special tackle pack

If the winning YAL angler catches a bass over 3 pounds they will receive:

- A special tackle pack

Youth Angler League – Classic Championship Event

At the end of the season, only the top ten Youth League teams (highest Youth League points) will be invited to the final day of the Future Pro Tour Classic Championship to compete – at no cost, for their own separate trophies, and cash prizes as follows:

1ST Place - \$500

2nd Place – Sea Eagle PF7 Inflatable boat

3rd Place - \$200

Youth Angler League - Angler of the Year Awards – presented by GF Marine & Daiwa - (Both Regions)

- Helix 5 fishfinder
- Daiwa Tatula Rod/Reel Combo
- Gamakatsu G-Lock tackle box & hooks
- River2Sea bait pack
- Yamamoto bait pack

General FPT Rules

1. It is your responsibility, as a participant, to read and comply with all written tournament rules and know any special tournament rules, year-end qualification rights and any applicable local, state or federal rules and regulations PRIOR to each event you participate in.
2. Sportsmanship: any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship and/or violates any of these rules will be disqualified. Disorderly conduct at any official tournament or event meeting/seminar will be grounds for disqualification.
3. Participants and Eligibility: Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied or have the written permission of their parent or legal guardian while fishing any Future Pro Tour event.
4. Participation: You must be a paid member in good standing to participate in any Future Pro Tour event. Future Pro Tour reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone for any reason. Any and all points will be forfeited if your membership is not current.
5. Safety: Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times by all contestants. Anyone fishing in a tournament must wear a Coast Guard approved flotation device any time the main engine is running. Such flotation devices must be worn and properly fastened when inspected at the checkout point. In an emergency or when safety dictates, fisherman may take their

catch, get into another boat, and return to the weigh in site. All boats should be equipped with an engine shutoff or emergency " Kill " switch device. In case of an event cancellation due to unsafe conditions, five hours of the event will constitute a complete event. With less than five hours of fishing, the event in its entirety will be rescheduled. In the highly unlikely case of an act of God causing cancellation, all entry fees will automatically be transferred to the rescheduled event.

6. Fishing License: Each contestant will observe State Fish and Wildlife laws and have in his or her possession a valid state fishing license.

7. Beverages: No alcoholic beverages or drugs are allowed in the boat or to be consumed during official tournament hours prior to weigh in.

8. Boat and Motor: The tournament director reserves the right to prohibit any boat from participating in the start if such boat is considered unsafe or the operator unqualified.

9. Registration: All tournaments will require a payment of entry fees. Deadline for payment of entries – without being charged a late fee is 12 noon on Thursday prior to the event. Entry forms must be filled out completely, including membership number, and sent only to the appropriate address

10. Late Sign-ups: Late entries are accepted at the lake the morning of the event. However, a late fee of \$10 will be charged.

11. **REFUND POLICY - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

Please remember to check your personal calendars, schedules, and commitments BEFORE you purchase this event, because once you have purchased, **NO REFUNDS, EXCHANGES, OR CREDITS** will be given - **NO EXCEPTIONS**. While we understand that situations within and beyond your control could arise and may preclude you from attending the event, such as sudden work commitments, sickness, boat breakdown, unproductive pre-fishing etc., please know that due to our pre-promotional expenditures, this is our STATED refund policy. You may, if you wish to do so, give your entry to another angler to use.

12. Confirmation: If you wish verbal confirmation of entry, it is your responsibility to contact the Future Pro Tour office for a verbal or e-mail confirmation.

13. Checkpoints: Contestants must check in and out at the official checkpoint.

14. Drive-By Inspection: Drive by inspections will be conducted when and where facilities permit. Each boat will pass by the inspection dock, in proper order, live wells open, running lights on, aerators running, life jackets on, and engine cut off switch attached to driver. Boats that do not come by the inspection station will be disqualified.

15. On Ramp Inspection: On-ramp boat inspections will be conducted by tournament officials whenever necessary. Officials will be checking for fish, safety equipment, live bait, alcohol, etc. Every boat will be issued a special colored ribbon to identify participants and verify that your live well has been checked. Removal of ribbon before your weigh-in could result in disqualification.

16. Running Lights must be on at blast off and until contestants arrive at their first fishing spot. This a procedural rule that is now required by our insurance company and will cause you to be sent to the end of the line and be one of the last boats out in the event.

17. Partners Must Remain Together: throughout the fishing day and may not leave the boat unless approved by a tournament official (exception: use of rest room facilities). A contestant may not leave for the purpose of carrying, towing, or pushing his boat or to reduce weight to improve floatability for the purpose of gaining access to fishing waters that are otherwise inaccessible. If a boat is inadvertently stuck on a sand bar you may leave the boat in an effort to regain float ability back to point of entry only. Not forward past the sand bar.

18. Permitted Fishing Methods: Only artificial lures may be used. No prepared or live bait other than pork rind strips are permitted. Only one rod may be used at one time. However, any number of rigged rods may be in the boat for substitute purposes. Trolling, as a method of fishing, is prohibited. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional angling method. All fishing must be done from a boat.

19. Sight fishing for Bedding Bass: A sight or bedding fish is defined as one that can be seen and watched as it approaches the lure. Fish being caught under these conditions must be caught by hook and line and by the fish ingesting the lure. Any bass caught that is either a "sight" or "bed" fish must be caught "hook in mouth with the hook point entering from the inside of the mouth" - and must be verified as a legal catch by the angler's in-boat partner. Any "sight" or "bed" fish caught by snagging or with hook starting from outside the mouth shall be deemed an illegally caught fish and must be released. This same fish may be caught again by the legal method - with the hook starting from inside the mouth. Any angler catching a fish under these conditions and not verifying the hook location with the other person in the boat may be disqualified from the tournament.

20. Platforms in Boat: The use of any device to raise a contestant above the normal freeboard of a boat is prohibited. This rules includes any device that is constructed to raise the contestant up to a higher position as to allow them to cast into areas that would not normally be accessible or which would allow a contestant to see fish from a better angle.

22. Infringements/Permitted Fishing Areas: A "25-yard rule" is in effect at all times during competition. No contestant's boat may move within 25 yards of another contestant's boat at any time for the purpose of fishing. A boat moving from one area to another may infringe upon this distance as long as the transient fisherman do not attempt to fish while moving. Exceptions to the 25-yard rule apply only to docks, break walls, and slough channels.

Exception example 1: If you wish to fish a boat dock next to a boat dock another team is fishing, and it falls inside the 25-yard parameter, you are allowed to fish it. In all cases please be courteous.

Exception example 2: If you wish to fish in a slough channel that is longer than 25 yards, and there is another team fishing inside of it, you must continue pass them 25 YARDS before you can start fishing. If you wish to fish the opposite side of the slough channel, you may do so. In all cases please be courteous.

Please note that encroachment and infringements will not be tolerated and that protests can lead to penalties and a disqualification for the offending teams.

23. Boat Control: Contestants must leave and return to the tournament weigh-in site by boat. Boats cannot be trailered from one fishing location to another during tournament hours. This rule includes non-contestant boats as well as contestant boats, except emergency situations.

24. Fish Size/Culling: Fish will be measured flat, mouth open on a Wil-E-Go belly board or a Bass-Board on the belly (dish) side, with a 13-inch minimum size. No measuring or culling inside of 5 mph buoys or the area between the check-in point and the weigh-in site will be permitted. Infractions will result in disqualification. It is YOUR responsibility to declare to the weigh master that you want to weigh a big fish - even if you only have caught one fish, BEFORE they are weighed and recorded. You will not be asked if you want to weigh a big fish by the weigh master. Once your bag of fish is handed to the weigh master, you will not be allowed to weigh your big fish.

25. Number of fish in Limit: No fisherman may hold in the live well more fish than the limit imposed by the event fished. For all normal points race team tournaments the limit is 5 fish per team / or 5 fish per team during each half of a split weigh-in event. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

26. Breakdowns/Emergencies: Anglers are not permitted to leave their boats nor touch another boat, with the exception of an emergency or major equipment failure. In this case, it is permitted to be towed either to safety or back to the weigh-in area by any safe means available. You may not transport fish by land. You may only have your fished transported to the weigh-in by another tournament boat participating in the same event. At least one person must stay with your fish at all times and neither angler is permitted to fish while under the assistance of another boat during the breakdown period. IMPORTANT - PLEASE TAKE NOTE: We regret that FPT officials cannot be responsible for ensuring that you make it back to the weigh-in site in the case of an emergency or breakdown. If you call and reach FPT officials during an emergency or breakdown, we will do our best to dispatch emergency services to assist you, but cannot guarantee that someone will be sent out to assist you. It is your sole responsibility to take the necessary precautions (i.e. cell phones/911 numbers/emergency equipment) with you BEFORE you participate in FPT events to call any necessary public or private emergency services personnel.

27. Penalties: Teams who have not checked in at the official check in point on time - as noted by the official check in boat - will be deducted 1 pound for each minute late, up to 5 minutes. After which the team (s) will be disqualified. Teams that are late will be notified of this after all contestants have weighed in and scoring has been completed. All decisions on this matter by the tournament director are final. Boat and motor problems are no excuse for tardiness! Anyone weighing in fish smaller than 13-inch minimum length will lose that fish and have one pound subtracted from the remaining total weight. Any fish that appears to have been altered or mutilated, in the Tournament Director's judgment, will be deemed illegal, and one pound will be subtracted from the total weight for each such fish. The penalty in any Future Pro Tour event for dead fish will be progressive- (1 dead fish-.20, 2 dead fish-.40, 3 dead fish -.80, 4 dead fish-1.60, 5 or more-3.00 lbs.). Remember, it's illegal to cull a dead fish. Entry points will not be thrown out.

If any member of a team is disqualified for any reason, the entire team is disqualified. Any team disqualified from a Future Pro Tour event will lose all entry fees submitted.

28. Cheating: Anyone caught cheating in any event will be disqualified from entering future events for a length of time to be determined by Future Pro Tour's Tournament Competition Committee, and at the TCC's discretion, could possibly be banned from EVER fishing FPT events. Violators may also be subject to full criminal prosecution as dictated by law. All participants in Future Pro Tour events may be subject to polygraph testing. Refusal to take polygraph testing will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of cash and/or prizes. Teams disqualified from a Future Pro Tour event will lose all entry fees submitted.

29. Official Boats: officials may be on the lake during contest hours, and can approach or observe any contestants boat. Each contestant is requested to cooperate with all reasonable requests from media representatives or officials. Official boats may not be used as contestant replacement boats.

30. Live Wells: Adequate - DFW approved Live Wells are mandatory on each boat and must provide proper aeration to maintain fish in good condition, as all fish will be released alive after the weigh-in. In the case of a boat without built in live wells, a large Ice Chest with portable aerators will be acceptable upon approval by tournament director. You may be asked to show that your aerators are working.

31. Trophy Bass: Contestants will not retain any bass after a tournament. However, a trophy bass meeting minimum the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Commission sizes: Large mouth- 10 pounds, small mouth- 6 pounds, and spotted bass-6 pounds. may be kept if designated at weigh in time as such.

32 Scoring: is determined by the total weight of each participant catch for the overall event, less any penalty for dead fish weighed in. There is no bonus for live fish. Points are awarded to each entrant of the event up to the top 200 places. Five participation points will be awarded to all entrants of the event.

33. Lake Off-Limits: There is no off limits period for any Future Pro Tour event with the exception of the Future Pro Tour Classic, to be held at the end of each season. The off limits for the Future Pro Tour Classic will be given to each contestant prior to the event. Please call the FPT office for details regarding Classic off-limit periods and special rules.

34. Off-Limit Areas: All areas of the lake can be fished unless specifically announced as "off limits" by the tournament director. Always remember to remain 50 yards from any gas pumps as well as the host marina.

35. Pre-Fish: There is an open pre-fish for all regular season events. Pre-fish restrictions only apply to the year-end Future Pro Tour Classic Championship event.

36. Reserved Areas: No person may "hold" or "reserve" a fishing area for a contestant at any time. Infraction of this rule will result in disqualification of all parties involved.

37. Radio or Phone Transmitting: of information concerning any aspect of fishing during a tournament is prohibited. Communication between contestants and/or land lines may, however, be used for breakdowns, emergencies, business, or personal reasons.

38. Speed-Restricted Areas: No boat may pass another contestant's boat in a restricted speed zone, in an effort to gain an advantage.

39. Live Release: The contestants may be required to return the fish to the lake. Fisherman are required to handle the fish with the utmost care according to the Fish and Game guidelines (i.e., 5 pound plus fish

in a separate bag). If the fish, for any reason, are not returned to the designated release area, immediate disqualification will result.

41. Paybacks: Cash paybacks, trophies, and out-of-the money prizes for all events will vary based on the size of the field. Future Pro Tour reserves the right to substitute products advertised for prizes of equal or greater value depending on availability.

41a. Eligibility Pre-Qualification Process: To help protect the integrity of FPT events in regards to eligibility, all entries for participation will be evaluated by the FPT office and/or Tournament Competition Committee members to determine if anglers are eligible to fish FPT events. If you send in your entry fee and are deemed ineligible to fish the Tour, you will be notified and your fees will be sent back to you via USPS as soon as possible. FPT also reserves the right to determine angler/team eligibility at-the-ramp (the day of the event). PLEASE NOTE: If you are deemed ineligible to fish FPT events, you will not be allowed to participate and will receive NO compensation for your travel, time, or anything else.

You are REQUIRED - BEFORE YOU COME TO THE EVENT, to contact the FPT office if you wish to receive written or verbal confirmation of your eligibility to participate in FPT events.

42. Awards/Prizes: If you cannot be present at the awards ceremony, your cash award will be mailed to you. You must be present at the awards ceremony to receive ALL product prizes. All product prizes will be either given to the "runner up" contestants, given away in a random drawing, or kept by FPT.

In the rare case in which your cash award cannot be given to you after the event (i.e. computer failure, loss/theft of FPT check book), your payment will be sent to you the following day via USPS.

*Please note - FPT reserves the right to substitute all prizes - including FPT Classic 1st Place prize, with prizes of equal or greater value.

43. Observer Rule: You can fish any FPT event alone. However, if you desire - and with approval of the tournament director prior to the event, you can have an observer fish with you so that you can maintain your team points. If you choose to have an observer fish with you, you must adhere strictly to the following guidelines:

- Your observer cannot help you in anyway net or land your fish
- They cannot drive or navigate the boat (unless for an emergency)
- They cannot put any fish they catch in the live well

43b. Team partners: You may change team partners only one time. This can only be done after the first event of the season is completed in order to maintain the points you earned in that first event. The next partner you choose must remain your team partner for the rest of the season, and no further changing of partners will be allowed.

44. Early Weighing in: The FPT is not obligated to weigh your fish in before the designated weigh-in time – **even if your fish are dying**. Weighing in early is permissible only if pre-arrangements are made, agreed upon, and approved by the tournament director - prior to the start of the tournament.

45. Special Rules: The tournament director may add specific rules when necessary. These special rules will be in effect for the length of the tournament and should not be considered regular rules, but will be

enforced as such during that time. Interpretation of all rules will be left exclusively to the tournament director, whose decision will be final in all matters.

46. Protests: Protests must be lodged prior to the official closing of the scales. All rulings on protests lodged, will be determined by the TCC (Tournament Competition Committee) and are final. In the case that more information regarding a protest is required by the FPT director or Competition Committee members, before a decision can be rendered, prize money and/or prizes will be held back until a decision is rendered. Both affected parties by the protest, will be notified as soon as possible of the decision made, and all decisions made the FPT TCC committee will be final.

47. Ties: In case of a tie for first place at the Future Pro Classic, or for the Anglers of the Year titles, a "sudden death" style fish-off will be held immediately, or at a later date, to be determined by the tournament director. In case of a tie for any other event, the following rules will break the tie - in the following order:

1. The team that has the largest "big fish" declared during the event
2. The contestant that weighs in the most fish

If a tie persists, all monies and prizes will be divided equally between the two contestants.

48. Show-Up Points: Five participation points will be awarded to each point-earning event with none thrown out, to establish strong participation and higher paybacks.

49. Damages and Claims: All contestants by entering a Future Pro Tour event waive and release the tournament officials, sponsoring organizations and owners of Future Pro Tour from all claims for injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this event.

50. Event Cancellation: In the event of emergency, or acts of God, (such as wind, rain, earthquakes, floods, fog, fire, etc.), the Future Pro Tour organization reserves the right to cancel any event it deems appropriate to do so, up until the day and hour of the events start time. In the event a tournament is cancelled, it will be rescheduled for another date, and all paid entries will be transferred to that date. No refunds will be issued. The Future Pro Tour is will in no way be held responsible for travel, lodging, or any other expenses related to your preparing or participating in the event. FPT will make every attempt to notify participants of cancellation, but cannot guarantee successful notification.

51. Release of Fish: At all events, after weigh-in, fish must be released at the designated location.

52. Guides: One of the FPT 's mission goals is to promote learning. We fully encourage participating anglers to use the services of qualified guides to help them cutback on the significant "learning curve" associated with competitive angling. To this end, the following rules will apply to anglers using guide services:

Anglers may use guide services only up to the Friday one week prior to a tournament event. This allows you and your team partner to learn and apply the principles – YOURSELF on the water the entire week leading up to the event.

No licensed black bass guides (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted) will be allowed to fish the Future Pro Tour as a contestant.

53. Dock Patrol Officials: "Dock Patrol" officials are duly deputized to make decisions regarding the order that is maintained during the weigh-in process. To this end, all participants are required follow ALL instructions given to them by designated "Dock Patrol" officials. To eliminate confusion and expedite the weigh in process, "Dock Patrol" officials will give instructions regarding which teams can proceed to the scales, organize boat slip assignments etc. For example: If you are instructed by "Dock Patrol" to keep your fish in the live well, or to stay in your boat until you are called up to the scale, you MUST comply – no exceptions, no excuses. Broken live-wells, dying fish, or any other calamity, does not preclude you from following Dock Patrol instructions.

Any team or team member that is reported to the tournament director for being non-compliant to instructions given by "Dock Patrol" officials may be subject to immediate disqualification of the team.

54. Contingency/Incentive Bonuses and Awards

PLEASE NOTE: ALL Contingency/Incentive bonuses and award programs are subject to change, modification, and cancellation - AT ANY TIME. Please note that all incentive and bonus awards offered by the FPT or listed cannot be redeemed AT ANY TIME for their cash value, and are non-transferrable.

55. Belly Boats - Float Tubes - Kayaks: All of these rigs, can compete in either division (big boat or small boat). Any two of these type of rigs - with one occupant, constitutes a team, and the 5 fish per team rule applies.

2019 FPT Classic Venue, Payout and Awards:

Please note: that FPT reserves the right to substitute prizes, including the FPT Classic first place prize, with a prize of equal or greater value.

The 2019 FPT Classic championship prize is guaranteed. Winners will be responsible - as applicable, for all tax, freight, and any charges or additional items that pertain to rigging and/or delivery of the prize.

1st Prize – A Grand Prize worth over \$20,000

2nd through 10th place will receive the following:

- 2nd Place - \$3,000 cash
- 3rd Place - \$2,500 cash
- 4th Place - \$1,500 cash
- 5th Place - \$1,200 cash

6th – 10th Place – Each team (6th-10th place) will receive \$200 PLUS prizes worth \$200, consisting of items such as reels, rods, sunglasses, Fish Finders, on-board battery chargers and/or other premium product. Teams must be present to collect their respective prizes. If winning teams are not present, prizes will be given away in a raffle to those in attendance at the awards ceremony.

Please note: The above payback matrix is based on 100 paid entries and will be adjusted up or down accordingly.

Because we have moved away from the traditional “winner take all” TOC championship event, and so that there is money/prizes to be paid back for 2nd - 10th places, a \$120 per team entry fee will be required.

It is important to note that this fee IS NOT collected to pay for the FPT Classic Championship 1st place award as it is GAURENTEED - regardless of the number of anglers that participate in this championship event, and is the FPT's reward to our anglers for their year-long participation and support of FPT events.

The entry fee charged will be paid back to the field of participants in the form of cash and prizes to the top 10 finishers and provides anyone finishing in the top ten with winnings of more than 3 times the cost of their entry. A small portion of the entry fee will be held back to help off-set Classic Championship staffing expenses.

The FPT Classic for the 2019 season, will be held in early March, of 2020, at a lake to be determined.

This Classic championship event will be held in a 3-day "FLW style" elimination format where the entire field of qualifiers will compete on day one and day two, where on the final day, the field will be cut to the top 15 finalists.

Below is a sample of the FPT’s **at-the-ramp PURE 80% payout** matrix for all regular season FPT events, which is designed to eliminate any confusion regarding how much you should expect to receive if you finish high enough to get a check.

Please note that the last check – regardless of the size of the field is **ALWAYS \$200**.

	Boats	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130
Place													
1		1500	1530	1550	1600	1800	1850	1900	1950	1975	2000	2050	2100
2		1200	1235	1265	1300	1370	1400	1450	1475	1500	1550	1575	1600
3		875	900	925	950	975	1000	1025	1050	1075	1100	1125	1150
4		700	750	760	800	850	875	900	925	950	975	1000	1025
5		550	575	610	650	675	700	725	750	775	800	825	850
6		450	475	525	550	575	600	625	650	675	700	725	750
7		325	350	375	400	425	450	475	500	525	550	575	600
8		300	325	350	365	400	425	450	475	500	525	550	575
9		275	280	300	300	300	300	305	325	375	400	425	450
10		250	260	275	275	275	300	300	310	315	320	325	350
11		200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	210
12		200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
13			200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
14				200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
15					200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
16							200	200	200	200	200	200	200
17								200	200	200	200	200	200
18									200	200	200	200	200

19											200	200	200	200
20												200	200	200
21													200	200
2														200

Big Fish Payout (Note: \$5 from each entry fee goes toward Big Fish payout)

	# Boats	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130
1		187	200	213	225	238	250	260	275	285	300	315	325
2		113	120	127	135	142	150	155	165	175	180	185	195
3		75	80	85	90	95	100	110	110	115	120	125	130