



In partnership with the Wounded War Heroes organization, the Westside Bassmaster's & Optimal Field Services are proud to announce the:

2023 7TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S OPEN

- Date: July 15th 2023
- Location: Teams may launch at Doiron's Landing (Either Side)
- Boundaries: Below Hwy. 90 is off limits
- Entry Fee: Veterans are not required to pay an entry fee. Teams consisting of two veterans will not have to pay an entry fee. Teams consisting of one veteran only have to pay half of the entry fee (\$100.00). Teams consisting of two non veterans require full entry fee. Pre-Registration will be \$200.00. Registration the morning of the tournament will be \$210.00. We encourage all those planning to fish to preregister. Boat numbers will be assigned as you register and will be posted before the tournament.
- Payout: 1 place per 7 boats will pay out. 1st place is guaranteed amount \$10,000
- 1st place big bass is guaranteed \$1000.00
- 70% of the pot will go to the payout, and 30 % will go to the Wounded War Heros organization.
- In addition to great payouts, food, drinks will be provided along with raffles and door prizes. No one goes home empty handed.

Come on out and support our nation's veterans and an amazing organization all at once! For anyone interested in donating money or gifts, please contact Joey Stein at 225-776-6982.

Wounded War Heroes is a Louisiana based organization that was founded to show appreciation to the men and women who have been wounded while in combat by providing them therapeutic outdoor experiences upon their return home from fighting for our country. Their sole purpose is to show these veterans they are not forgotten for their courageous service to our nation. <https://woundedwarheroes.org/>



WESTSIDE BASSMASTERS VETERANS OPEN RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Posted and or private canals that have a gate access and key to enter and private ponds are off limits. Contestants may not leave the boat to gain access to fishing waters. Boundaries for tournaments are no fishing below Hwy. 90.
2. 1 place per 7 boats will be paid.
3. Westside Bassmasters members will be allow to fish with another club member and will both receive the points.
4. Only 2 fishermen per boat, but singles fishing will be allowed
5. No alcohol or narcotics will be allowed in the possession of contestants during tournament hours.
6. No fishing within 25 yard of another tournament boat without mutual consent.
7. You will be allowed to start idling @ 5:30am and can get on plane @ TBA. Official start time (first cast) is TBA and last cast @ 3:00pm. You must have your chip off the board by 4:00 & Board will be located near the stage behind Doiron's. If you break down and are not able to make it back, you can have another boater (TEAM) bring you and your fish back to landing by 4pm.
8. Safety. Fish at your own safety and risk and follow coast guard rules. Be careful out there and respectful of other boaters and anglers. Life jackets AND kill switches must be worn at all times when the combustion engine is operating.
9. Cheating and un-sportsmanship between anglers and other boaters will not be allowed and will result in disqualification from tournament and club.
10. Artificial bait/lures on fishing rod and reels to catch fish are all that is allowed for tournaments.
11. 5 fish in length of 12" or greater -per TEAM/angler will be weighed in and released back into water. Any fish under the 12" will result in disqualification. Penalty for dead fish will be 0.25LBS for each dead fish. Tie breakers will be determined by biggest bass. This is the responsibility of the fisherman to weigh big bass. If either team did not weigh big bass, it will be determined by a coin toss.
11. No surface drives allowed. All boats must have built in and functioning live wells. Ice chest live wells are not allowed.
12. Upon entering this tournament, contestants release tournament officials and sponsors from liability of accidents, losses or thefts. Contestants are responsible for knowing and understanding.
13. Any protest must be in writing to tournament director no later than 15 min of scales closing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Joey Stein at 225-776-6982.



WESTSIDE BASSMASTERS 7TH ANNUAL 2023 VETERAN OPEN

Westside Bassmaster's will be hosting its 7th Annual Veteran Open Tournament for the Wounded War Heroes (WWH). The tournament will be out of Doiron's Landing in Morgan City, Louisiana. This year's event will be on July 15th 2023 and participants will be able to fish the Atchafalaya Spillway or Belle River Basins. Westside Bassmaster's is a singles club that was founded in 2016 by Michael Himel and Darren Hernandez based out the Plaquemine/Brusly Louisiana area. It started off as just a bunch of guys just wanting to fish competitively against their peers at different Venues across the state. We have 8 regular season events and a Classic starting in January and ending with our Classic in October. Also with Westside being a B.A.S.S. Nation affiliated club members could have a chance to qualify to fish the Bassmaster Classic. I can promise if it is your dream to fish the Classic it can be done!! Westside's very own Blake Sylvester qualified for 2021 and fished on the biggest stage in bass fishing "THE BASSMASTER CLASSIC"!!! With that being said this is Westside Bassmaster's 4th year teaming up with the Wounded War Heroes. 30% of the \$200 tournament entry fees are donated straight to the WWH as well as 100% of all raffles and silent auction item monies. This tournament continues to grow every year and has turned into one great event with a \$10,000 guarantee for 1st place based on 100 boats. The highest placing Veteran receives a handmade wooded American Flag. Our 2023 event had 132 teams compete and we raised over \$40,000 for WWH and in the past 3 years a grand total of over \$70,000. The cool thing is that we had 41 Veterans that fished and the Veterans also can choose to fish for free, meaning if the team consist of 1 Veteran the entry fee is \$100 and if team consist of 2 Veterans the entry is waved. Westside Bassmaster's partnership continues to grow with Wounded War Heroes and it's so awesome to see the money go to a great local organization!!!

Wounded War Heroes is a local nonprofit organization headquartered in Lafayette, LA, which was founded 13 years ago. Wounded War Heroes was founded to show our appreciation to the men and women who have been wounded while in combat. WWH provides them therapeutic outdoor experiences upon their return home from fighting for our country. Their sole purpose is to show these veterans they are not forgotten. That their courageous service to our nation hasn't gone unnoticed and they are very much cared for. Wounded War Heroes' (WWH) pledges that these gallant men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country and sustained life-altering wounds in the fight for freedom are distinguished for their courageous military services and sacrifices, while wounded in combat. Our passion for the outdoors and desire to give generously by demonstrating everyone's appreciation supporting the Wounded Ware Heroes' Vision, to enrich a person's beneficial outreach to support and fund therapeutic outdoor experiences for these warriors. WWH has 300 Veterans in the organization and host many outreach events throughout the year. Over 22 veterans commit suicide each day in this country which is 22 too many!!! Please come out and support our Veterans!!!! Without their sacrifices for this Great Country we could not enjoy the freedoms we have today!!!!!!!

All Tournament information can be found on the Westside Bassmaster's Facebook page or website www.westsidebassmasters.com. If you are interested in making a cash, raffle or door prize donation please contact Westside Bassmaster's Club president Joey Stein @steinbopper@aol.com.

Working together we can help our veterans enjoy the great outdoors.