Dr. Raymond Lee Worsham Scholarship Bass Fishing Tournament

Hosted by SFA Campus Recreation and the SFA Alumni Association

**Tournament Details:**

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2017

Location: Jackson Hill Park Marina on Lake Sam Rayburn

Entry: $150 per boat (2 anglers)

All proceeds will benefit the Dr. Raymond Lee Worsham Scholarship.

**Tournament Registration:**

All registrations will be taken through the SFA Alumni Association.

**To mail your registration form:**

Mailed registration forms must be postmarked by Monday, June 19, 2017.

Please mail your registration form to the SFA Alumni Association at the following address:

SFA Alumni Association
SFA Box 6096
300 Vista Drive
Nacogdoches, Texas 75962-0001

**To register online:**

For online registration, teams must register by Friday, June 23, 2017 at noon. You can fill out a registration form through the SFA Alumni Association at the following website:

Go to: www.sfaalumni.com

**On-site registration:**

You may register on-site at Jackson Hill Park Marina from 4:30am to 5:30am. Payments will be taken via Cash only.
**Tournament Rules:**

1. **Rules:** All decisions made by the tournament director and or the tournament officials will be final. The tournament director can make a change at his discretion or when the safety of the anglers is in question. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the tournament director.

2. **Eligibility:** This is an open tournament. You must be 18 years of age or older to fish as an individual or one team member must be 18 years or older. No one other than paid contestants are allowed in the boat during tournament hours. You must have a valid fishing license and state issued drivers license or photo identification card in your possession during tournament hours.

3. **Baits and Tackle:** Only artificial lures may be used with exception of pork rinds and liquid bait attractants. No live bait. No trolling with the main engine. Only one rod may be used at a time. A cast must be fully retrieved before another rod is picked up. You may not snag or foul hook bedding fish.

4. **Permissible Waters:** No fishing within 50 yards of an operating gas pump, within 25 yards of a non-anchored boat without permission or 50 yards of an anchored or tied boat with a troll motor up on deck without permission. Contestant must be able to drive into all fishing areas. Contestant cannot leave boat to land a fish.

5. **Weigh In:** Weigh in will begin at 3pm at Jackson Hill Park Marina on Saturday, June 24. In the event of multiple flights being assigned, alternate weigh in times may occur. You many weigh in any time before your assigned weigh in time.

6. **Late Penalty:** Any boat not in by the assigned weigh-in time will be disqualified from the tournament.

7. **Boat Launch:** Anglers are permitted to launch their boat from any location on the lake after safe light. All anglers MUST check in at tournament registration before they are allowed into the water, failure to do so will result in forfeiture from the tournament. Any anglers launching from tournament marina will launch once the tournament director has determined it safe.

8. **Tournament Cancellation:** Should the tournament director cancel the tournament for dangerous conditions, etc, refunds will be available through the SFA Alumni Association.

9. **Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs:** Anyone consuming alcoholic beverages or drugs (other than prescription) during tournament hours will be disqualified. If you feel you may have big bass or your fish may put you in the money, do not consume alcohol or drugs until weigh-in has concluded and polygraphs have been determined. NO alcohol or drugs will be allowed in the boat during tournament hours.

10. **Sportsmanship:** All contestants are expected to practice courtesy, safety, and follow local and state game laws. Anyone displaying poor sportsmanship or violating local and state game laws will be disqualified.

11. **Polygraph:** Each contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph examination by entering this tournament and must abide by its conclusion. All polygraphs must be passed in order to receive cash or product. If you have ever failed for any form of cheating, you cannot participate in SFA Tournaments.

12. **Boats and Motors:** No engine shall exceed the maximum horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats shall meet U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must have an emergency shut off device. All boats must have aerated live wells in working order, unless other aerated setups are approved by the Tournament Director.

13. **Safety:** Coast guard approved life vests must be worn and secured, and the shut off device attached to driver while main engine is operating. This is suggested at all times and will be enforced on competition days. Cell phones may be used for emergency, or break downs only during tournament hours. In case of breakdown, you may get into another contestant’s boat to come to weigh-in.
14. **Scoring Fish:** A maximum of five fish per team or individual will be weighed per tournament. A dead fish penalty of .50 (one half pound) per fish will be deducted from the total weight. Penalty of .50 will be deducted off any dead Big Bass weighed. Only largemouth, Kentucky spotted, or smallmouth bass will be weighed. Any team or individual bringing in more than five fish to weigh-in will be disqualified. All fish must measure at least 14 inches in length. Short fish – you will lose short fish plus a 1 lb. penalty.

15. **Culling:** No team or individual may have more than five fish in their live well at any one time. You must cull after you are in possession of the sixth bass. Dead fish cannot be culled.

16. **Ties:** Ties will be broken by splitting the money between the tied teams.

17. **Protests:** All protests must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes after weigh-in to the tournament director.

18. **NO TOURNAMENT ANGLER SHALL LEAVE THE BOAT FOR ANY REASON UNLESS OF AN EMERGENCY.**

**Tournament Awards:**

60% of the registration costs will go towards a cash prize to be given to the top three place finishers in the tournament. Additional prizes will be awarded for Big Bass.

**Parking:**

There will be a $3 trailering fee assessed to all boats. Payment must be made by cash when the boat arrives at Jackson Hill Park Marina.

**Lodging:**

Jackson Hill Park Marina
1705 FM 2851
Broaddus, Texas 75929

To make a reservation at the Jackson Hill Park Marina, please contact Terry Simpson at 936.872.9266 or via E-mail at terry@jacksonhill.us.
Donate to the
Dr. Raymond Lee Worsham Scholarship Fund

The Campus Recreation Department is excited to announce the creation of the Dr. Raymond Lee Worsham Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship is created to provide financial assistance to current student employees of the Campus Recreation Department.

Dr. Raymond “Ray” Worsham was the Intramural Department Director at SFA for 43 years prior to the creation of the Campus Recreation Department. Dr. Worsham was the keystone to the Intramural Department for more than four decades and his dedication and lasting impact is something that we will celebrate for decades to come with the creation of this scholarship. Under Dr. Worsham, intramural sports flourished to the highest numbers the program has ever seen. Thousands of students spent nights playing on the intramural fields, in the HPE and around campus over Dr. Worsham’s tenure. The strong intramural tradition lives on through our current sport offerings, THE intramural champ shirt, the contact we have with former student athletes in the program and we are privileged to honor him with this scholarship.

For more information about the Dr. Raymond Lee Worsham Endowed Scholarship, please contact Janice Casper, Campus Recreation Office Manager at jcasper@sfasu.edu or call 936-468-1569.

If you would like to donate to the Dr. Raymond Lee Worsham Scholarship Fund, please follow these simple steps:

1. Visit www.sfaalumni.com/donations/
2. Select “Donate Online” next to SFA Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.
3. Select Alumni Scholarship Fund as the donation type and specify “Dr. Raymond Lee Worsham Scholarship.”
4. Complete all required information.
5. Submit your donation.

You can also join the Alumni Interest Chapter on the SFA Alumni website to follow Nacogdoches Alumni Chapter events.