

# 2009 Fishing Dreams Unlimited Charity Benefit Open Tournament Entry Form

<b>Boater Partner Name:</b> _____		
<b>Address:</b> _____		
<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____	<b>Zip Code:</b> _____
<b>Home Phone:</b> (        ) _____	<b>Mobile Phone:</b> (        ) _____	
<b>E-Mail:</b> _____		
<b>Social Security Number:</b> _____		<b>(REQUIRED BY LAW)</b>
<b>Boat Insurance Policy # :</b> _____	<b>Company:</b> _____	<b>(MUST HAVE IN BOAT / ON PERSON)</b>

<b>Rider Partner Name:</b> _____		
<b>Address:</b> _____		
<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____	<b>Zip Code:</b> _____
<b>Home Phone:</b> (        ) _____	<b>Mobile Phone:</b> (        ) _____	
<b>E-Mail:</b> _____		
<b>Social Security Number:</b> _____		<b>(REQUIRED BY LAW)</b>

*Application Form Must Be COMPLETELY Filled Out and SIGNED BY BOTH PARTNERS to Constitute Legal Entry*

LOCATION	DATE	ENTRY FEE	DATE PAID	PAYMENT METHOD	LAUNCH #
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*We, the undersigned, hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless The SFVU Business Group (hereby referenced to as SFVU), as well as the non-profit charitable giving foundation Fishing Dreams Unlimited, its officers, sponsors, or anyone working within the capacity of this tournament for any damages, injuries or deaths that occur as a result of our participation in this event whether arising from negligence of the said releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent allowed by law. We understand that in the event of a protest (Must be presented in writing within 15 minutes of close of weigh-in) and/or at the discretion of the tournament director, participants agree to abide by a polygraph test, at the participants expense, which may be conducted off-site prior to the issuance of any monies and/or prizes. We certify that the person owning and operating the boat used in this event carries liability insurance of at least a minimum of \$100,000. We agree to abide by all Coast Guard, State and DNR laws and regulations including but not limited to the use of approved life vests and kill switches anytime boat is being propelled by combustion engine. We further certify that we have read the rules below regarding this tournament event, that the interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director and that his decision will be final in all matters. Finally, we give our permission for any quotes, pictures, and videos bearing our likenesses to be used in promotional activities by SFVU/FDU without any compensation on our behalf. All net proceeds of these 2009 Fall Open Tournament Series will be donated 100% to directly benefit the ongoing projects and needs of the non-profit charitable giving foundation, Fishing Dreams Unlimited.*

<b>Signature Partner One</b> _____	<b>Date</b> _____	<b>Signature Partner Two</b> _____	<b>Date</b> _____
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## FISHING DREAMS UNLIMITED / THE SFVU BUSINESS GROUP 2009 OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES & FORMAT

### Participants and Eligibility

These events are open to all individuals. No membership required. Anyone under 18 years of age may participate with written permission from a parent or guardian. SFVU/FDU officials reserve the right to reject any entries we feel are not in the best interest of the tournament. Tournament Director and staff help are allowed to fish these events but with livewell check / final weigh-in being verified by any other participant. End of Season No Entry Fee Championship is by Invitation Only for Top 20 Individuals In Points and is the only tournament that is NOT a Team Event.

### Entry Fees & Payout

Pre-Registered entry fees will be \$100.00 per team (\$110.00 if done with credit card online) which includes automatic entry into Big Bass payout for biggest largemouth AND largest smallmouth (where applicable) of the tournament. Same team cannot win both big bass payouts. Any entry fee not paid 8 business days prior to the day of the tournament must be in the form of cash and will be accessed a \$20.00 late fee. (\$120.00) Late entry fees will be accepted the morning of the tournament up until ½ hour prior to official blast off. No refunds will be issued within 8 business days of "Open" tournament. We will GUARANTEE Minimum 95% Payback plus \$1000.00 1<sup>st</sup> Place for tournaments where there are 24-39 boats, \$1500.00 where there are 40-59 boats and \$2000.00 for any tournament where there are 60 or more boats. In addition, we will also payout 1 for every 4 boats with last paying spot guaranteed to get at least their entry fee of \$100.00 back. \$5.00 per entry goes towards Big Bass awards, \$5.00 per entry goes towards NO ENTRY FEE Championship Pot and \$10.00 per entry goes towards Open Series points payout to highest 10 ten individual finishers of all five (5) cumulative 2009 Fall Open tournaments. (Meaning you can change partners and still retain individual points for season ending payout). Top 20 Individuals from Fall Open Series will qualify for an Invitation Only NO ENTRY FEE championship where 100% of EOY Pot will be paid out to all individuals who participate, according to that championships final weight standings in accordance to percentage scale as outlined on back. Any Individual MUST have paid for at least two or more SFVU/FDU 2009 open tournament events to be eligible for Points payout as well as EOY Championship. 100 points will go to individuals from winning team of each event with 99 going to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 98 to 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc...Cumulative weight at season end will break all ties. Winners are responsible for any and all taxes on monies or prizes won and GUARANTEE that social security number provided is accurate as listed with the IRS.

### Open Format Tournament Procedures

There will be NO off limits period prior to these "open" tournaments. The hours for the tournament will be set prior by the Tournament Director but will not be before safelight and weigh-in will be at 3pm. Launch sequence will be determined by first pay/ first register and teams must possess numbered magnet to match launch position selection. Running lights must be operational and turned on at the blast-off of the tournament up until 1st spot is reached. Your team will NOT be considered checked in officially until your magnet is placed on the scoreboard adjacent to your team's name and/or presented personally to the official weigh master. Teams lose 1 pound per minute late up to 15 minutes at which they will forfeit their entire weight. Weigh-in will be on a first come first serve basis. Once fish have been placed in weigh-in sink to a Tournament Official to be weighed-in, all fish become the property of SFVU/FDU and no additional fish may be brought to the scales. Bags will be limited in order to avoid a bottleneck at the weigh-in tanks. Teams not weighing any fish are still required to check in with tournament officials in order to account for all teams. A limit of 5 bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted bass) may be weighed in. Minimum lengths will be 12 inches or higher, depending on current state and seasonal regulations. Lengths will be measured with mouth closed, sweeping the tail on a "Pro Rule". A short fish brought to the scales will result in a 1 pound penalty. Each competitors boat must be equipped with a livewell system capable of keeping a tournament limit of bass alive. Dead fish will be penalized .50 (1/2) pound. The dead fish penalty will also apply to any fish weighed in as a Big Bass if that fish is dead. All culling must be done on the lake; no team may have more than the tournament limit in the livewell at any time during the tournament, with the exception of dead fish. Only artificial baits may be used and fish must be caught alive in a legal and sporting manner. No snagging. Each competitor may not use more than 1 rod at any one time with no more than 1 bait in water per fisherman. Trolling with combustion motor is not permitted. No competitor may leave the boat to land or catch fish. Competitors shall remain with their partners in the boat at all times during the tournament, except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for "nature calling", severe storm or other such hazard. If for any reason a team decides to leave the tournament waters early, both members shall bear full responsibility for notifying a tournament official. In case of a breakdown, one partner may return with fish by another tournament boat while the other partner is permitted to stay with the disabled boat. Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. No boat may fish within 50 yards of another competitor who is anchored with the trolling motor up, furthermore no team may fish within 25 yards of another team without the other teams permission. Permission may not be granted to any team at the exclusion of another team. No hole sitting by a non-competitor to aid a tournament participant will be allowed. Tournament Director decisions are final and may be supported by polygraph, if deemed necessary, at the expense of the contestant, if that contestant fails said polygraph. Protests MUST be presented in writing, signed by both partners, and presented to Tournament Director within 15 minutes of official close of weigh-in. In case of protest, checks may be held until determination of protest is determined. Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. No alcoholic beverages, stimulants or depressants may be consumed by any participant during any SFVU/FDU function. Violation of any of these rules is grounds for disqualification.

**Any Questions or Emergencies, Please Call Ian Godwin at 410-458-8607, Please send signed entry form with entry fee to: SFVU / FDU, 7 Kings Place, Perry Hall, Maryland 21128 - 9338**