

**Illinois Elks  
Children's Care Corporation**



Over 85 years ago, the Elks of Illinois recognized the special needs of physically challenged children.

During the early years, much of the work consisted of helping children injured in accidents and suffering the dreaded disease polio. As times progressed and medical treatments were developed for many children's diseases, the focus of the program has evolved to meet new needs and challenges. One constant always remained in the guiding question, "What can we do to help this child?"

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**Mt. Vernon Elks #819  
BASS TOURNAMENT  
35TH ANNUAL**



**CHILDREN'S CARE CORPORATION**

**\$2000  
BIG BASS  
GUARANTEED**

**2 FREE  
TOURNAMENT  
T-SHIRTS  
PER-BOAT**

**TOURNAMENT  
AUGUST 2ND, 2026  
REND LAKE  
SAILBOAT HARBOR**

**PRE-MEETING & AUCTION  
AUGUST 1ST, 2026 - 5:00 PM  
MT. VERNON ELKS #819  
1107 JORDAN STREET  
MT. VERNON IL 62864**

**\$500 CASH DRAWING FOR REGISTERED  
FISHERMAN AT THE AUCTION  
DONATED BY**



## Two Person Team Tournament

Entry Fee: \$150 per team  
Includes \$10 Big Bass pot  
***\$2000 Guaranteed for big Bass***

Take-off is in order applications are received  
1st application received, 1st to take off.

Make checks payable to, and mail to:  
Mt. Vernon Elks Bass Tournament  
PO Box 1484  
Mt Vernon, IL 62864

Entries will be accepted at the  
Ramp on Sunday August 2nd, 2026

Pre-tournament meeting will be held at:  
Saturday August 1st, 2026 at 5:00 pm  
Mt Vernon Elks Lodge No. 819  
1107 Jordan Mt Vernon, IL 62864  
Rule 15

PLEASE PRINT

Boat Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brand & length of boat: \_\_\_\_\_  
Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ USCG HP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security No: \_\_\_\_\_  
T-SHIRT SIZE #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Official Rules and Regulations

1. Rule changes: You will be expected to be familiar with all the rules before entering. These rules shall remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to tournament officials. The decision of the officials shall be final in all matters. Protests must be made in writing within twenty (20) minutes of official check-in time.
2. Any unsportsmanlike conduct shall result in immediate disqualification.
3. All lake rules and restricted zones must be obeyed.
4. All boats must meet State of Illinois Coast Guard regulations and horsepower limits.
5. All fish must be released into the lake. An eight (8) ounce penalty shall be assessed for each dead fish.
6. Only spinning and casting rods and reels are allowed. Only one may be used at a time.
7. Only artificial lures, with the exception of pork, may be used.
8. Only Largemouth, Kentucky and Smallmouth Bass shall be weighed. Bass must be fourteen (14) inches or longer in length and there shall be a limit of five (5) Bass per team. All fish shall be measured on a Golden rule bump board with mouth closed. There shall be no courtesy bump. No frozen or mangled fish shall be accepted for weigh-in. One (1) pound for any short fish shall be deducted from total weight.
9. Any boat and/or contestant checking in and/or weighing in after the official check-in and/or weigh-in time designated by tournament officials shall be immediately disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS
10. No boat shall fish closer than fifty (50) yards to a boat that was first anchored.

11. All boats must have adequate live wells and kill switch in working order.
12. No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in boats during tournament.
13. Life preservers must be worn when outboard motors are in operation.
14. Team members shall fish together and must be in sight of each other at all times. Team members may not leave the boat during tournament hours
15. There will be a NON-Mandatory pre-tournament meeting on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at the Elks Lodge, Mt Vernon IL. Registration shall be held from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Pre-tournament meeting shall be held at 6:00 p.m. Rules, regulations and fish-off times shall be discussed at the pre-tournament meeting.
16. Take-off procedures shall be by the order that applications are received.
17. Each contestant agrees, by his or her signature on the entry form, to submit to a polygraph test. Two entries shall be withheld from payback for polygraph examination fees.

For more information contact the following  
Tournament Committee Members

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