



KEEPING BASS ALIVE

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A Pocket Guide For
Tournament Anglers



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"Keep Your Bass Alive"*

TOP 10 TOURNAMENT FISH CARE TIPS

Minimize handling and air exposure time. Land fish and remove hooks as quickly as possible.

Protect the slime coat. Don't let fish flop on carpet or deck.

When surface water temperature is less than 75° F, aerate the livewell by flushing with fresh water.

Run recirculating aeration continuously when the boat is moving and cannot pump in fresh water.

When surface temperature exceeds 75° F, use continuous recirculation. Add a block of ice to cool the water.

Surface water temp

Target livewell water temp

75-80° F75° F

81-85° F78° F

+ 85° F80° F

When operating livewell in recirculation mode with more than 5 lbs of bass, replace half of the livewell water with fresh water every 3 hours to remove ammonia. Add ice to lower temperature to the target range.

When recirculating, add 1/3 cup non-iodized salt for each 5 gallons of livewell water.

At weigh-in, use only bags provided by the tournament officials. Fill with at least 2 gallons of livewell water.

While in the waiting line, dip fresh water into your bag several times from life-support tanks.

Handle fish with wet hands, hold bass vertically by the lower jaw or support fish with 2 hands.

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