

2018 Paducah Bass Club Tournament Rules

1. Tournaments shall be conducted under the direction of the Paducah Bass Club Tournament Director and the tournament committee. The tournament director duties and responsibilities can be found in Attachment-A of this document.
2. Club tournaments will be a team format. Club members may fish alone or with a partner. Each participating team shall have at least one active club member in the boat. Neither participant shall have paid, or had others pay for in their behalf, a \$1000 entry fee or more for a single bass tournament and be considered a professional angler.
3. Tournament entry fee is \$60 per boat, with 100% of the entry fees to be paid out each tournament. \$50 of the entry fee goes toward winner payouts and the remaining \$10 goes towards the team that catches the biggest bass of the tournament. Fees must be paid in cash, preferably at the draw meeting before the tournament. Entry fees will be accepted up to the morning of each tournament by a time specified by the tournament director.
4. Number of places paid is based on the number of boats as follows:

1 to 5 boats - 1st (100%)

6 to 10 boats – 1st & 2nd (70%/30%)

11 to 20 boats - 1st, 2nd and 3rd (70%/20%/10%)

Payouts for tournament with greater than 20 boats will be determined by the tournament committee before each tournament.

All payouts will be divided evenly between teams that tie for a position. For instance, if three teams tie for second place, and the tournament is paying through four places, the corresponding percentages for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place will be added together and divided by the number of tied teams.

$(15\%+10\%+5\%) / 3 = 10\%$; Each team will receive 10% of the purse

5. All participants are required to sign a liability waiver before fishing each tournament.
6. Adherence to all federal, state, and local regulations in effect on the body of that are being fished is required. Failure to obey will result in disqualification.
7. No live bait; only artificial lures may be used.
8. Only one rod in use at a time per person.
9. No trolling (trailing your line behind your moving boat while being powered by main or auxiliary internal combustion motors).
10. No fishing within 50 yards (150 feet) of another Paducah Bass Club tournament angler unless all parties agree to fish closer than 50 yards.
11. Entrants must wear Coast Guard approved life vests anytime the outboard motor is being operated above idle speed.
12. All boats must have a properly functioning kill switch for the outboard motor and be attached to the boat operators' life vest while operating above idle speed. Boats must also have a functioning live well capable of sustaining the lives of a limit of fish.
13. No leaving the boat to land fish.
14. All boats must be within a 100 yards of the tournament boat ramp at the end time of the tournament or be disqualified.
15. Dead fish cannot be culled. A 1 pound penalty will be assessed at the weigh in for any dead fish weighed.
16. Any team who brings fish to the scales that fail to measure the legal size will be assessed a penalty of two (2) pounds plus the short fish from their catch.

17. All fish are considered legally entered into the weigh-in when they are handed to the weigh master. It the responsibility of the fishermen to ensure their catch is legal.
18. All fish shall be transported to the scales in a plastic bag containing water. Every effort shall be made to release the fish alive following weigh-in.
19. All protests must be filed with a tournament committee member no later than ten (10) minutes after the completion of the weigh-in. The tournament committee's decisions are final.
20. Fishing will only be permitted in waters prescribed at the tournament meetings. The conditions may be different depending on the body of water being fished and it is the responsibility of the fisherman to know where you are permitted to fish.
21. Once fishing begins, anyone leaving the tournament early prior to the prescribed weigh-in time shall attempt to contact another club member fishing the tournament and advise them of his/her intentions. Participants must remain in the boat during the tournament except to address urgent bodily functions. If a team has boat maintenance issues and takes the boat out of the water for repairs, they must release any caught fish and have their live well checked prior to resuming fishing.
22. Fish that may be legally weighed are black bass, Kentucky or spotted bass, and smallmouth. These fish must conform to the state legal size and quantity limits on the body of water being fished. Exception, all fish must at least 15" when fishing Kentucky and Barkley lakes. The maximum limit for each team is five (5) fish. However, lower limits may be set by the tournament director for each tournament based on water and weather conditions that put increased stress on caught fish.

23. The maximum number of black bass, Kentucky, or smallmouth allowed per boat is the tournament weigh-in limit set forth by rule 22. Culling must occur as soon as the weigh-in limit is exceeded.
24. The use of cell phones to communicate with anyone for fishing information during tournament hours will result in disqualification.
25. The use of underwater cameras is prohibited during tournament hours.
26. Any team that arrives late to the tournament and has paid the entry fees, may still participate in the tournament provided they locate another club team participating in a tournament and have their live well checked before they start fishing.
27. No alcoholic beverage or illegal drug use by tournament participants is allowed while on the water during tournament hours.