

Club Tournament Rules(Revised Feb.2013)

These Tournament rules are intended to promote good sportsmanship and a Willingness to come to know your fellow club members better. Your observance of the following rules will make for a better club. Be careful and have fun.

1. Draw for Partners will be held at the meeting prior to each tournament date. **ALL TOURNAMENTS ARE DRAW.**
2. Draw Night:
 - A. Any member(s) who wish to fish, but cannot be present for the draw, must personally contact a member of the tournament committee or an elected officer who will be present at the draw. If contact is not made by the night of the draw, the angler is not eligible to fish the tournament.
 - B. Member(s) wishing to fish a tournament, held the second Saturday following the draw, must contact a tournament official by 8:00 pm the Wednesday of the Tournament week to be eligible. Partners drawn on draw night may or may not be changed to compensate for late entries.
3. Club members with a serviceable boat are to enter "Boat Pot". If you have no serviceable boat or no boat at all, you enter the " No Boat Pot". In the event all boaters and non-boaters are paired then the extra boaters will be paired as follows. The next boater drawn will be the boater and the next boater will be required to move up as a non-boater and so on until all boaters are paired. In the event there is a boater not paired the said boater may choose to invite an available club prospect. If a club prospect is not available he may bring a guest of his choice. Boaters are limited to fishing with the same guest only once per year. Guest **ARE** allowed to participate in the tournament "Money Pots" upon paying the required Entry Fee. If the boater or guest wish to not participate in the "Money Pots", then he must declare the morning of the tournament. Guest are not eligible for Club Points.
4. In case partners are drawn that have already fished a club tournament together during the current season, the angler that is in the "No Boat Pot" or whose name was drawn last will be returned to the pot and another angler will be drawn. In case the last two names drawn have fished together, the second partner drawn from the last boat is paired with the first drawn partner of the last pair. In case partners from the last two boats drawn(one or both) have fished together previously, the last pair drawn will be re-matched with the third from the last drawn pair as described above, etc.
5. Starting and quitting times, and launch site for each tournament will be announced by the Tournament Committee at the club meeting prior to the tournament. Maximum tournament length is twelve (12) hours-day tournaments, thirteen(13) hours-night tournaments.

6. No club member may fish with the same person in more than one club tournament per year. Any club member who participates with the same partner in more than one tournament (**UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**) will be disqualified for the second tournament.
7. All tournament committee members in each tournament will officiate the tournament including take-offs and check-ins. If one or more tournament committee members is/are absent, a club officer will stand in for each absent official in the following order of precedence; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder.
8. Anyone wishing to protest or report a violation of the tournament rules must do so, in person, to the tournament chairman prior to the termination of the weigh-in.
9. Participants must be in the immediate area of the launch site at quitting time. Any boat that has not arrived at the time will be penalized as follows:
 - A. Anyone late will be penalized one (1) LB per minute, up to ten(10)minutes.
 - B. After ten (10) minutes, both partners will be awarded points as if they caught no fish, and they will not qualify for Big Fish Pot or Boat Pot.
10. A type III Coast Guard approved life vest must be worn by all participant on all tournament take-offs, and is to be worn during the remainder of the tournament when boat is under power of the big motor.
11. Only Black Bass i.e., largemouth, spotted, smallmouth, and red-eye will count for weigh-in.
12. A limit of five (5) bass shall apply for all tournaments. Anyone bringing more than five(5) fish to the tournament weigh-in area will not have their weight counted, however they will only receive "Zero Weight" points.
13. Any fish less than twelve (12) inches presented for weigh-in shall result in culling of largest fish. Fish will be measured with mouth and gills closed; tail will be manipulated to check measurement by the Officials.
14. Artificial bait only; no trolling, no jigger-poling. All fishing must be done from the boat. Only one rod and reel is permitted in use at any given time.
15. All fishing must be done on the designated reservoir(s).
16. A functional "Kill" switch must be worn at all times when the big motor is in operation.
17. In case of a boat breakdown;
 - A. Anglers in broken boat shall be allowed to give their fish to helping boat to weigh in for them. If possible, one of the parties from a disabled vessel should accompany the assisting boat.

- B. A boat late (with- in five (5) minutes maximum) to weigh-in because if providing assistance to a fellow club member (while on the way to check-in) participating in our tournament will be allowed to weigh-in.
18. Tournament lakes are off limits to all club members from 12:00 midnight Wednesday night before the tournament until tournament day. On the day of the tournament, participants must run their boats directly from the launch site to the starting line, or if they spend the night before the tournament on the tournament lake, they can run directly from that point to the tournament starting place. They must not use this as an excuse to scout.
19. Point System:
- A. Trophies (or plaques) for each tournament -1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Big Fish.
 - B. One Trophy (or plaque) awarded each five (5) tournament periods to the points leader for that period without a drop.
 - C. Annual to the Top Ten based on the best eight (8) tournament points totals out of ten (10).
 - D. Rookie of the Year- Awarded to the highest points for an individual participating as a Rookie. Rookie is defined as the first year the member has an opportunity to fish at least eight (8) tournaments.
20. In the event of a tie, scheme to be followed for the breaker is:
- A. First Place Only.
 - B. Most wins in a given period.
 - C. Total pounds in a given period.
21. Any participant who violated any of these rules is disqualified from the tournament (except for violations of rule # 8) and is subject to further discipline by the club membership.
22. Any arbitrary situation not covered by the above listed rules will be decided by the Tournament Committee.
23. All tournaments will start with an "Ease-off" type start by the number you were drawn.
24. The Tournament Committee will set time for the weigh-in after each tournament.
25. The non-boater are responsible for one-half (1/2) of the tournament trip expenses if his partner is not notified within twenty-four (24) hours of the tournament time.
26. All boaters are required to have valid liability insurance. Proof of insurance shall be submitted to Secretary of the club each fiscal year for the club's records.
27. All boaters and non-boaters shall have a valid vessel license.

28. Possession of any illegal substance while going to, during or returning from a scheduled tournament will result in termination of your club membership.
29. The consumption of alcohol is prohibited during tournament hours. Anyone found to be operating a boat while intoxicated will be subject to disciplinary action by the Steering Committee.
30. Tournament Fees are set at \$20.00 per angler. Payout is scheduled as 50% to First Place Total Boat Weight, 25% to Second Place Total Boat Weight and 25% to Big Fish. Guest are allowed to participate in the tournament's "Money Pots" upon their payment of the required Entry Fee.
31. **Scoring:**
- A. 1st Place –100 points
 - B. 2nd Place – 99 points
 - C. 3rd Place – 98 points
32. **Persons without measurable fish will get points based on the total number of fisherman subtracted from 100. There will always be at least a 2 point difference between last weighed and zero fish. Anglers must be present at weigh- in to receive zeroed points.**
33. **Example 1. Scoring for 22 Anglers; 1 Zeroed**

| Position | Points | LBS/OZ |
|----------|----------|--------|
| 1----- | 100----- | 57/00 |
| 2----- | 99----- | 56/15 |
| 3----- | 98----- | 53/02 |
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| 21----- | 80----- | 42/10 |
| 22----- | 78----- | 0/0 |
