

HSV ANGLERS TOURNAMENT RULES

are eligible for tournaments if dues are paid and a "Waiver of Liability" is signed and on file with the club secretary and for anglers, a "Boat Owner's Agreement to Maintain Insurance" is on file with the club secretary. Arkansas Game and Fish regulations apply. Fishing will be with rod and reel and fish must be caught from a boat. Only one fishing line per angler is allowed in the water at a time. The normal time period for each tournament will be 5 hours. Tournaments may be postponed due to adverse weather forecast or conditions prior to the tournament start. Tournaments will be re-scheduled as soon as possible. If there is lightning or thunder at the launch site prior to the start of a tournament it will be delayed for up to one hour. If there is still lightning or thunder in the area at the end the one hour hold the tournament will be postponed. Once the tournament starts it will end after the five-hour time limit. In the event of lightning during the tournament, fishing should not continue, and it is the contestant's responsibility to seek safety. The Tournament Committee (consisting of the TD, President and Vice President) will determine tournament dates, lakes, weigh-in sites, starting and finishing time and postponements. Tournaments are for members only. Any boat containing a non-member will not be considered in the tournament unless the non-member has previously signed a "Waiver of Liability" and the non-member may not fish. The TD will have "Waiver of Liability" forms available at the launch site. The TD should be informed about late arrivals or early finishers. Protests must be submitted to the tournament committee within 24 hours after the end of any tournament.

SAFETY

Each person is individually responsible for his/her own safety and making all decisions appropriate to insuring such safety. Participants must be physically fit for participation in club activities and be able to enter, move about and exit boat without assistance. Participants must abide by all State of Arkansas Boating & Fishing Laws. The Co-Angler (non-boater) is responsible for furnishing his/her own personal flotation device (PFD). Each Angler (boater) should furnish the Tournament Director (TD) a description of his/her boat. Boaters and non-boaters must wear PFDs when the boat's big motor is in operation.

TOURNAMENT WEIGH-IN

Only fresh caught largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass are allowed. A maximum of five bass per contestant will be recorded and they must measure a minimum of 11 inches each. Rounding up from less than the minimum to meet the minimum is not acceptable. Measurements will be in whole inch and ¼-inch increments, rounding up to the next ¼-inch if measurement falls in between ¼-inch increment. The boater is responsible for providing a measuring rule that measures in ¼-inch increments. Contestants will record their catch by completing a scorecard provided by the TD. Both contestants must measure fish jointly and agree on the length of each fish. All bass will be measured with mouth closed and tail pinched. Contestants are responsible for their catch being correctly recorded and shall turn in the completed scorecard with measurements to the TD. The TD will use a conversion chart to assign a weight to all qualifying bass.

PENALTIES

Contestants arriving at the ramp area more than 5 minutes after the tournaments closing time will not be able to submit their scorecard and earn points or win prize money for that tournament. An angler whose fish have to be measured at the ramp due to fishing with no co-angler will receive a penalty of 4 oz. for each dead fish.

PAIRING OF PARTNERS

There will be two categories at each tournament and the TD will pair contestants by having anglers [boaters] and co-anglers [non-boaters] complete a sign-up sheet at each monthly meeting. The contestants will be matched by a drawing held at each monthly meeting. No co-angler shall miss two tournaments in a row because of not being drawn. For the last two tournaments of the year the TD will guarantee participation for the co-angler point leader and any co-angler within 50 points for the next to last tournament and 25 points for the last tournament. If sufficient

positions are not available to place all co-anglers in the “guaranteed participation” range the TD will place them in order of position (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and so on). Contestants' signing up late will be paired in the order in which they contacted the TD. A contestant can compete as a single if there is a cancellation or a no show or a co-angler partner cannot be found. Another contestant must verify the size of fish caught by a single contestant and both contestants must sign the single contestant's scorecard. Contestants canceling should inform the TD and his/her partner of the cancellation the day before the tournament.

TOURNAMENT POINTS

Points are earned in each category and at each tournament as outlined in the Tournament Point System. Once a contestant fishes a tournament in the angler category any points earned in the balance of the year will apply to the angler category. A contestant will establish angler status by signing up to fish in the angler category. A contestant in the co-angler category who converts to the angler category after June 30th will not carry the previously earned points toward year-end awards. A contestant's weight will be compared, for points determination, to all others in their category whether they fish in the front or back of the boat.

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Plaques will be awarded at the end of the year to the top three point places plus big bass in each category. The highest total points will determine the point places for each contestant from their best 12 point place tournaments. The total weight of each contestant's best 12 point place tournaments will be used as a tie breaker. The contestant with the highest weight total for the year will be awarded “Fisherman of the Year” honors.

SPECIAL NOTE

It is customary for the non-boater to share expenses and offer the boater approximately \$20.00 on tournaments held inside the Village and \$30.00 when traveling to lakes outside the Village. This is to help defray the cost of providing a boat for that tournament.

Hot Springs Village Anglers Club Fish Weights									
Inches	Ounces	Inches	Ounces	Inches	Ounces	Inches	Ounces	Inches	Ounces
11	10	12	14	13	18	14	22	15	28
11¼	11	12¼	15	13¼	19	14¼	24	15¼	29
11½	12	12½	16	13½	20	14½	25	15½	31
11¾	13	12¾	17	13¾	21	14¾	26	15¾	32
16	34	17	42	18	50	19	60	20	71
16¼	36	17¼	44	18¼	52	19¼	62	20¼	74
16½	38	17½	46	18½	55	19½	65	20½	76
16¾	40	17¾	48	18¾	57	19¾	68	20¾	80
21	83	22	96	23	111	24	128	25	146
21¼	86	22¼	100	23¼	115	24¼	132	25¼	151
21½	89	22½	104	23½	119	24½	136	25½	156
21¾	93	22¾	107	23¾	123	24¾	141	25¾	160

TOURNAMENT POINT SYSTEM

TOURNAMENT POINTS START AT 25 FOR FIRST PLACE AND PROCEED
DOWNWARD INCREMENTALLY AS LONG AS YOU CATCH FISH

1ST PLACE	25 POINTS
2ND PLACE	24 POINTS
3RD PLACE	23 POINTS
4TH PLACE	22 POINTS
5TH PLACE	21 POINTS
6TH PLACE	20 POINTS

and so on

ANY CO-ANGLER WHO SIGNS UP PRIOR TO THE DRAW FOR A TOURNAMENT
BUT IS NOT DRAWN WILL BE AWARDED 5 POINTS FOR THAT TOURNAMENT

EXAMPLE

(12 BOATERS IN TOURNAMENT)

<u>PLACE</u>	<u># OF FISH</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	
1 st	5	8lbs - 7 oz	25	
2 nd	4	6lbs - 9 oz	24	
3 rd	2	5lbs - 8 oz	23	
4 th	3	4lbs - 6 oz	22	
5 th	2	3 lbs - 9 oz	21	BIGGEST BASS
6 th	2	3 lbs - 9 oz	20	
7 th	1	2lbs - 8 oz	19	
8 th	1	2lbs - 2 oz	18	
9 th	1	1lbs - 12 oz	17	
10 th	1	1lbs - 7 oz	16	
11 th	0	0	0	
12 th	0	0	0	

TIES WILL BE BROKEN BY THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE:

- 1 BIGGEST BASS (of those tied)
- 2 TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH (of those tied)
- 3 COIN FLIP

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