

CLUB POLICIES & PROCEDURES OF THE CEN-TEX BASS HUNTERS

1. Club meetings will be held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. any changes to the dates and times of meeting shall be voted on and approved by club membership, meeting facility shall be notified of any change.
2. Club tournaments will be held the weekend following the club meetings. If there are changes, the exact tournament dates and times will be announced on the club's Facebook/website/e-mail/text and all members must confirm with Tournament Director to ensure they were notified. Club tournaments or club events will not be held on the opening weekend of the general deer season, nor on dates of Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) events held in Texas, nor on dates of Texas B.A.S.S Nation and the North Central Region events/tournaments, nor on established tournament dates for the Texas Tuff Man Tournaments, Fishing for Freedom or otherwise established tournament name - organized and supported by the Central Texas Marine Dealers Association.
3. All tournaments will be based upon a draw system, except for a new member being paired with a board member for their first club tournament, which would be in the best interest of the club. This will be left up to the Board of Directors to place new members in the draw, this will be done on a case by case basis.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the fishing partners to mutually agree on a basis for sharing any and all operating expenses. A non-boater is responsible for ½ the truck gas and ½ the boat gas. If the boater leaves early to pre-fish and the non-boater comes later, the non-boater must still pay ½ the gas there and back regardless if they ride in the truck with the boater partner. The non-boater does not have to pay ½ the boat gas for pre-fishing but the non-boater will pay ½ the boat gas once he arrives. If the non-boater rides with someone else they are not responsible for ½ of that person's gas, only their boat partner. If a non-boater elects to drive their own vehicle, they must still pay ½ the gas cost to the boater partner.
5. Boat operation will follow B.A.S.S. State Championship format and rules. The non-boater will not be allowed to operate the front of the boat without the permission of the boater, however boaters should work with their non-boater on areas to fish in good sportsmanship.
6. All members will launch from the same area and there will be no trailering allowed. During two day tournaments, trailering may be allowed if the "Tournament Director" chooses to do so. Any changes or deviations of this rule will be addressed, handled and decided by the "Tournament Director" and his advisory board if he so desires their council.
7. It is understood that emergencies do happen and it is up to each member to notify his partner and the "Tournament Director" no less than 24 hours prior to fishing times if he

is unable to fish. This will allow other arrangements to be made so that the partner will be able to fish.

8. In the event a member is unable to determine that he is going to be able to fish a tournament and is a "holdout", this fisherman is automatically a non-boater if there is another boater that has drawn out by himself. If two boater's holdout, the first one that calls the tournament director is automatically the boater, the second is the non-boater, provided both agree. If no agreement exists, then both boaters shall be allowed to utilize their own boat(s). However "ghost partners" will not be allowed.

9. All past tournament fees and club debts of the member must be paid prior to fishing the next tournament.

10. All coast guard regulations, federal, state and local laws must be observed. For the safety of our members, all members must wear life jackets when the main combustible engine is running. The operator must wear the kill switched if the boat is equipped with one. The only exception is under an immediate and/or safety concern.

11. No more than two members shall fish from the same boat, unless the club is short boats for non-boaters and in the effort to enable all willing anglers the opportunity to fish.

12. The B.A.S.S. 50 / 25 yard rule shall apply concerning the fishing distance from an anchored boat and/or trolling boat.

13. No more than 5 bass shall be in possession at any time per state regulations, and only 5 bass shall be weighed for points. Each member may only weigh-in fish he caught himself. There shall be no pooling or sharing of fish. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, and Guadalupe bass 14" long or longer will be weighed or marked on paper. There are lakes with greater minimum length limits, the club will follow those lengths set by Texas Parks and Wildlife. On paper tournaments please annotate your top 5 fish before weigh-in. Once your sheet is turned in, there will be no culling on paper either. As per B.A.S.S. Nation rules, if over the limit is presented for weigh-in/marked on paper, you will incur a 2 pound penalty for each bass over the limit after reducing your catch to the tournament limit with a live bass of your choice.

14. The "Tournament Director" is responsible for the weighing and measuring of all bass. All bass must be 14" long or longer when measured on a club flat board (CHECK-IT STIK). The board will be placed on a horizontal surface and fish will be measured "by the state standard". As per B.A.S.S. Nation rules, any bass presented for weigh-in, which fails to measure the official length shall result in a 1 pound penalty for each such bass. A courtesy flat board will be available to check fish. Fish must be checked at the boat and prior to entering the weigh-in line.

15. Culling of dead bass is prohibited. As per B.A.S.S. Nation rules, for each legal dead bass presented for weigh-in, you shall be penalized 4 oz to be deducted from your total weight.

16. During a paper tournament both anglers will measure the fish caught together to ensure of size and species. This teamwork will also help avoid mishaps with scoring.

17. No ice is to be used except to cool water. Any fish determined to be "iced" will be disqualified.

18. Fish weighed in must be caught only within tournament hours, on artificial bait only, while fishing from a boat within selected waters only, and according to laws of the state of Texas and other regulatory authorities. There shall be no trolling allowed; however, electric motors shall be used for boat operations.

19. The tournament hours set must be strictly observed. You must check in with the "Tournament Director" prior to cut-off time. Keep your fish in your live well until the weigh-in director calls for your fish. You may only weigh-in your partner's fish due to a break down and the boat is still on the water waiting for recovery. In the event the "Tournament Director" is not present all duties and liabilities then become the president's responsibilities. During paper tournaments a partner may bring your sheet to weigh-in if it is in the best interest of the members driving distance in relationship to home, etc. Any change must be approved by one of the Board of Directors.

20. If you must leave prior to weigh-in, arrive late to tournament or decide to forfeit, try to notify one of the board of directors. If a member so chooses to depart the lake/tournament early they must notify one of the directors so they will not be waiting and wondering where the member is, thus allowing everybody to depart the rendezvous point on time.

21. Any and all tournament disputes must be presented to the "Tournament Director" in writing no later than 15 minutes after weigh-in has closed. It is the angler's responsibility to inform the "Tournament Director" of any dispute as soon as possible to prevent anyone or the "Tournament Director" himself from leaving the event unknowing of a dispute in progress.

22. Tournament standings (1st, 2nd, 3rd) are determined by the total combined weight of the boater and non-boater. However, the "Heavy Stringer" side pot is based on individual weight.

23. A. Points will be awarded on the basis of one (1) point per ounce. An additional two (2) points will be given for each fish that is released alive. To be considered alive, the fish must swim off on its own.

*** Any DEAD fish will be a 4 oz deduction after points are totaled.

B. Each member will be awarded additional points for the following:

- Five (5) points for attendance at club meeting and tournament
- Five (5) points for wearing a club shirt at club meeting and tournament
- Five (5) points for wearing club cap at club meeting and tournament

*** Note. Directors do not receive points for directors meetings.

C. Being a member of B.A.S.S. is a requirement of this club; B.A.S.S. points can only be counted during times of membership. In order to fish the Texas B.A.S.S. Nation State Top 6 Championship, you must be a member in good standing with the club. The club gets a quarterly report on membership, therefore, if you need to know when your B.A.S.S. membership expires, be sure to contact the secretary for that information.

D. You must participate in 4 events per year to qualify for the Texas B.A.S.S. Nation State Top 6 Championship. Example: we have up to 18 events throughout the year. Boat show is 2 events maximum. Youth tournaments can be as many as 4 events. A club open is 2 events. Conservation is possibly 2 events. Trash is up to 4 events. Participation at North Central Region tournaments is 3 events maximum. Participation in the Tuff Man Championship is 2 events, but must make every effort to help at the boat show. The Board of Directors reserve the right to make changes to get the maximum club participation in aforementioned events.

24. No alcohol may be consumed anytime during tournament hours!! This includes in the boat and off the water.

25. No member may fish with a bass guide that has received any method of compensation, within 30 days of the official tournament event, or on the actual tournament date for the designated tournament lake.

26. The Club "Big Bass" award and "Big Bass" side pot will be given only if the fish are legally brought to the scales in paper tournaments. On a "Big Bass Carry Over", if a member didn't participate the previous month, however wishes to participate on the current month, they must pay for both Big Bass pots before they are considered eligible.

27. Any member of the club is allowed to bring a guest of their choice two times a year to any club tournament. The only exception(s) are: 1) club members cannot bring the same guest twice in the same year unless that person is a family member from outside the fishing area; 2) upon drawing for two-day tournaments, all club members declared to fish, shall be paired up with the available boaters, prior to allowing any boater or non-boater to bring a guest; 3) non-boaters may bring guests on two-day tournaments, so long as the available boaters are paired up; 4) club members will not be allowed to bring a guest they fish with on a regular basis; and 5) club members are not allowed to fish with a probationary member (member without standing) as a guest. The goal of bringing guests is to gain new club members. Therefore, if a club member brings a guest

and they are later voted into the club, the club member will receive another opportunity to bring a guest. No club member will be allowed to bring a former member as a guest.

28. The Cen-Tex Bass Hunters shall be open to the general public for new members. The Board of Directors will have the right to grant honorary memberships.

These policies and procedures are not meant to replace or take away from the constitution. They are guidelines and sometimes flexible depending on extenuating circumstances. Any deviations from these policies and procedures must be presented and permission granted by a Board of Directors member. If you have any questions concerning these policies, ask a director for clarification. If any dispute arises with these policies and procedures, please bring it before the directors at the next directors meeting. This does not include tournament disputes, refer to rule #21 in the event of a tournament dispute.

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