

EXHIBIT "A"
TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All tournaments will be draw tournaments except for tournaments designated as “out of town tournaments”.
2. All entrants must check-in with the Tournament Director or his/her designee, by the specified check-in time to be announced at the regular monthly meeting prior to the tournament. Any Fees owed must be paid at this time. **Failure to check-in as specified may result in the following “Late Penalty”:**
0 – 15 minutes late = Loss of 1 lb. at weigh-in
15 – 30 minutes late = Loss of 2 lbs. at weigh-in
Over 15 minutes late = DQ
3. There will be no fishing in any designated No Fishing Area.
4. All Fish and Game Department and Lake Regulations must be adhered to. Any participant ejected or cited by lake officials will be disqualified from the tournament.
5. Any participant that is disqualified from a tournament will receive zero points for that tournament.
6. Only artificial baits/lures may be used. No live baits will be permitted, with the exception of pork rinds, etc.
7. Only one casting, spin casting or spinning rod and reel may be used at any one time.
8. The minimum size fish for any tournament will be no less than that specified by the lake regulations and will be announced prior to the tournament by the Tournament Director. Fish will be measured in accordance with the prevailing regulations at the tournament site. The Tournament Director, prior to the start of the tournament, will announce the method of fish measurement to be used. Weigh-Master’s decision is final on length of fish.
9. Once a participant hands any of his fish to the Weigh-Master, all the participants fish are deemed as entered for weigh-in and cannot be retracted. The Weigh-Master will not measure any fish during the weigh-in except in an official capacity as Weigh-Master.
10. A short fish presented at weigh-in will result in the loss of the weight of that fish plus one pound (1 lb), of the contestant’s total weight.
11. A dead fish presented at weigh-n will result in the loss of four ounces, (0.25 lb) from the participant’s total weight.
12. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may be consumed during the tournament. Tournaments shall be deemed to run from 12:01am until completion of the weigh-in. A contestant or any member in the boat believed to be consuming alcohol will be disqualified from the tournament.

13. All participants must wear a Coast Guard approved life vest at all times when the boat "is up on plane." The life vest must be zipped or otherwise secured.
14. An operable kill switch must be attached to the operators life vest. The non-boater participant is responsible to check said kill switch at beginning of the tournament.
15. All protests concerning tournament rule violations must be submitted in writing to an officer within 30 minutes of completion of the tournament. In the case of a protest, the Tournament Director will appoint a grievance committee to make a decision regarding said protest.
16. Fishing is not permitted within a fifty foot sphere of castability of another contestant, unless all parties involved agree, with the exception that two boats working the same shore in opposite directions may pass without being in violation of said rule.
17. No trolling, in the true sense of the word (using big motor), is allowed. Contestants may use trolling motors to maneuver or may anchor.
18. All fishing must be done from an approved, checked-in boat. No bank fishing is allowed
19. Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition, each must have a functional bilge pump and livewell space (with exceptions made in an instance where rental boats are required), properly aerated, to adequately maintain a limit catch of bass by both fishermen using the boat. All boats must have an adequate fish-measuring device.
20. There will only be one official point for weigh-in designated by the Weigh-Master. Participants not at the weigh-in site at the designated time will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute, deducted from his/her total weight for the day. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late for the weigh-in will be disqualified for the day. These penalties are assessed against both contestants in the boat, since each person shares equal responsibility for checking-in on time. If a boat breaks down, the participants may wave down another contestant and hand their fish (properly marked) to said contestant to deliver to weigh-in and will receive full credit for their catch.
21. Safety and Sportsmanship shall be a primary consideration. Any violation if these basic principles will be subject to disqualification.
22. The Tournament Director will establish and announce the number of fish, not to exceed the tournament lake limit, allowed as a tournament limit prior to the start of any tournament. No participant shall have more fish in their possession at any time than allowed by the tournament. When a participant catches another legal sized bass after having caught the limit, a fish must be immediately culled. No dead fish will be culled. Any participant culling fish inside the buoy line shall be disqualified from the tournament.
23. Total weight of participant's fish determines place of finish. In the case of a tie, big fish breaks the tie.

24. Points will be awarded to members in good standing only.(Perspective Members and guests will not receive points):

Points will be allocated on a declining scale of two points per position down to 25 points.

Any club member that participates in a tournament but does not weigh a fish will be awarded 25 DNP (did not place) points

25. In the case of a tie in total year end points following the December tournament, the participant's total weight for the year will determine the higher placement. If the total weights are the same, big fish for the year will determine the tie-breaker.

26. The tournament schedule shall consist of 12 tournaments, on a January through December tournament year. Each contestant will be allowed two (2) throw outs during the year. Accumulated points for balance of tournaments will be used to determine member's year-end standings.

27. These Tournament Rules are a part of the Constitution and By-Laws of The Bass Club.