

iBASS CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES

CLUB TOURNAMENTS WILL BE KNOWN AS DRAW TOURNAMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

Husbands and wives and fathers and their children will not be forced into a draw. All others will draw for pairings as boater and non-boater anglers.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Any contestant, who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or violates state fish and game regulations or other local statutes will be disqualified. Good sportsmanship will be directed to all non-tournament fishermen.

SAFETY: Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times by all contestants. Everyone fishing the tournament must have a life vest and other safety equipment as specified by the Coast Guard. Life vests must be worn and the kill switch attached to the boat operator at all times when the combustion engine is running.

AGE: Adults will be considered as anyone sixteen (16) or older at the beginning of the fishing season.

FISHING WATERS: All club tournaments will be known as casting distance tournaments. An angler may approach and fish at closer than casting distance only after being granted permission by an angler already occupying that water. There will be no off limits for the purpose of pre-fishing any club tournament.

FISHING HOURS: Will be determined at pre-tournament meetings. Any club member wanting to fish but unable to be at the start of the tournament, can fish the tournament after first finding a club member on the lake and having that member conduct a live well check.

PENALTIES: Contestants who have not arrived at the official checkpoint on time will be penalized on (1/2) pound for every minute they are late. The Tournament Director will be responsible for keeping the official time and assess any penalties. Lateness will be excused for boat and motor trouble, although this must be verified by another contestant.

Anyone weighing a fish smaller than twelve (12) inches will be disqualified. Culling is not permitted in weigh-in area. Culling of dead fish will result in disqualification. For each dead fish weighed there is an 8 ounce (1/2 pound) deduction from the contestants total weight. Anyone weighing in more than the determined limit for the tournament will be disqualified. The limit will be five (5) fish unless otherwise stated at the pre-tournament meeting. A dead fish cannot qualify for big fish.

GENERAL RULES – For all matters not covered under these club rules FLW rules will apply.

FEES: Each club member will pay \$25 to fish a tournament. Guests are not eligible to participate in this fee. Each member can also participate in the option pot by paying \$10. Guests will participate in the option pot.

The \$25 entry fee is paid out in the following way:

- 1) \$5.00 times number of contestants = 1st Place
- 2) \$3.00 times number of contestants = 2nd Place
- 3) \$2.00 times number of contestants = 3rd Place
- 4) \$3.00 times number of contestants = Big Fish
- 5) \$2.00 times number of contestants = Angler of the Year Fund

- 6) \$2.00 times number of contestants = Sportsman of the Year Fund
- 7) \$8.00 times number of contestants = Club General Fund

The \$10.00 option pot will pay out as follows:

- 1) 80% to the First Place finisher
- 2) 20% to the Second Place finisher

If a non-member wins the tournament, the \$10.00 option will be split 50/50 with the highest finishing club member.

SCORING: Scoring will be determined by total weight for each contestant's catch for the event. In case of ties, big fish will determine the winner. If there is a tie for big fish as well, 1st and 2nd place funds will be added together and split 50/50. In case of a tie for big fish, total weight determines the winner.

POINT SYSTEM: Each contestant will be awarded point based on where they placed in the tournament as follows: 300 points for first place, each consecutive position will receive 5 points less than the finish position above them. Any contestant not weighing a fish will receive ½ of the points awarded to the last person weighing a fish. A guest will not be awarded points and the points they would have earned, if a member, will not be awarded to any other contestant. No contestant will be awarded points other than those that they earned according to their finish position. Points for tournaments will be cumulative. Each member will also earn 10 points for each club meeting, C.A.S.T., Scales of Justice and youth casting competitions attended. The top ten members in points will be designated as the club team for participation in the Snow Bowl Tournament.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR – Will be a special award presented at the annual year end banquet and awards presentation and is determined from points earned by fishing tournaments only. The two tournaments with the lowest score may be thrown out and any missed tournament will count as a throw out. Big fish for the year will break all ties for this award. Two dollars of each member entry fee in every tournament will go to the Angler of the Year.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR – Will be a special award presented at the annual year end banquet and awards presentation. Each club member is eligible for this award based on all points earned throughout the season for tournaments, meetings and special events. There will be no limit on the points earned. Two dollars of each member entry fee in every tournament will go to the Sportsman of the Year. In the event of a tie those funds will be split evenly.

TOURNAMENT GUEST

- A) Guests are anyone participating in a club tournament who has not been voted into the club nor have they paid dues.
- B) Guests may only participate in the option pots.
- C) Guests are limited to one tournament per year and may not fish as a guest on any body of water more than once in any five year period.