

# TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTRA COSTA BASS CLUB

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**1. TERM:** THESE TOURNAMENT RULES ARE IN EFFECT STARTING AT THE FIRST TOURNAMENT AND REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THESE RULES MAY ONLY BE CHANGED AFTER THE NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT AND BEFORE THE JANUARY TOURNAMENT THE FOLLOWING YEAR. ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS SHALL BECOME PART OF THESE RULES ONLY IF APPROVED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING.

**2. SPIRIT OF THE RULE:** ALL RULES HAVE "LOOPHOLES". IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE CLUB TO PROVIDE AN HONEST SPORTSMANLIKE TOURNAMENT. IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, CLUB MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE "SPIRIT OF THE RULE" WILL PREVAIL IN ALL JUDGEMENTS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALL JUDGMENT CALLS SHALL BE MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE.

**3. PARTICIPATION:** CLUB TOURNAMENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WHOSE DUES ARE NOT IN ARREARS. PAYMENT OF DUES IS SUBJECT TO ARTICLE XI – DUES AND FEES SECTION 3 OF THE CLUBS BY LAWS .

**4. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND GUESTS:** THEY MAY FISH TOURNAMENTS ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. THEY WILL PAY NO CLUB FEES AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS OR AWARDS.

**5. PARTNER PAIRING:** BOATERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING A YEARLY GUEST PASS. A GUEST PASS ALLOWS A BOATER TO BRING AND FISH WITH AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER (16YR+) OR ANY CURRENTLY NON ACTIVE MEMBER (18YR+) TO ANY ONE REGULAR MONTHLY TOURNAMENT. THEY WISH (EXCLUDING THE T.O.C.). THIS REMOVES THE BOATER FROM THE GENERAL DRAW FOR THIS TOURNAMENT. GUEST PASSES MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE DRAW FOR REQUESTED TOURNAMENT. THIS GUEST MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED). BOATERS MAY ONLY USE 1 GUEST PASS PER TOURNAMENT YEAR. GUEST PASS WILL ONLY APPLY TO 1 DAY OF A 2 DAY TOURNAMENT. ALL MEMBERS WHO ENTERED THE DRAW TAKE PRECEDENT OVER ANY GUEST IF A BACK SEAT IS NEEDED BEFORE BLAST OFF.

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MONTHLY MEETING MUST DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO FISH, AND TO WHETHER THEY WILL FISH "BOATER" OR "NON-BOATER". NAMES WILL THEN BE PUT INTO SEPARATE BOXES STARTING WITH BOAT 1. A NAME WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE BOATER BOX THEN FROM THE NON-BOATER BOX. THIS WILL BE THE PAIRING FOR BOAT 1, AND WILL BE THEIR BLAST OFF NUMBER. FOR TWO DAY TOURNAMENTS THERE MAY BE A REDRAW FOR THE SECOND DAY. THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST DRAW. IF THE SAME BOATER AND NON-BOATER IS DRAWN AS PARTNERS MORE THAN TWICE IN ONE YEAR, THE BOATER OR NON BOATER CAN REQUEST TO FISH WITH A DIFFERENT BOATER. THIS REQUEST MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO OR AT THE TIME OF THE DRAW. IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD / CLUB TO KEEP TRACK OF THE NUMBER OF PAIRINGS FOR EACH CLUB MEMBER. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO INSURE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF BOATERS AND NON BOATERS. IF, HOWEVER, THERE ARE MORE BOATERS THAN NON-BOATERS, TWO BOATERS WILL HAVE THE CHOICE TO FISH TOGETHER AND DECIDE WHOSE BOAT TO USE OR IF THEY SHOULD CHOOSE, FISH BY THEMSELVES, AS LONG AS THEY DECLARED THEIR INTENT TO FISH AT THE TIME OF THE DRAW FOR THAT TOURNAMENT. NO TWO PEOPLE SHALL PAIR UP MORE THEN TWICE IN ONE YEAR. IF A NON-BOATER OR RESERVE DECIDES TO FISH, THE NON-BOATER WILL GO WITH THE DRAWN SOLO BOATER. IF THERE ARE EXTRA NON-BOATERS, IT WILL BE UP TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION TO TRY TO HAVE ALL NON-BOATERS HAVE A RIDE. IF A BOATER IS DRAWN TO FISH SOLO MORE THAN TWICE IN ONE YEAR, THE BOATER CAN REQUEST TO BE GIVEN A BACKSEATER OR PAIR UP WITH ANOTHER BOATER WHO IS FISHING SOLO. THIS REQUEST MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO OR AT THE TIME OF THE DRAW. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOATER TO KEEP TRACK OF THEIR NUMBER OF SOLO DRAWS. IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD / CLUB TO KEEP TRACK OF THE NUMBER SOLO DRAWS FOR EACH CLUB MEMBER.

**6. BLAST-OFF:** THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL ANNOUNCE AT THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT WHAT TIME YOU HAVE TO BE ON THE WATER. IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE WATER AND READY WHEN YOUR NUMBER IS CALLED, YOU WILL THEN GO TO THE END OF THE LINE AND GO OUT LAST. ALL BOATS WILL GO PAST THE BLAST-OFF BOAT AND SHOW THEIR LIVE WELLS. ANYONE NOT FOLLOWING THIS RULE WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

**7. WAITING LIST:** IF A MEMBER, AT MEETING TIME IS NOT SURE IF THEY WILL BE ABLE TO FISH THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENT, THEY MAY GO ON A WAITING LIST. MEMBERS ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE ALLOWED TO FISH THE TOURNAMENT IF THEY NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR NO LATER THAN THE WED. PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT. THE MEMBERS ON THE WAITING LIST WILL NOT HAVE THE OPTION OF BEING A BOATER UNLESS A NON-BOATER BECOMES AVAILABLE AND IS APPROVED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. THE NEEDS OF THE CLUB

TO HAVE TWO MEMBERS IN EACH BOAT WILL TAKE PRECEDENT.

**8. SHARING EXPENSES:** NON-BOATERS PAY \$50.00 PER DAY TO THE BOATER, REGARDLESS OF THE LENGTH OF THE TOURNAMENT, TO HELP OUT WITH THE COST OF OPERATING THE BOAT. IF THE NON BOATER SHARES A RIDE TO/FROM TOURNAMENTS, THEY SHOULD SHARE TOWING EXPENSES AS WELL.

**9. SPORTSMANSHIP:** ANY CONTESTANT WHO DISPLAYS POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT HE IS FISHING. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN A CLEAR AND RESPECTABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN BOATS. FISHING ETIQUETTE SHALL PREVAIL AND CONTESTANTS SHALL NOT FISH WITHIN 50 YARDS OF A BOATER AND HIS BUOYS.

**10. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED. HOWEVER, PORK AND PORK TYPE BAITS CAN BE USED. FISHING RODS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 8' IN LENGTH.

**11. TROLLING:** AS A METHOD OF FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED. RUNNING A LINE AND LURE WHILE THE COMBUSTION MOTOR IS IN OPERATION IS DEFINED AS TROLLING

**12. RADIOS/CELL PHONES:** USE OF BOAT TO BOAT COMMUNICATION RADIOS OR CELL PHONES CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF TAKING FISH IS PROHIBITED DURING ALL TOURNAMENTS. RADIOS AND CELL PHONES WILL BE PERMITTED FOR USE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

**13. ALCOHOL OR DRUGS:** USE IS PROHIBITED IN OR AROUND BOATS FROM LAUNCH UNTIL AFTER DOCKING BOAT FOR WEIGH-IN. ANYONE WHO APPEARS INTOXICATED PRIOR TO LAUNCH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

**14. BOATING SAFETY:** BOATS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH STANDARD COAST GUARD APPROVED SAFETY EQUIPMENT. ALL ANGLERS MUST WEAR APPROVED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD'S) MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES THE BIG MOTOR IS ON. LIFE VEST CAN BE REMOVED AFTER CHECK IN TIME IN THE 5 MPH ZONE THE BOAT OPERATOR MUST ATTACH A FUNCTIONAL KILL SWITCH. SAFE BOATING IS A MUST.

**15. BOAT OPERATION AND FISHING LOCATION:** UNDER SAFE CONDITIONS EACH CONTESTANT HAS THE RIGHT TO FISH THEIR PREFERRED WATER. UPON REQUEST FROM THE NON BOATER THE BOATER SHOULD MAKE EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE THE NON BOATERS REQUEST TO FISH HIS WATER FOR A PORTION OF THE DAY. BOATER AND NON BOATER ARE ENCOURAGED TO TALK WITH EACH OTHER BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT TO PLAN THEIR DAY ON THE WATER. BOATERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TEACH NON BOATERS: SAFE TRAILER HANDLING AND PARKING, USE OF THE FRONT DECK TROLLING MOTOR, AND OVERALL BOAT OPERATION. THIS IS IMPORTANT IF THERE IS EVER AN EMERGENCY ON THE WATER.

**16. LEAVING BOAT:** FISHING FROM DOCKS, SHORE, OR OTHER PLACES IS PROHIBITED. ALL FISH WILL BE HOOKED, FOUGHT AND LANDED FROM WITHIN THE BOAT. GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT TO VIEW FISH LOCATIONS IS ALSO PROHIBITED. IT IS PERMISSIBLE TO PLACE ONE FOOT ON THE SHORE OR DOCK TO PREVENT BOAT DAMAGE, BUT ONE FOOT MUST REMAIN IN THE BOAT AT ALL TIMES. DOCKING AND LEAVING THE BOAT IS ONLY PERMITTED FOR PERSONAL OR SAFETY NEEDS.

**17. FISH HANDLING:** CONTESTANTS SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HANDLE FISH IN SUCH A FASHION AS TO ASSURE THE SAFE RELEASE OF FISH CAUGHT.

**18. LIVE WELLS:** WITH FUNCTIONING AERATION SYSTEMS MUST BE USED. ROPE OR METAL STRINGERS ARE PROHIBITED. FISH SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM LIVE WELLS EXCEPT IN CULLING SITUATIONS OR AT WEIGH-INS.

**19. PRE-FISHING:** THERE WILL BE NO PRE-FISHING RESTRICTIONS.

**20. TOURNAMENT DATES AND LAKES:** WILL BE SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND MAY BE CHANGED PENDING CONDITIONS AT THE LAKE, OR IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CLUB.

**21. FISHING HOURS:** WILL BE SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO EACH TOURNAMENT. IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN TO DECIDE WHAT IS SAFE LIGHT TO BLAST OFF.

**22. OFFICIAL TIMEPIECE:** WILL BE THAT OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

**23. START AND FINISH:** ALL CONTESTANTS WILL START AND FINISH AT THE LAKE HEADQUARTERS (USUALLY THE LAUNCH SITE) AS SET BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.

**24. OFF LIMITS AREAS:** UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THE LAUNCH AREA, HOST MARINA, AND RELATED FIVE MILE PER HOUR ZONE WILL BE OFF LIMITS TO FISHING.

**25. CHECK-IN:** ALL BOATS MUST BE CHECKED FOR FUNCTIONAL LIVE WELLS AND BOTH ANGLERS MUST WEAR APPROVED PFDS PRIOR TO BLASTOFF. ALL BOATS MUST IDLE PAST THE DESIGNATED BLASTOFF BOAT IN ORDER TO BE CHECKED. IN THE EVENT THAT AN ANGLER IS LATE FOR THE BLASTOFF, HE MAY STILL BE ELIGIBLE TO FISH IF HE LOCATES ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER AND HAS HIS LIVE WELLS CHECKED AND VERIFIED AS EMPTY PRIOR TO FISHING.

**26. NOTIFICATION OF EARLY DEPARTURE:** ANY CONTESTANT WHO MUST LEAVE THE WATER AFTER LAUNCH AND BLASTOFF MUST NOTIFY A CLUB MEMBER OR LEAVE AN OBVIOUS NOTE ON AN OFFICER'S VEHICLE. A SEARCH PARTY WILL BE FORMED TO LOOK FOR ANY BOAT THAT FAILS TO CHECK IN BY THE END OF THE WEIGH-IN.

**27. OFFICIAL MEASURING DEVICE:** THE OFFICIAL CLUB MEASURING DEVICE WILL BE A 22" GOLDEN RULE CALIBRATED AT 1/4" INCREMENTS. ALL TOURNAMENT BOATS MUST HAVE THIS OR AN EQUIVALENT MEASURING DEVICE ON BOARD TO MEASURE FISH IN THE EVENT OF A CARD SYSTEM TOURNAMENT. A GOLDEN RULE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WEIGH-IN TO MEASURE FISH. FISH OF QUESTIONABLE LENGTH WILL BE MEASURED ON THIS BOARD HANGING AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE WITH THE MOUTH OPEN AND TAIL SWISHED.

**28. LEGAL FISH:** WILL BE LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, OR SPOTTED BASS OF AT LEAST 12 1/2" IN LENGTH. THE CLUB WILL ABIDE BY ANY MODIFIED REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC LAKES AS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (E.G. CLEAR LAKE AND OROVILLE).

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**A.** CARD SYSTEM TOURNAMENTS: CERTAIN TOURNAMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ARE DESIGNATED AS "CARD SYSTEM" TOURNAMENTS. DURING THESE TOURNAMENTS, FISH ARE TO BE MEASURED (AS DESCRIBED IN RULE # 27) IMMEDIATELY AFTER LANDING. THE LENGTH OF THE FISH IS TO BE VERIFIED BY THE ANGLER'S PARTNER AND THEN WRITTEN ON THE "CARD" PROVIDED PRIOR TO THAT TOURNAMENT. ANGLERS WILL BE AWARDED THE WEIGHT FOR THAT FISH'S LENGTH AS LISTED ON THE "CARD". A FISH MUST MEASURE AT LEAST 12 1/2" AND THOSE THAT MEASURE OVER A QUARTER INCH INCREMENT MAY ROUND UP TO THE NEXT QUARTER INCH INCREMENT FOR RECORDING LENGTH. (EG A 13 3/8" FISH WILL RECORD AS 13 1/2" ON THE CARD) . ANY MEMBER FISHING ALONE IN A CARD SYSTEM TOURNAMENT ON A SLOT LAKE WILL BE ON AN "HONOR SYSTEM", UNLESS A FISH IS OVER THE SLOT. IN THAT CASE, ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER MUST VERIFY THE MEASUREMENT OF THE FISH. IF THE LAKE DOES NOT HAVE A SLOT LIMIT ALL FISH MEASUREMENTS MUST BE VERIFIED BY ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER. FOR BIG FISH POT ON CARD TOURNAMENTS, THE WEIGHT WILL BE DETERMINED BY WEIGHING THE LARGEST/HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT OVER 15". IF NO QUALIFIED FISH OVER 15" ARE WEIGHED REFER BACK TO CARD FOR ANY OR ALL REMAINING WEIGHTS. THE LENGTH OF THE QUALIFIED BIG FISH OVER 15" IS STILL RECORDED ON THE CARD AS LENGTH TO CALCULATE WEIGHT FOR THE CARD TO COMBINE AS TOTAL WEIGHT FOR THE TOURNAMENT. THE ACTUAL WEIGHT OF THE QUALIFIED FISH IS RECORDED FOR THE BIG FISH POT ONLY.

**B.** A THIRD OPTION WILL BE DESIGNATED "RAPALA SCALE TOURNAMENTS." THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL SPECIFY WHICH TOURNAMENTS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS RAPALA TOURNAMENTS. THE TD WILL SPECIFY DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THESE TOURNAMENTS.

**30. CULLING OF FISH:** THE LIMIT FOR CLUB TOURNAMENTS IS FIVE (5) FISH PER ANGLER. CULLING IS PERMISSIBLE TO ALLOW AN ANGLER TO MAINTAIN HIS HEAVIEST LIMIT. CARE MUST BE TAKEN NOT TO EXCEED THE DAILY BAG LIMIT PER BOAT WHEN DOING SO. ALL FISH MUST BE CULLED IMMEDIATELY AND A CAPTIVE RELEASED. CULLING OF A DEAD FISH IS NOT ALLOWED.

**31. SCORING:** FISH WILL BE MEASURED IN POUNDS, TENTHS AND HUNDREDTHS OF A POUND. TIE BREAKERS SHALL BE BIG FISH THEN NUMBER OF FISH. IF STILL A TIE BOTH ANGLERS WILL BE GIVEN THE SAME (HIGHEST) POINT TOTAL.

**32. MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SHALL CONDUCT WEIGH-IN:** ALL FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCALES IN A FISH BAG WITH AMPLE AMOUNTS OF WATER SO AS NOT TO CAUSE THE FISH UNDUE STRESS. ONLY THE NEXT BOAT IN LINE WILL BE ALLOWED TO WAIT ON THE DOCK WITH THEIR FISH IN THE WATER. OTHERWISE FISH MUST BE LEFT IN THE LIVE WELLS UNTIL YOUR TURN.

**33. BIG FISH OVER 5 POUNDS:** MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCALES IN A SEPARATE BAG BY THEMSELVES AND ALL OTHER BAGS SHOULD HAVE NO MORE THAN 5 LBS.

**34. TROPHY FISH:** ANY LARGEMOUTH OVER 7 POUNDS MAY BE CLAIMED BY ITS CAPTOR. ONLY ONE TROPHY FISH PER SPECIES, PER ANGLER, PER YEAR IS ALLOWED. ANY FISH KEPT MUST BE PRESENTED AT A CLUB FUNCTION WITHIN 6 MONTHS. IF AN EXTENSION IS NEEDED YOU MUST SUBMIT IT IN WRITING WITH A RECEIPT OF INTENT. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A 3 MONTH SUSPENSION.

**35. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE RELEASE SITE OF ALL LIVE FISH AT THE WEIGH-IN SITE.**

**36. PENALTIES SHALL BE ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

- A.** CONTESTANTS THAT ARE LATE OR HAVE NOT CHECKED IN AT THE SPECIFIC FINISH TIME WILL BE ASSESSED A 1LB PER MINUTE PENALTY FOR UP TO FIVE MINUTES, OVER FIVE MINUTE THE CONTESTANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. CONTESTANTS WITH BOAT OR MOTOR TROUBLE MAY TRANSFER THEIR FISH TO ANOTHER BOAT AND ONE OF THE ANGLERS MUST ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE WEIGH-IN. UPON TRANSFERRING FISH THE ANGLER ACCOMPANYING THE FISH MAY NOT FISH ANY LONGER.
- B.** THERE WILL BE A .25 (1/4) POUND PENALTY FOR EACH FISH THAT CANNOT BE RELEASED ALIVE.
- C.** THERE WILL BE A 1.00 (ONE) POUND PENALTY FOR EACH SHORT FISH.
- D.** BIG FISH WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD BIGGEST FISH OF THE TOURNAMENT OR BIGGEST FISH OF THE YEAR IF RELEASED DEAD.

**37. COMPLAINTS OR PROTESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IN WRITING NO LATER THAN 30 MINUTES AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE WEIGH-IN. THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL IN ALL MATTERS.**

**38. DEBRIEFING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF EVERY TOURNAMENT. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THE DEBRIEFING. THE TOP 5 FINISHERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GIVE DESCRIPTIONS OF LURES, PATTERNS, TECHNIQUES AND PRESENTATIONS ON HOW THEY DID IT TODAY. ANGLERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF THEIR ACTUAL "HONEY HOLES".**

**39. DRAW TOURNAMENT PRIZES:**

1ST THROUGH 5TH PLACE -----TROPHIES/PLAQUES BIG FISH OF TOURNAMENT-----BIG FISH PLAQUES THE TOURNAMENT TEAM THAT CATCHES THE MOST FISH (MAXIMUM OF 10) SHALL RECEIVE A "FIRST PLACE TEAM" AWARD. IF TWO OR MORE TEAMS CATCH THE MOST FISH, THE AWARD SHALL BE BASED ON WEIGHT. IF THESE TEAMS HAVE EQUAL NUMBERS AND WEIGHTS, THE AWARD SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE TEAM WITH THE LARGEST SINGLE FISH (BASED ON WEIGHT). THE TYPE OF AWARD SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR OR, IF IT FAILS TO DO SO, SHALL BE THE SAME AS THE PRIOR YEAR. PRESIDENT'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-----ANY MEMBER OR GUEST WHO CATCHES A FIVE FISH LIMIT AND DOES NOT PLACE IN THE TOP FIVE PLACES MAY RECEIVE A SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

**40. SPECIAL PRIZES:**

- 1) \$50.00 WILL BE BUDGETED FOR AN AWARD TO BE GIVEN TO ANY CONTESTANT IN ANY REGULAR CLUB TOURNAMENT WITH THE HEAVIEST STRINGER OVER SEVENTEEN (17) POUNDS.
- 2) FIFTY CENTS X'S THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AFTER THE DECEMBER TOURNAMENT X'S 12 WILL BE BUDGETED FOR THE BIGGEST FISH OF THE YEAR AWARD.

**41. POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:**

THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN EACH CLUB TOURNAMENT WILL RECEIVE 50 POINTS, 2ND-49 POINTS, 3RD- 48 POINTS, 4TH-47 POINTS, ETC. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WILL BE 5 POINTS AWARDED TO EACH ANGLER WHO ATTENDS THE DEBRIEF AFTER THE TOURNAMENT. A MEMBER WILL RECEIVE PLACEMENT POINTS IF HE PLACED IN THE STANDINGS BY LEGAL CATCHING OF AT LEAST ONE FISH. A MEMBER THAT DOES NOT CATCH A FISH DURING THE TOURNAMENT WILL THEN ONLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEBRIEF POINTS IF HE STAYS FOR THE DEBRIEF. (ROLL WILL BE TAKEN!) TO ENCOURAGE MEETING ATTENDANCE, THERE WILL BE 5 POINTS AWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AND SIGNING THE SIGN-IN SHEET (NO SIGN-IN, NO POINTS). DUES MUST BE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING. NO MORE THAN 40 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR MEETING POINTS IN ONE YEAR. FINAL STANDINGS WILL BE CALCULATED BY TOTALING THE POINTS FROM AN ANGLERS BEST EIGHT TOURNAMENT FINISHES, INCLUDING DEBRIEF POINTS FROM ONLY THOSE EIGHT TOURNAMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, MEMBER WILL RECEIVE UP TO 40 POINTS FOR MONTHLY MEETING.

**42. SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS: THE MEMBERS FISHING ANY SPECIAL EVENT WILL SET PRIZES AND ENTRY FEES. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE GOVERNED UNDER EXISTING RULES.**

**43. TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS: ("TOC") THE TOP TEN FINISHERS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TOURNAMENT SEASON WILL AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR THE "TOC" . THIS TOURNAMENT WILL PIT THESE TEN ANGLERS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN A WINNER TAKE ALL FORMAT TO DETERMINE THE "TOC" CHAMPION FOR THE YEAR. THIS TOURNAMENT DATE AND TIME WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.**

**44. "TOC" TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: THE TOP TEN POINTS FINISHERS WILL ELECT A DIRECTOR FOR THE "TOC". THE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE AN ACTIVE CLUB MEMBER WHO DID NOT FINISH IN THE TOP TEN FOR THE YEAR. THE "TOC" TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR DETERMINES THE FORMAT AND WILL ACT AS FINAL ARBITRATOR FOR RESULTS.**

**45."TOC" OBSERVERS: A NON-COMPETING OBSERVER WILL BE PAIRED WITH EACH "TOC" CONTESTANT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL TOURNAMENT RULES. THE OBSERVER MAY NOT ASSIST THE CONTESTANT DURING THE**

TOURNAMENT IN ANY WAY, SUCH AS FISHING INFORMATION, NETTING OF FISH, OR ANY OTHER COMPETITION MATTERS OR ACTIVITIES. NON-BOATER MEMBERS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE CLASSIC WILL BE PAIRED WITH A BOATER WHO SHALL SERVE AS HIS OR HER OBSERVER. OBSERVERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FISH, WITHOUT CASTING FORWARD OF MID-BOAT OR ENGAGING IN ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES, WHICH MAY, IN ANY WAY, INTERFERE WITH THE FISHING ACTIVITIES OF THE CONTESTANT.

**46. "TOC" FUNDS:** THE CLUB SHALL PROVIDE THE "TOC" TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WITH \$500.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AWARD FOR THE WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE NATURE, TYPE, AND PRESENTATION OF THE WINNER'S AWARD.

**47. END-OF-YEAR AWARDS:** PRIZES OR TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED AT AN ANNUAL BANQUET TO THE TOP TEN OVERALL FINISHERS (AS DETERMINED IN RULE #41). THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER, OR OVERALL ANGLER-OF-THE-YEAR, WILL RECEIVE A CLUB AWARD. THE NON-BOATER WHO HAS THE MOST POINTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR WILL ALSO RECEIVE WILL A CLUB AWARD. ONLY POINTS FISHED AS A CO-ANGLER AND UP TO 4 TOURNAMENTS POINTS AS A BOATER WILL COUNT TOWARDS THE CO-ANGLER TOTAL AND VISA VERSA FOR THE BOATERS. ALL RULES THAT APPLY TO ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD ALSO APPLY TO CO-ANGLER OF THE YEAR. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A BOATER OR NON-BOATER TO WIN "OVERALL". IN THIS CASE THEY WILL BE AWARDED "OVERALL ANGLER OF THE YEAR". ALL PRIZES WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH A MAJORITY CLUB VOTE. IN ESSENCE, THERE WILL BE 3 AWARDS (BOATER, NON BOATER, AND OVERALL WINNER)

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR THE YEAR-END AWARDS, THE FOLLOWING TIEBREAKER RULES WILL BE APPLIED, IN ORDER, UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED:

1. POINTS ACCUMULATED FROM BEST 8 FINISHES (WITHOUT DEBRIEF POINTS)
2. TOTAL WEIGHT CAUGHT DURING THE SAME BEST 8 FINISHES
3. LARGEST BASS CAUGHT
4. TOTAL WEIGHT CAUGHT DURING ALL TOURNAMENTS FISHED FOR THAT YEAR
5. TOTAL FISH COUNT WEIGHED IN THAT YEAR
6. IF STILL TIED, AN OFFICIAL TIE WILL BE DECLARED A TROPHY AND MONETARY AWARD FOR THE ANGLER WHO CATCHES THE LARGEST FISH DURING THE YEAR, IN A CLUB TOURNAMENT.