



# Rules & Regulations

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**MEMBERSHIP:** Club membership is open to everyone. No guides (professional or part-time) are allowed. Members who participate in other pay tournaments who have received in excess of \$5000 in one calendar year are subject to review for continued membership within this club. Anyone violating these rules will be expelled. Reasons other than specified in this definition may be cause for expulsion from the club; however, such action will require a majority vote of the membership. Proposals for expulsion must be delivered to a club officer, who in turn will poll the membership to determine the eligibility of the individual(s) in question.

**NON MEMBER GUEST:** A non member guest is anyone who is not a paid member in good standing and who maintains an amateur status and complies with the definition of [membership]. He or she may be invited to participate in only one event, not to include the final tournament of the year, without paying the annual membership dues. A non member must fish with a member in good standing. A non member guest may not hold office within the club, receive attendance prizes at the annual meeting, nor be eligible for the Bass Angler of the Year Award. A non member guest **is not** eligible to participate in any raffles. The guest, however, will be eligible for any tournament monies presented at an even except the final tournament of the year.

**CLUB DUES:** An annual fee of **(\$35) Thirty-five Dollars** will be paid prior to any member competing in an event.

**CLUB OFFICERS:** The officers of this club will comprise a President and a Vice President. The club officers will be responsible for all administrative matters as well as coordinating the dates/sites/times of each tournament, the handling of all financial transactions, the preparation and distribution of the monthly newsletter and securing all lake permits.

**TOURNAMENTS:** *The number of tournaments for the year will be determined at the annual meeting. The dates/sites/times will be proposed by the club officers and voted on by the membership at the annual meeting.*

**OFFICIALS:** *The club President or Vice President or their designated representative will serve as tournament officials at each event. Any disputes that occur at an event will be resolved by the officials and their decision is final.*

**ENTRY FEES:** *An entry fee of (\$35) **Thirty-five Dollars** will be assessed to each participant in an event. This will automatically include the Big Bass purse.*

**FEE DISTRIBUTION:** *Of the thirty five-dollar entry fees, (\$5) five dollars will be placed directly into the Big Bass purse for a 100% pay back.*

***1<sup>st</sup> Place - 50%.....2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 30%.....3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 20%***

*When (5) five or fewer boats participate in an event, only 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place will be paid. All of the monies will be paid out at 70% for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and 30% for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. **The points for big bass will still be rewarded for the angler of the year points.***

**PAYMENTS:** *Prize monies will be distributed in the form of a check drawn against the club bank account. No late fees will be assessed to those paying at the boat ramp prior to a take off.*

**BASS ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** *The angler of the year award will be based on nine tournaments. This plaque will be presented annually to the member who amasses the most points during the season. It will be presented by the club President at the annual meeting. An additional gift certificate will be presented to the Bass Angler of the Year.*

**BIGGEST BASS OF THE YEAR AWARD:** *The member who catches the largest bass of the year will be awarded a gift certificate.*

**ANNUAL MEETING:** *The meeting will be held prior to the commencement of the year's events. At that time, all information pertaining to the club's operation, tournament dates/sites/times will be discussed and voted on by the membership in attendance.*

**ATTENDANCE PRIZES:** *Attendance prizes will be awarded at the annual meeting providing that funds permit. Only paid members of the previous year who have*

competed in at least **(5) five** tournaments are eligible for prizes. The final winner take all tournament does not count toward your five tournaments to make you eligible for an attendance prize. **You must be** present at the annual meeting to receive an attendance prize, unless a legitimate emergency arises that prevents your attendance. In that case, and with the membership in agreement, a single attendance prize will be selected and held for that member.

**WEIGH-IN:** Only Largemouth, Smallmouth or Kentucky (spotted) Bass will be permitted at the weigh-in. **No frozen, iced or mangled fish will be allowed.** All fish will be presented to the officials for weighing. A courtesy board will be provided. Fish will be measured with the mouth closed. Pinching of the tail is permitted. Actual weigh-ins will be made utilizing the club approved scale. **All fish must be brought to the weigh-in within (15) FIFTEEN MINUTES of the end of the tournament.** Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

**FISH LIMITS:**

**BOAT** - Each boat is permitted to weigh-in only **six (6)** keepers. (Includes fishing alone.)

**INDIVIDUAL** - Each angler is permitted to weigh-in only **three (3)** keepers. (Which will be applied toward the point system for Angler of the Year?)

**POINT SYSTEM:** Individual anglers will be awarded points for catching keepers. Those points will be applied towards the Bass Anger of the Year Award. The angler possessing the heaviest three (3) fish limit at weigh-in will be awarded fifty (50) points. Each succeeding angler will be awarded points descending in order of weight. I.E., the second heaviest three fish limit will be awarded 49 points; the third heaviest limit will be awarded 48 points, etc. The angler catching the Big Bass of the tournament will be awarded an additional five (5) points. An angler who fails to weigh in a keeper will be awarded ten (10) points just for fishing the event.

**SHORT FISH PENALTY:** The minimum allowed length at Lake of the Ozarks is (15) fifteen inches, regardless of that lakes regulations pertaining to Kentucky Bass. Any fish presented for weigh-in that does not meet the legal lake limit or this club's criteria, will result in a **(2) two pound penalty and loss of the fish.**

**DEAD FISH PENALTY:** A **(1) one pound penalty per dead fish** will be assessed at

*the scales. There are no restrictions on how many dead fish may be weighed in.*

***LATE ARRIVAL PENALTY:*** *A (1) one pound penalty per minute will be assessed to each angler returning to the weigh-in after the official closing time. Anyone arriving (15) fifteen minutes beyond closing time will be disqualified.*

***OFF LIMITS AREAS:*** *Fishing is not permitted within the buoyed area of the take-off cove or anywhere in PB#2 from point to point. The point at PB2 with the sign to the furthest point from PB2 at Pa He Tsi boat ramp is off limits throughout the year. **The cove to the east of PB2 and both points of the cove are off limits throughout the year.***

***TRAILERING:*** *Trailer of boats will not be permitted.*

***EQUIPMENT:*** *All fish must be caught on rod and reel. No live bait is allowed. It is recommended that all fish removed from the live-wells for weigh-in is kept in the appropriate plastic bag to ensure their health and safe release back into the lake.*

***INSPECTIONS:*** *Live-wells, personal flotation devices and emergency equipment are subject to inspection prior to an event.*