

Constitution and By-Laws

Austin Reel Bass Club

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Our mission statement

In the spirit of "Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." we want to promote Christian fellowship, faith in God, and an awareness of God and Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The name of this club shall be the Austin Reel Bass Club.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this club is to promote:

- A. Christian fellowship.
- B. A consistent witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. Responsible stewardship of God's gifts.
- D. An opportunity for participation as a dynamic and effective link

with other chapters of the Texas State B.A.S.S. Federation.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership

A. Membership shall be open to any person who promotes, encourages, and supports the mission statement of the club. A new member application will be voted on and must carry 2/3 of the club's vote. Upon payment of dues he shall become a member.

B. The membership of the Austin Reel Bass Club shall consist of:

(1) Boaters - Members who own fishing boats and plan to use them in club tournaments.

(2) Non Boaters - Members who do not own fishing boats.

C. The membership of Austin Reel Bass Club recognizes that boating and fishing can be hazardous activities. Each member agrees individually to assume all risks of damage to his person and /or property which might occur.

D. Austin Reel Bass Club shall maintain 100% B.A.S.S. Federation Membership and TABC (Texas Association of Bass Clubs).

E. A member that does not support, represent, or have the best interest of ARBC in mind, can be removed by the board.

F. A club member must be in good standing to participate in B.A.S.S. Federation tournaments. A good standing decision will be determined by the board and reported to B.A.S.S. federation if required.

Section 2. Dues

A. Membership dues, as determined by majority vote of the membership, are due at the first regular meeting of each year. Members joining during the year will have their club dues pro-rated.

B. Membership dues include the additional cost of

1. B.A.S.S. Annual dues (except where Lifetime or extended membership in B.A.S.S. can be verified). – currently \$15; if you are already a B.A.S.S please provide membership number from magazine label.
2. BASS National Federation Dues – currently \$20
3. BASS Texas State Federation Dues – currently \$18
4. ARBC annual club dues – currently \$12
5. Texas Association of Bass Clubs dues - \$20
6. Total \$70 plus maintaining B.A.S.S membership (\$15)

C. A member of ARBC must be 17 years of age or older and pay dues.

D. Any child under the age of 17 must fish with their legal guardian on all Bass Club activities

E. Membership dues will be pro-rated for any member for the ARBC annual club dues portion on a \$1 per month deduction for the month the member joins. The BASS Annual, National and Texas State Federation dues must be paid in full and membership is required in these.

ARTICLE 3: CLUB MEETINGS AND TOURNAMENTS

Section 1. Meetings

Club meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and last Mondays of the Month unless otherwise noted. These dates may be changed by the Executive Committee under special circumstances

Section 2. Meeting principles

Club meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Christian principles.

Section 3. Meeting conduct

The consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs, and/or mind-altering substances (except medication prescribed under a doctor's care that will not impair the operation of a boat) is prohibited at all Austin Reel Bass Club functions, and functions at which membership is representing Austin Reel Bass Club.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS, DUTIES, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES AND ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Officers – Board of Directors

A. The officers of this organization (also known as the Board of Directors) shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Club Chaplain and a Trustee (previous President)

B. All officers shall also serve as directors, members of the board of directors, and tournament committee members. The Tournament Director shall be in charge of the tournament committee. One officer shall serve as the liaison between the Austin Reel Bass Club and the B.A.S.S. National Federation and the Texas State B.A.S.S. Federation.

C. The Board of Directors will meet as deemed necessary.

Section 2. Elections

A. Nominations will be held at the November regular monthly meeting.

B. The election of officers to the Board of Directors shall be held at the last December meeting by secret ballot. Elections shall be by a simple majority of members present. Actual positions of Board of Directors shall be voted on and

determined by the Board itself. Only voting for a position to the Board will be held whereby President, Vice-President, etc. shall be voted upon within the Board and all positions will be made public to club and BASS membership as required.

C. Each membership is limited to one vote.

D. The term of office is one year (except initial terms), beginning on the first day of January and ending the last day of December. Not all board positions will expire at the same time with the initial board. They will be a staggered with some positions becoming available after the first year. 1 board member shall remain in place 5 years, another 4 years, another 3 and so on. This year term placements shall be documented for each position. When a position expires that board position will be for a 1 year term for then on. Examples below:

Board position 1: 5 year term (initial founding board member)

Board position 2: 4 year term (initial founding board member)

Board position 3: 3 year term (initial founding board member)

Board position 4: 2 year term (initial founding board member)

Board position 5: 1 year term (initial founding board member)

E. The Chaplain position is an appointed position by the Board of Directors and that position shall be filled until the Chaplain chooses to resign at which point a new one can be appointed.

Section 3. Vacancies

A. In the event that an office becomes vacant,

(1) Nominations will be submitted by the board, to the club, and the election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

(2) National B.A.S.S. headquarters will be notified immediately of any change affecting the officers.

(3) Term of office runs through the last day in December and is considered the first year of service.

(4) Rotation off the board will follow the guidelines detailed in section D.

Section 4. Eligibility

To be eligible for an office, a member must have been an active member for a period of six months.

Section 5. Duties of the officers

A. President

- (1) To chair all club and board meetings
- (2) To call special board meetings as deemed necessary
- (3) Assist Tournament Director at all tournament weigh-ins
- (4) Assist any board member as deemed necessary
- (5) Breaking any tie votes.

B. Vice President

- (1) To provide the entertainment at club meetings
- (2) Assume the duties of the President in his absence
- (3) Assist Tournament Director at all tournament weigh-ins
- (4) Assist any board member as deemed necessary
- (5) Responsible for securing all door prizes

C. Secretary

- (1) To keep written records of all club activities
- (2) To keep attendance records of all meetings and tournaments
- (3) Be responsible for writing a monthly newsletter informing membership of all club activities and mailing each member a copy either by email or physical mailing.
- (4) Provide up-to-date mailing lists for each member
- (5) Keep all rule changes up-to-date in club By- Laws
- (6) To assist the Treasurer in collecting dues and keeping a correct record of such transactions
- (7) To assist Tournament Director at all tournament weigh-ins
- (8) To assist any board member as deemed necessary

D. Treasurer

- (1) To collect all dues and provide Secretary with correct records of such transactions
- (2) Assist Tournament Director at all tournament weigh-ins
- (3) Assist any board member as deemed necessary.

E. Tournament Director

- (1) To chair the Tournament Committee
- (2) To direct all weigh-in activities
- (3) To present all trophies and awards at the club's monthly meeting
- (4) Responsible for keeping records of all tournament results and giving information to Secretary and Treasurer
- (5) Responsible for scales at weigh-ins
- (6) Responsible for securing all trophies and awards
- (7) Assist any board member as deemed necessary

F. Club Chaplain

- (1) To lead all club prayer before and at the end of the closing of all club meetings.
- (2) To lead closing prayer at the end of all club tournaments

Section 6. Duties of other Lead Role (non board) positions

A. Public Relations Director

- (1) To officially represent the Austin Reel Bass Club in matters of member recruitment and any other public relations matters deemed necessary by the President
- (2) To assist the Vice President in entertainment needs of the club when needed
- (3) Assist any board member as deemed necessary

B. Youth Director

- (1) To direct all youth and children activities
- (2) Work with the State and Regional Federation Youth Directors.
- (3) To assist the Tournament Director at all tournament weigh-ins.
- (4) To assist any board member as deemed necessary.

C. Conservation Director

- (1) To officially represent the Austin Reel Bass Club in matters of conservation
- (2) To direct all conservation activities.
- (3) Work with the State and Regional Federation Conservation Directors.
- (4) To assist the Tournament Director at all tournament weigh-ins.
- (5) To assist any board member as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 5: RULE CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Procedure for rule change

A. The suggested change must be submitted in writing to the board prior to a regular meeting at new business. The Board reserves the right to reject any rule change based on the best interests of the club.

B. The club will vote at the next meeting based on a 2/3 vote of members present providing written notice of the proposed change has been presented to the membership in the monthly newsletter or email to give all members proper time to show up and vote on the change.

ARTICLE 6: TOURNAMENT RULES AND AWARDS

Section 1. Tournament Awards

- A. Tournament fees will fund cash awards for tournaments.
- B. Tournament awards shall consist of appropriately engraved trophies or plaques and/or award money.
- C. Awards shall be presented for each tournament based on aggregate weight of fish caught by properly constituted teams. These awards shall be issued at the regular monthly meeting after each tournament. If a team has only 1 member then only ½ a total fee is required (\$30) and only ½ of a team prize shall be paid out to such a team.
- D. First, Second, and Third awards shall be presented for tournament participation of up to twenty members. For twenty-one to thirty members fishing, a fourth place award will be issued. For thirty- one to forty, a fifth place award will be issued.
- E. Big Fish of each tournament regardless of size (but being a legal catch) shall receive a "Big Bass Pot check" (Big Bass Pot is basically the number of anglers in the tournament times 5 minus \$10 which is for small fish award; whereas \$5 of each entry fee goes towards this big bass pot) award and shall additionally receive an engraved plaque tag to honor the event/award.
- F. Small fish of each tournament regardless of size (but being a legal catch) shall receive a "Small Bass of Tournament" check. This shall be \$10 which is taken from total big pass pot above (section E).

Section 2. Annual Awards

A. Membership Awards

(1) Awards will be presented to the "Top Eight". They are the top eight club members amassing the greatest total points in the calendar year prior to the annual awards banquet with three (3) throw-aways (dropped tournaments). For example in a year in which twelve (12) monthly tournaments are held, the best nine (9) tournaments from each participant would be included in the total points for the year (lowest three tournament points or zero points would be dropped).

- a. The first TOP SIX of those top eight will be eligible to represent the Austin Reel Bass Club at the Texas State B.A.S.S. Federation State Championship. With the first three being Boaters and the last three being Non-Boaters. A tie for a top 6 position will be broken by using the overall weight from the all

tournaments fished during the year. In the case where the weight also results in a tie, a toss of the coin will be used to break the tie.

b. The first TOP 8 will be selected in the same fashion as item 1 directly above for club representation in the TABC Club State Championship.

c. The club will only pay for representation in either BASS Top 6 or TABC Top 8. The club will only pay for 8 positions total. So an individual that qualifies for either must select one of these tournaments for club payment and must pay out of pocket for the other tournament if they want to fish both. If 8 positions have already been paid by the club and a member qualifies for one of these tournaments as an alternative by going down the final year standings they would have to pay their tournament spot (which is normally the team amount divided by the number of teammates on a team).

(2) The status of the top six will be acknowledged by appropriately embroidered patches, trophies, and/or plaques.

(3) The Club Champion (Angler of the Year) award will be presented to the club member amassing the greatest number of points in club tournaments in the calendar year (full 12 tournaments in a year plus bonus points) prior to the Awards Banquet with no throw-aways. In addition, the Angler of the Year shall be awarded the following year's full B.A.S.S Federation, TABC, and club dues paid by the club which is set at \$70.

(4) The "Backseater of the Year" award will be presented to the club member amassing the greatest number of points in club tournaments as a non-rigger in the calendar year prior to the December Awards Banquet with no throw-aways. The club member will not be eligible for the award if he has fished as a "boater" in any club tournament.

(5) The "Big Bass of the Year" award will be presented to the club member catching the largest bass over five pounds during a club tournament in the public waters of the State of Texas in the calendar year prior to the December Awards Banquet..

(6) The "A.R.B.C. Sportsman Award" will be presented at the annual banquet to the club member receiving the most votes cast in a secret ballot at a November meeting. The results of the balloting will be known only to the Board of Directors until the presentation of the award.

Section 3. Misc Tournament Information

- A. Club tournaments shall be voted on a monthly basis with voting happening the 1st Monday meeting of the month prior to the next month tournament. Voting will be for lake, weigh-in location, and tournament times. For voting of Travel Tournaments 3 months advance voting may be required to secure accommodations, etc.

- B. In order to foster fellowship and friendship amongst the club, monthly tournaments in the even months of the year (Feb, April, June,) will be draw tournaments to be administered by the Tournament Director.
- C. Tournament fees will be \$60 a team or \$70 a team for two day tournaments where two big bass prizes are paid out for each day (that includes a boater and non-boater) or \$30 (or \$35 for two day tournaments) a person. The non-boater should pay their own tournament fees (currently \$30 or \$35) and the boater is expected to pay his own share of tournament fees (also \$30 or \$35) and it is customary that non-boaters pay half of the boater's cost per day to the boater for operating expenses (\$30-\$40 is suggested). Certain cases may require pairs to work out other arrangements.
- If a member happens to fish alone (not encouraged) that member shall only be entitled to half of any team winnings. Big Bass pot and Big Bass of Tournament are individual awards and are not affected.
- D. Tournament fees received at each monthly tournament from each members/team will be distributed/collected as follows:
- a. \$5.00 will go to Big Bass Pot (per person) awarded at each tournament.
 - b. \$2.00 will go towards the Annual Awards Banquet Fund (per person).
 - c. \$5.00 will go towards end of year Classic fund.
 - d. \$7 added to tournament payout fund (in addition to the 35% payout.
 - e. 35% of total monthly tournament fees (after a,b,c, and d above are paid out) will be placed into the club treasury.
 - f. 65% of total monthly tournament fees (after a,b,c, and d above are paid out) will be paid out to the tournament TEAM winners (awards awarded to team 1/2 of place winnings to each team member) as follows:
 1. 50% for first place.
 2. 30% for second place.
 3. 20% for third place.

In the case of four paying places (21-30 anglers in a tournament) the same items apply as above except team payout is as follows:

1. 50% for first place.
2. 25% for second place.
3. 15% for third place.
4. 10% for fourth place.

In the case of five paying places (31-40 anglers in a tournament) the same items apply as above except team payout is as follows:

1. 45% for first place.
2. 25% for second place.
3. 15% for third place.
4. 10% for fourth place.
5. 5% for fifth place.

- ** see addendum at bottom for payout full payout schedule disclosure
Teams or individuals can choose to donate their winnings back to club for outreach uses, etc. by simply letting Secretary or Treasurer know.
- E. Big Bass of Tournament will receive a plaque tag with information about the fish, tournament date, weight, etc.
 - F. All tournament sign-ups and fees may be at the tournament weigh-in site the day of the tournament. It is the team's responsibility to find the Treasurer to pay the fees.
 - G. If a member or team cannot sign up for a tournament during regular before tournament sign up time they need to call the Tournament Director or another member of the Board of Directors no later than 9pm the night before the tournament stating their intention of fishing the tournament with entry fee payable at weigh-in. This does not apply to draw tournaments.
 - H. If a member or team signs-up to fish a tournament and an emergency arises prohibiting them from fishing, they shall need to notify the Tournament Director or another member of the Board of Directors by 9pm the night before the tournament and entry fees will be refunded if paid previously.
 - I. A member must attend weigh-in to check in even if no keeper fish are caught to be able to receive participation points for that tournament. If a member does not attend weigh-in for any other reason such as an emergency, the member is asked to contact any tournament participant or Board of Director member as soon as possible as a safety/well being check.
 - J. There will be an End of Year classic (1 day tournament) during the regularly scheduled December tournament. All money accumulated for the Classic tournament fund throughout the year including the December allotment will be paid out 100% of available funds in this Classic fund in respective percentages to teams in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and possibly 4th based on number of anglers (based on item D above). In addition the normally paid out tournament prizes will be paid out to these teams on top of the Classic fund.
Eligibility for the ARBC Classic will require a minimum of 6 tournaments be fished by member (and must be an ARBC member) to be allowed to win Classic Fund tournament money.

Section 4. Tournament Guidelines

See Tournament Handbook for Rules and Guidelines

ARTICLE 7: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Reasons for removal

A member shall be dropped from the club roll for any of the following reasons:

A. Failure to pay dues.

B. Any action that would reflect dishonor and disgrace to the Club.

(1) Should a problem arise involving item "B" above, the board will investigate the problem.

(2) A hearing will be granted upon the request of the individual involved, with continuing membership contingent upon a unanimous approval of the board. Such individual, if removed, will receive a refund of their club annual dues as Texas and National B.A.S.S. dues are already paid to those parties.

C. It will be the purpose of the Club to strive for a full, active membership. Upon a full membership, an inactive member may be removed from the club's roll at any time; membership fees will not be returned.

ARTICLE 8: AFFILIATION

Section 1. Club Affiliation

Requirements for Affiliation with the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society Federation

A. Approval of Chapter Charter by B.A.S.S.;

B. Update B.A.S.S. with a chapter membership roster once each year;

C. Names and addresses of new members joining the chapter during the year must be submitted to B.A.S.S. as they occur;

D. Maintain 100% B.A.S.S. membership

E. Maintain at minimum of six (6) members;

F. Must affiliate with Texas State Federation and support its conservation and youth programs. Any additional requirements that the Texas State Federation establishes for chapters, such as membership, dues, attendance at meetings, etc., would be necessary for the chapter to participate in the State Federation qualifying tournament(s), and any other Federation-sponsored tournaments or events.

Tournament Rulebook

last modified Monday, December 04, 2006

(1) Rules Changes:

The following rules shall remain unchanged throughout the events, but the tournament committee shall have the right to make changes for safety considerations. All decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters.

(2) Participation & Eligibility:

Anyone who is a member in good standing with AUSTIN REEL BASS CLUB. A club member may fish in a tournament with an invited guest or alone providing that no member of the club wishing to fish will be prevented from fishing. This may not apply to draw tournaments.

(3) Alcoholic Beverages:

The consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs, and/or mind-altering substances (except medication prescribed under a doctor's care that will not impair the operation of a boat) is prohibited at all Austin Reel Bass Club functions, and all other functions at which membership is representing Austin Reel Bass Club.

(4) Sportsmanship:

Any contestants who displays poor sportsmanship or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified and shall forfeit points. This will be brought by tournament director to the Board of Directors for action if necessary.

(5) Boat & Motor:

All boats and motors must meet all U.S. coast Guard and State regulations. No motors shall exceed the BIA rating for that boat. All boats must have a working kill switch unless the boat was not originally equipped and an adequate aerated and working live well.

(6) Safety:

A U.S. Coast Guard Approved chest type life preservers must be worn and fully fastened by all boats members at all times that the combustion engine is in operation and the kill switch must be attached to the operator unless the boat was not originally equipped.

(7) Emergency/Leave Early:

If a contestant or team wishes to leave the lake prior to weigh-in, that contestant **MUST** notify the tournament director or a tournament committee member, leave a note at the designated check-in area, or notify another tournament contestant that will be present at the weigh-in. This is a safety requirement we all should adhere to.

(8) Tackle & Equipment:

All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner on artificial lures. No trolling with the combustion engine or snagging of fish are permitted. Trolling motor may be used for boat positioning only. No live or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rind. Only one rod may be used at one time. A cast must be fully retrieved before another rod is picked up. Only rods shorter than 8 feet in length may be used. Nets will be allowed

(9) Protests:

All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director or any tournament committee member within 15 minutes of the final weigh-in.

(10) Teams: (Standard tournaments)

Teams will consist of two members or a member and a guest who pair together under mutual agreement. There is no limit to the number of tournaments a pair can fish together other than draw tournaments. Both members and guest must have signed the waiver of liability to compete. The pairing must contact the tournament director prior to the start of the tournament for the points to count. Members must have dues paid for the year for points to count toward top six. Guest are allowed to fish twice a year without dues, but points don't accrue until dues are paid.

(10.1) Teams: (Draw tournaments)

Non-boaters and boaters will notify the tournament director of their intention of participation previous to 6:45 pm of the meeting prior to the tournament. **There will be few to no exceptions to late requests of participation unless approved by the tournament director and in the interest of helping pair fishermen.** This "few to no exception" rule is simply to ensure all fairness in draw tournaments so that no potential abuse to the draw system occurs. The members name will be placed in the appropriate draw box. During the meeting a boater will be drawn then a non boater will be drawn until the boater box is empty. If there are more boaters than non-boaters the remaining boaters may fish as boater or chose to be non-boater. An effort to have enough boaters will be made if non boaters out number boaters, so contact the director as early as

possible. Both participants must have a written waiver of liability signed. Members must have paid dues to have points count for top six.

(10.2) Special Situations:

Fellowship is the overriding rule of the Austin Reel Bass Club. Special circumstances may arise which require three to a boat or a member to fish alone. These will be allowed only with tournament director approval prior to the beginning of the tournament and with no protests filed. It is incumbent on each member to notify the tournament director if they cannot fish a tournament after having been selected ; If the member is a boater it is also their responsibility (with assistance of the tournament director) to find their partnered non-boater a ride. The tournament director will assist in the goal of everyone being able to fish who desires to fish.

(11) Lake Selection:

Lake selection shall be voted on a monthly basis in the month prior to that tournament. It should be the 1st Monday monthly meeting in the month prior to a tournament and should include Lake, weigh-in location, and tournament time. For example, in March we will vote as a club the April tournament. Time of tournament, time and place of weigh-in will be decided at the monthly meeting with the Tournament Director presiding over this portion of the meeting. Special circumstances may arise where it is necessary for the Tournament Director to change any of the above.

(12) Officials:

All contestants are required to cooperate with all requests from all tournament committee members on and off the water.

(13) Official Check-in:

Contestants may launch from anywhere on tournament waters, and trailer or come by water to the designated weigh-in.

(14) Rules Infractions:

Tournament Director shall have the sole responsibility for disqualifications and forfeiture of points for tournament infractions.

(15) Tournament Guidelines:

A. All tournaments of Austin Reel Bass Club shall be catch-and release format. Austin Reel Bass Club declares itself a catch-and- release club for all purposes. Dead fish is defined as not likely to live and is up to the tournament director's discretion.

B. Tournament fees shall be paid at or prior to weigh-in.

C. Tournaments are to be on the first Saturday of the month excluding any traveling tournaments. The tournament schedule approved for the year shall not be changed during the year, except at the Tournament Director's discretion for safety.

D. State, Federal and local game laws will be obeyed at all times.

E. Lake rules pertaining to restricted areas as marked will always be observed.

F. Only largemouth, Kentucky spotted, Guadalupe, or smallmouth bass may be weighed.

G. A Club Limit is considered to be five fish bass family per person per weigh-in. Teams may not pool their catches. The Club Limit can be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

H. Each participant shall keep his fish separate to facilitate individual point scoring but cash awards shall be awarded by team total.

I. When a bass is caught it is to be measured immediately using the current measuring method prescribed by law (The Pro Rule Stick will be the official tournament measuring board). Once its length has been determined:

(1) All fish must measure 14 inches or longer or 12 inches for Guadalupe/Spotted Bass species. The tournament director shall arbitrate any questions as to fish species . Such a fish will be referred to as a "Keeper" fish. All other fish are to be immediately returned to the lake.

(2) On some area lakes where there are slot limits, a paper tournament which utilizes TPWD weight estimates based on length of fish shall be conducted. In this case a minimum of a 12 inch fish can be weighed on paper tournament. Only largest five fish weights can be entered for tournament. For Big Bass Pot or Big Bass of the Year consideration the fish must be larger than 5 pounds (physical weight; not paper weight value) and must be a legal "over the slot" fish to bring to weigh in and then it must be released. For Big Bass of Tournament paper weight alone is okay.

(3) Culling is permitted. Should a member already have in his possession a legal limit of Keeper fish and then catch another fish of keeper size which is larger than

the smallest fish in his live-well, he can return the smaller fish to the lake and put the larger fish in his live-well. In accordance with newer and fish friendly tournament rules no dead fish can be culled. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of that tournament.

J. At weigh-in time the member will present all Keeper fish in his possession and his Austin Reel Bass Club tournament slip to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will weigh the fish presented to him and assistant or Secretary will record the number and weight of those fish. The tournament slip will be signed and given to the member for any disputes if necessary.

K. For future use

L. If a team has keeper fish to weigh, one member of each team must be present at the weigh-in to qualify their team's catch. If a team has only paper fish to weigh and must leave a tournament early it is their responsibility to get their tournament results slip to the Tournament Director.

O. The non-boater should pay their own tournament fees (currently \$30) and the boater is expected to pay his own share of tournament fees (also \$30) and it is customary that non-boaters pay half of the boater's cost per day to the boater for operating expenses (\$30-\$40 is suggested). Certain cases may require pairs to work out other arrangements.

P. The Tournament Director is the final arbiter of disputes at tournaments.

Q. Traveling tournaments can be voted on to lakes inside Texas and should not exceed three per year. In addition they must be voted in on odd months (non – draw tournament months). This can be changed if traveling tournaments are voted on and a draw tournament is agreed upon for that traveling tournament.

(15) Scoring:

A. Each pound of bass caught during a regular club tournament will be recorded and maintained in a separate standing chart and shall be used as a tie breaker in the event of a tie for any of the top six places.

B. Points will be awarded according to place finished in a regular club tournament.

The point system for place finished will be as follows:

1st Heavy Stringer 100 pts

2nd " " 99 pts

3rd " " 98 pts

4th " " 97 pts
5th " " 96 pts
6th " " 95 pts ...

and so on until the final place is awarded.

C. If an angler does not catch a fish he will receive 15 points less than the lowest finishing stringer.

D. No points are awarded for not fishing a tournament.

E. 1 point is awarded for each regular club meeting attended and 3 points are awarded for special events such as club volunteer events.

F. Though points are tallied and maintained as the year progresses, for final year-end standings, each participant is allowed three (3) throw aways/drops whether they fish that tournament or not.

(16) Penalties:

A. Dead Fish: 0.25lb penalty for each dead fish weighed in.

B. Illegal Fish: Bass presented at weigh-in , which is an illegal fish by the State of Texas laws for the tournament waters, shall be penalized 1 pound per illegal fish and those illegal fish shall not be weighed in with the remaining legal fish weighed in minus the 1 pound deduction per illegal fish. (Courtesy check is allowed if requested to tournament director and a second courtesy check board and must be requested before fish are presented for weigh-in).

C. Tardiness: A penalty of 1 pound per minute will accrue up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes (20 minute after called time) no weight will be allowed, contestant will receive his "no fish points". You must be in eyesight of the tournament director at the boat launch or wherever the weigh-in is.

(17) Off Limits: You are limited to one pre-fish day beginning the Monday prior to the tournament and must end 8 hours before the start time of the tournament. The **ONLY** exception to this rule is on a designated traveling tournament. On traveling tournaments you have a limit of two pre-fish days beginning the Monday prior to the tournament and must end 8 hours before the start time of the tournament.

Addendum 1: Tournament payout worksheet

Num Anglers	Big Bass	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	5th place	Toum payout	Banquet Fund	Classic Fund	To Club
8	40	28.30	16.98	11.32	0.00	0.00	113.20	16.00	40.00	30.8
9	45	31.84	19.10	12.74	0.00	0.00	127.35	18.00	45.00	34.65
10	50	35.38	21.23	14.15	0.00	0.00	141.50	20.00	50.00	38.5
11	55	38.91	23.35	15.57	0.00	0.00	155.65	22.00	55.00	42.35
12	60	42.45	25.47	16.98	0.00	0.00	169.80	24.00	60.00	46.2
13	65	45.99	27.59	18.40	0.00	0.00	183.95	26.00	65.00	50.05
14	70	49.53	29.72	19.81	0.00	0.00	198.10	28.00	70.00	53.9
15	75	53.06	31.84	21.23	0.00	0.00	212.25	30.00	75.00	57.75
16	80	56.60	33.96	22.64	0.00	0.00	226.40	32.00	80.00	61.6
17	85	60.14	36.08	24.06	0.00	0.00	240.55	34.00	85.00	65.45
18	90	63.68	38.21	25.47	0.00	0.00	254.70	36.00	90.00	69.3
19	95	67.21	40.33	26.89	0.00	0.00	268.85	38.00	95.00	73.15
20	100	70.75	42.45	28.30	0.00	0.00	283.00	40.00	100.00	77
21	105	74.29	37.14	22.29	14.86	0.00	297.15	42.00	105.00	80.85
22	110	77.83	38.91	23.35	15.57	0.00	311.30	44.00	110.00	84.7
23	115	81.36	40.68	24.41	16.27	0.00	325.45	46.00	115.00	88.55
24	120	84.90	42.45	25.47	16.98	0.00	339.60	48.00	120.00	92.4
25	125	88.44	44.22	26.53	17.69	0.00	353.75	50.00	125.00	96.25
26	130	91.98	45.99	27.59	18.40	0.00	367.90	52.00	130.00	100.1
27	135	95.51	47.76	28.65	19.10	0.00	382.05	54.00	135.00	103.95
28	140	99.05	49.53	29.72	19.81	0.00	396.20	56.00	140.00	107.8
29	145	102.59	51.29	30.78	20.52	0.00	410.35	58.00	145.00	111.65
30	150	106.13	53.06	31.84	21.23	0.00	424.50	60.00	150.00	115.5
31	155	98.70	54.83	32.90	21.93	10.97	438.65	62.00	155.00	119.35
32	160	101.88	56.60	33.96	22.64	11.32	452.80	64.00	160.00	123.2
33	165	105.06	58.37	35.02	23.35	11.67	466.95	66.00	165.00	127.05
34	170	108.25	60.14	36.08	24.06	12.03	481.10	68.00	170.00	130.9
35	175	111.43	61.91	37.14	24.76	12.38	495.25	70.00	175.00	134.75
36	180	114.62	63.68	38.21	25.47	12.74	509.40	72.00	180.00	138.6
37	185	117.80	65.44	39.27	26.18	13.09	523.55	74.00	185.00	142.45
38	190	120.98	67.21	40.33	26.89	13.44	537.70	76.00	190.00	146.3
39	195	124.17	68.98	41.39	27.59	13.80	551.85	78.00	195.00	150.15
40	200	127.35	70.75	42.45	28.30	14.15	566.00	80.00	200.00	154
41	205	130.53	72.52	43.51	29.01	14.50	580.15	82.00	205.00	157.85
42	210	133.72	74.29	44.57	29.72	14.86	594.30	84.00	210.00	161.7
43	215	136.90	76.06	45.63	30.42	15.21	608.45	86.00	215.00	165.55
44	220	140.09	77.83	46.70	31.13	15.57	622.60	88.00	220.00	169.4
45	225	143.27	79.59	47.76	31.84	15.92	636.75	90.00	225.00	173.25
46	230	146.45	81.36	48.82	32.55	16.27	650.90	92.00	230.00	177.1
47	235	149.64	83.13	49.88	33.25	16.63	665.05	94.00	235.00	180.95
48	240	152.82	84.90	50.94	33.96	16.98	679.20	96.00	240.00	184.8
49	245	156.00	86.67	52.00	34.67	17.33	693.35	98.00	245.00	188.65
50	250	159.19	88.44	53.06	35.38	17.69	707.50	100.00	250.00	192.5

Tournament payout payout explanation - \$30 -> fee per angler take out \$19 off the top -> \$5 Bbass, \$5 classic, \$2 Banquet, \$5 for tournament payout, and \$2 old Bbass pot in tournament payout (we take these off the top so they will not be subject to the 65% number. Then all that is multiplied by 65% then the \$5 and old \$2 bbass payout are added back in so the 65% would not be taken out of these.