



SwRI Bass Busters

Club Tournament Rules

Effective January 1, 2010

1. Tournaments shall be set at the discretion of the tournament committee. Additional tournament may be added by membership vote. A separate youth tournament for ages 15 and under will be held in conjunction with the regular tournament.
2. Entry fee shall be \$25.00, (tournament funding of \$12.00, big bass funding of \$3.00, Top 10 at the end of year \$5.00, and \$5.00 to club treasury). No entry fee will be charged for participants in the youth tournament. (Side Pot of \$5.00 Optional) (Junior may enter side pot).
3. A dependent enrolled in school/college up to age 21 may fish with a club member and be allowed to participate in "side pot" (only) for that given tournament. This dependent/participant will be exempt from the entry fee and will not be eligible for the tournament winnings. If said dependent/participant would like to participate in the scheduled tournament/tournament winnings, then the tournament entry fees shall be paid making them eligible for the tournament winnings. This must be declared prior to tournament participation. If not declared it's \$5.00 only Side Pot.
4. All participants shall pay the required entry fee by first day's with-in. Pay out is the last day of the tournament unless the treasurer is absent, and then it will be as soon as possible by check.
5. Tournament duration on two-day tournaments shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sundays. On one-day tournaments the duration shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Discretion of the Tournament Committee shall apply during the City Tournament. The tournament cut-off time is to be "inclusive", meaning; when the GPS clock strikes 4:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m., the contestant must have ceased fishing and be within the buoy at the weigh-in site.
6. Contestants can fish from the bank.
7. All standard regulations regarding safety, state and federal conservation laws, and local lake laws shall be observed.
8. Weigh fish shall be black (largemouth), smallmouth, Kentucky, spotted peacock, or redeye bass.
9. Bag limit shall not exceed local, state, or federal lake laws. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of weight for that day of the tournament.
10. Only artificial lures may be used.
11. Trolling is allowed.
12. All fish shall be caught with a rod and reel.
13. Minimum length and bag limit of fish in possession shall be in accordance with local, state, and federal lake laws. Length shall be determined in accordance with local, state, and federal lake laws.

14. Any contestant attempting to weigh an illegal fish shall lose that days weight.
15. No iced, frozen, or pail-gilled fish shall be weighed, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
16. Winning contestant shall be present at time of final weigh-in. Tournament Committee discretion may be applied, pending the circumstances.
17. All persons over 16 years of age will be contestants. Maximum of three (3) tournaments per guest.
18. Any and all protests shall be presented to the tournament director or his appointed representative within fifteen (15) minutes after final weigh-in.
19. All decisions by the Tournament Committee, three (3)-member minimum, shall be final.
20. Tournament location and/or date may be postponed, canceled, or relocated only by the tournament committee, with a TWO week (unless act of God) notification of the club membership.
21. Any contestant violating these rules (with the exception of Rule No. 13) shall be disqualified from that day's fishing.
22. MONTHLY TOURNAMENT AWARDS FOR REGULAR TOURNAMENTS:

Number of Participants							
10 or less		11-20		21-40		41 or more	
1 st	60%	1 st	50%	1 st	40%	1 st	30%
2 nd	40%	2 nd	30%	2 nd	30%	2 nd	25%
		3 rd	20%	3 rd	20%	3 rd	20%
				4 th	10%	4 th	15%
						5 th	10%

Big bass may be weighed with stringer.

Plaque or trophy will be awarded for the Youth Tournament heavy stringer (bass only).

END OF YEAR AWARDS:

Top Ten The Top Ten for the year will split the \$5.00 Side Pot equally each.

Club Champion Revolving Plaque (name added to Revolving Plaque)

Sportsman of the Year (selected by secret ballot of members attending the November meeting) \$25.00

23. Common courtesy: No fishing within 100 feet of tournament participants boat, unless by invitation.
24. All boats subject to inspection by a member of the Tournament Committee prior to the start of tournament fishing.
25. The club will pay \$175.00 to the member who catches the largest back bass for the year, and \$175.00 to the member who catches the largest smallmouth bass for the year over 4 pounds, if they are caught during a club sponsored tournament.
26. Live release of fish is encouraged, but not mandatory.