



# ***Michigan Bass Anglers***

## **Tournament Guidelines and General Operations**

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2017 Season

### **Tournaments**

#### **I. INTERPRETATION**

- A. Interpretation of these guidelines shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Committee. Penalties up to disqualification may be assessed for infractions or justified protests. All rules have "loopholes". It is the intention of the Tournament Committee, in the best interest of good sportsmanship, to let the "spirit of the guidelines" prevail in all judgment cases.

#### **II. GENERAL**

- A. Club tournaments are limited to members in good standing and approved guests only.
- B. All members are responsible for knowing the Tournament Guidelines and conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike and ethical manner in all aspects of Club functions.
- C. The same Tournament Guidelines will be used for all Senior and Junior Club tournaments with a few exceptions as noted.

#### **III. SPORTSMANSHIP AND SAFETY**

- A. Participants understand that conduct displayed during a tournament is a reflection of the Club as a whole. Good sportsmanship and safety at all times are essential for quality tournaments. For this reason, anyone not observing the following Guidelines are subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
  - 1. No Alcoholic beverages will be allowed at the tournament site during the tournament
  - 2. No littering.
  - 3. Speed to pass a still or obviously fishing boat is NO WAKE at a distance of not less than 150 feet. If the still or obviously fishing boat is blocking a defined navigable channel, less distance is allowable. NO WAKE speed is mandatory. The first contestant in a confined area has the right of way. Other contestants must honor this right of way when possible. Contestants must not, at anytime, fish within 100 feet of another contestant's anchored boat.
  - 4. Contestants will honor and observe all State and Federal boating and safety regulations at all times. The Tournament Committee will check all boats for the proper equipment. No boats will be allowed to compete if found to be lacking mandatory equipment.
  - 5. A USGA approved life jacket must be worn while the gasoline-powered engine is running. You will be allowed to use any Coast Guard Approved PFD including SOSPENDERS Automatic type floatation jackets as set forth by the USCG guidelines. Each contestant is responsible for bringing his or her own life vest unless other arrangements have been made.
    - a. Each Junior Contestant is required to wear a life jacket whenever on the water or in close proximity to the water. The life jacket must be fastened at all times.
    - b. All Junior Contestants will remain seated anytime the combustion engine is running.
    - c. Junior Contestants will not be allowed to drive the boats using the combustion engine at any time. They are allowed to run the Electric Trolling Motor.
  - 6. Contestants will share tournament expenses for the out of town events. This includes gas used by the tow vehicle and boat, motel, launching fees, excreta. Contestants fishing, as

a Co-angler on local lakes are required to pay a minimum riders fee as described later in the guidelines. Consideration for fuel costs (both tow vehicle and boat) should be given to ensure the boater is compensated properly.

7. Consideration to both contestants fishing methods and choice of location MUST be given, equal time for each contestant.
8. Communications devices shall not be used during the tournament to acquire fishing reports or information for the tournament being currently fished.

#### **IV. BOAT, EQUIPMENT AND TACKLE**

- V. Minimum Boat Sizes
  1. Boats used for tournaments. All Boats must be a minimum of 17 feet in length and have two fishing platforms or decks, and must be powered by an engine of at least 40 H.P. Boats may not be powered by an engine exceeding BIA or COAST GUARD ratings. Some restrictions may be in place that will not allow the boater to use a 17 foot boat during State or National events.
- VI. All boats must be equipped with a functional aerated live well system large enough to hold two limits of bass.
- VII. Landing nets are allowed.
- VIII. Only artificial baits are allowed.
- IX. Each contestant may only fish with one rod at any given time. Fly rods are not allowed.
- X. All boats must be powered by an electric trolling motor.
- XI. All boats entered in tournaments must be covered by liability and property damage insurance.
  1. NOTE: A CURRENT PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE PRESENTED FOR ALL BOATS USED IN CLUB TOURNAMENTS PRIOR TO THE FIRST TOURNAMENT.
- XII. All boats must be deemed safe and in good repair

#### **V. PROCEDURES**

- A. Contestants must check in with someone on the Tournament Committee at the tournament site no later than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- B. Boats will be inspected for proper equipment and a live well check done prior to fishing. All live wells must be empty of all water at this time. Live wells shall be dry prior to any tournament blast off.
- C. Weigh in will be the order-determined blast off.
- D. Only the Tournament Committee and the contestant weighing the fish will be allowed in the weigh in area.
- E. Tournament winners will be announced at the weigh in site, but will not be official until the next general meeting.
- F. Invited guests are not eligible to win trophies or accrue points and they must follow the tournament guidelines.
- G. If conditions warrant, the Tournament Director may delay the start of the tournament or modify the blast off to ensure everyone's safety.
- H. If circumstances arise that affect the fish-ability, site, or safety of the members, the Tournament Director has the authority to change the lake, close certain waters, or reschedule the tournament. The contestants, with a majority vote, will choose the new location of a lake deemed more fishable. The Tournament Director will facilitate the voting process.
- I. Off limits may be established by the Tournament Director near the weigh in site on the second day of a two-day tournament.
- J. The gasoline motor Kill switch must be in working order and attached to boat driver when operating gas motor.
- K. No leaving a boat for purpose of catching or retrieving fish.
- L. No contestant may be in possession of more than the legal limit of fish at any time.
- M. All fish in the live well at official check in time must be brought to the scale; any culling of fish after the official check in time will result in disqualification.
- N. Medical emergencies and a death in the family are the only two reasons that money will be refunded for a tournament that was already paid for, after the tournament payment deadline. \*\*All refunds will be distributed at the discretion of the Tournament Director\*\*

#### **VI. MEASURING AND SCORING**

- A. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Kentucky Spotted Bass will be scored.
- B. Bass measuring 14 inches from the tip of the closed mouth to the tip of the tail may be weighed. If state regulations dictate otherwise, the state regulations will be upheld. Any short fish will be penalized by deducting One pound from the team's weight as well as releasing the short fish.
- C. The Club will maintain one official measuring device. Short fish will be penalized the short fish and the biggest fish. In the absence of a second fish, a two-pound penalty will be assessed on the participant's yearly standing.
- D. Each dead fish will be penalized 8 ounces. A fish brought to the scales "belly up" will be considered "dead".
- E. Weights for all fish will be the weight after the penalty has been assessed (i.e. a 4 pound 12 ounce big fish would be a 4 pound 4 ounce fish if it is dead at weigh in).
- F. Big fish followed by most fish will break ties. Further ties will split the prize money for the two positions in question and a trophy will be awarded to each individual as if they fished in the higher of the two positions.
- G. Participant's late for weigh in will be penalized one pound per minute and be disqualified after 10 minutes. Late arrival penalties will not be carried over to future tournaments.
- H. The accumulated points will determine contestant's places in the final standings during the regular club tournament season.
- I. In the event of a tie in the final regular season point's standings, ties will be broken by the total weight of all fish caught during the regular season.

## **VII. VIOLATIONS**

- A. Verbal protests must be made to the Tournament Director prior to the announcement of the tournament winners. Protests will not be accepted after winners are announced.
- B. Prior to the announcement of winners, the Tournament Committee will investigate and question all parties involved if possible.
- C. Formal written protests must be presented to the Tournament Committee within five days of the incident.
- D. The Tournament Committee must acknowledge the protest prior to the announcement of the winners. The announcement of the final decision on the protest may be delayed until the following meeting if necessary.
- E. A valid protest will subject the contestant to a penalty to be determined by the Tournament Committee. This penalty may include disqualification.

## **XIII. PENALTIES**

- A. Violation of any of the Tournament Guidelines may result in disqualification of both anglers in the boat at the time of the infraction. The Tournament Committee will determine this.

## **IX. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:**

- A. The Tournament Committee consists of:
  - 1. The Tournament Director is chosen by a majority vote of the Club. The Tournament Director is charged with choosing a committee of club members to assist at weigh-ins. The Tournament Director is to be appointed prior to the December meeting, for a one-year term.
  - 2. The Weigh Master is responsible for organizing the weigh-in site including setting up the scale and seeing that all fish are measured and weighed at the tournaments.
  - 3. The Records Keeper is charged with recording the weigh in results as needed.
  - 4. The Photographer is charged with making a photographic record at the tournament weigh-ins.
- B. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the following duties:
  - 1. Facilitating the regular season tournaments
  - 2. Tracking the weights and scores for each tournament and presenting that list to the membership for final approval.

3. Assisting the Tournament Director with all duties at the Weigh-in site after each tournament
4. Organizing and facilitating each tournament at the site including vehicle traffic control and boat launching.
5. Making general lodging arrangements when fishing out of town tournaments requiring overnight lodging.
6. Arranging launch sites and obtaining all necessary permits.

**X. PARTNER SELECTION AND OTHER TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. The Tournament Director has the authority to change any partners prior to the start of the tournament.
- B. Contestants may only fish with the same partner one time during the year by draw.
  1. Exceptions are as follows
    - a. Out of town tournaments where the members are allowed to fish both days together.
    - b. You may fish with someone a second time if you are paired during a "Partner Draw" tournament, even if you had previously fished with or chosen that partner for a "Partner Choice" tournament.
    - c. Members are only allowed to fish one time as a team each regular tournament season.
- C. Types of Tournaments. Before the season starts, the club will decide on how partners will be selected during the season. Two methods can be used.
  1. Random Partner Random Draw Tournaments for a regular tournament season will be accomplished as follows
    - a. All entered Boaters shall be placed in a drawing pool
    - b. All entered Co-anglers shall be placed in a second drawing pool
    - c. One name from the "Boater" pool shall be drawn followed by a drawing of a "Co-angler", these two shall be paired up for the tournament.
    - d. The order drawn will be used to determine the sequential boat launch, blast off and weigh in order after the tournament.
    - e. All selections shall be made at the meeting just prior to the tournament.
  2. Partner Choice Tournaments for a regular season tournament will be done as follows
    - a. Anglers will be allowed to choose their partner for designated tournaments
    - b. Boater status should be considered when partners are chosen.
    - c. If there are any Non-boaters not partnered with a boater, a team of two boaters fishing together should be split up to accommodate any Non-boater. If the anglers cannot work out their pairing, partners will be re-done by draw from all boaters fishing together.
    - d. Blast off order will be determined by a draw.
  3. Club "Classic" Tournament
    - a. The Top Ten Mr. Bass anglers can compete for the Club Classic title.
    - b. The anglers status as a Boater or Non-boater shall not be a factor in fishing the Classic
    - c. When a Non-boater fishes the Club Classic, it shall be their responsibility to arrange a boat to fish on. Any boat used that is a non-club member boat, shall be required meet the same requirements and to provide the same proof of insurance as required by club members.
    - d. Members may fish with other Club Classic competitors.
    - e. Club members shall be given the first opportunity to fish the classic as partners. If not enough club members choose to fish the Club Classic, then non club members may fish with Club Classic competitors.
- D. Michigan Bass Invitational Angler Selection
  1. When this club participates in the Michigan Bass Invitational, the following criteria shall be used to determine the Anglers allowed to fish the Tournament
  2. The Team shall consist of 8 club Anglers, 4 Boaters, 4 Co-anglers
  3. The Angler who was the top placed angler from the previous season, shall have first choice to be on the team as well as first choice to be either a Boater or Co-Angler

4. Each of the remaining 7 positions will be filled by anglers in descending order down the list until all 8 positions are filled.
5. It is understood that deadlines to fill positions need to be considered.
6. Any angler acting in a way deemed un-sportsmanlike or without the best interests of the club will be ineligible to fish in the MBI tournament for a period of 2 years.
7. In the event that the club is eligible to host the MBI, the Tournament Director and the Club President will take volunteers to facilitate the event. Volunteers will be from the pool of club members ineligible to fish the event and from the Junior club. If the Tournament Director is eligible to fish the event, he/she may select an "Interim" director to facilitate the event day.

E. Michigan BASS Nation Tournament qualifications

1. Anglers who are considered "in good standing" as set forth in the Club Bylaws, are eligible to fish either the MBN State Championship or the MBN Classic Series.
2. The club realizes that occasionally an angler may not be able to commit to a specific date due to a scheduling conflict for one reason or the other. Anglers will not be denied the opportunity to fish a tournament as long as they notify the Tournament Director that they have a pending conflict. The angler will be omitted from the partner selection process at the time of the Pick or Draw. The angler may fish with a guest as long as the guest is approved by the Tournament Director.
3. Anglers will be allowed to drop out of a tournament if they notify the Tournament Director at least one week in advance of the tournament. If the Angler does not notify the TD 7 days prior to the tournament date, the angler who drops out is obligated for half of the travel cost, half of any fuel cost for the boat and boaters vehicle, and any other cost incurred by the anglers partner. If the Angler drops without the 7 day notice, the angler will be penalized 100 points from his Angler of the Year Points as well as their Mr. Bass Points. If an angler's partner drops out of a tournament, every attempt will be made to find the angler another partner.

**XI. BOAT LAUNCH GUIDELINES:**

- A. All boaters shall be prepared to launch 45 minutes\* prior to scheduled blast off time.
- B. Boaters arriving after the designated prep time shall be moved to the back of the list for launch.
- C. Boats will be inspected by a representative of the Tournament Committee prior to launch.
- D. Each boat shall be flagged when prepared for launch.
- E. Boats not ready for launch shall be moved to the bottom of the launch position list.
- F. Boaters are expected to be courteous and considerate at all times.

**XII. PRE-LAUNCH INSPECTION:**

- A. Prior to each tournament, all boaters are expected to prepare their respective boats for launch. The tournament committee will inspect each boat to insure they are prepared for launch, the inspection shall include:
  1. The drain plug is in place
  2. The live wells are empty and operational
  3. All lights are operational
  4. There are Life jackets for each angler
  5. That all boat tie downs released

**XIII. BLAST OFF GUIDELINES:**

- A. The blast off will not be delayed because boaters were sent to the back of the line. If everyone else is ready to blast off, the blast off will commence as scheduled, with the remaining late boaters going in their respective order after the rest of the boats have blasted off.
- B. If the number of boats requires additional launch time, it will be announced at the time the numbers are drawn.

- C. If inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances cause a delay of blast off time, all other guidelines will still apply.
- D. A "Blast Off Boat" will be assigned as follows:
  - 1. With one day tournaments, the last boat designated for blast off will be assigned as the "Blast Off Boat"
  - 2. With two day tournaments, the Blast Off Boat for the first day will be the last boat designated for blast off will be assigned as the "Blast Off Boat". For the second day, the Blast off order will be reversed, with the number one boat being designated as the "Blast Off Boat".
  - 3. The Blast off Boat will insure all boats are in position for blast off. When everyone is in position, the Blast Off Boat will call out the Blast Off positions and confirm each boater acknowledges their release for blast off. As each boat blasts off and clears the immediate area (at least 100 yards), the next blast off number should be announced, etc. until all boats are released.
- E. A "Shot Gun" Blast off will be permitted if all participants agree to one.

#### **XIV. WEIGH IN GUIDELINES:**

- A. Participants will be expected to be prepared to weigh in, in the same sequential order as they were launched.
- B. Weigh in shall commence no more than 15 minutes after the official end of the tournament.
- C. If a participant is not prepared to weigh in when their number is announced, they will be penalized 8 Ounces and they will be moved to the back of the line for weigh in.
- D. Participants will be expected to release their fish in a manner that would facilitate survival of their fish.
- E. The club will determine the number of fish considered a "Limit" for the season. The Tournament Director may make exceptions if warranted.
- F. All Boats must be out of the water prior to start of weigh in
- G. If you didn't catch fish you are responsible for letting record keeper of the weigh in know this.

\*Note: additional time may be required if a significant number of boats participate in the tournament.

#### **XV. CLUB STANDINGS:**

- A. At the beginning of each season everyone shall be zeroed out
  - 1. All Points will be reset at the end of each year
  - 2. Points will only be awarded to Members in good standing.
- B. **Drop Tournament Guidelines**
  - 1. Each season, anglers will be required to "Drop" Two tournament day scores, all associated weights and fish counts for those tournament days.
  - 2. The tournament dropped will be entirely the individual angler's choice.
  - 3. The choice can be made at any time during the season.
  - 4. Once dropped, the scores cannot be reinstated.
  - 5. The Drops can occur at anytime during the season, up to an including right after the last tournament
- C. **Points Awarded**
  - 1) Tournament Points
    - a. Regular season tournament points awarded shall include the following. Points shall be awarded to teams and individuals if they take the place or tie for the place.
    - b. Tournament Place Points awarded towards Angler of the Year and Sportsman of the Year

- c. Tournament Participation Points. 25 points will be given to everyone who actually fishes, for each tournament day, in addition to any place points the contestant receives.
- d. Big Bass Points. The Angler who caught the largest weight Bass at each tournament will be awarded additional points for that tournament.
- e. Big fish points will be determined for each tournament based on the total number of boats that fished the specific tournament. One point per boat will be given to the anglers who caught the biggest fish for the day.

Place	One Day	Two Day Cumulative
1 <sup>st</sup>	100	200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	95	190
3 <sup>rd</sup>	93	186
4 <sup>th</sup>	91	182
5 <sup>th</sup>	89	178
6 <sup>th</sup>	87	174
7 <sup>th</sup>	85	170
8 <sup>th</sup>	83	166
9 <sup>th</sup>	81	162
10 <sup>th</sup>	80	158

Subsequent places will decrease by 2 or 4 points respectively

- 1) **Event Participation Points**, Points shall be awarded to members for all events that are offered or open to ALL members. Points will be awarded to members as follows:
  - a. Meetings: 10 points plus one point for each hour in attendance. Some exceptions can be made, for example when an event is deemed "not required" by the club (i.e. a field trip that is not a normal meeting).
  - b. Special Events: 10 Points plus 1 point for each hour in attendance. If the club agrees, points may be awarded for other special events. The amount of points may also be set by a majority vote of the members.
  - c. Public Service events and BASS Nation events. 10 Points shall be awarded for attending in plus 1 point for each hour of attendance.
- 2) **Youth Tournaments**, adult points. Adult members attending Youth Tournaments shall receive 10 points, plus 1 point for each hour in attendance

**D. Mr. Bass Award**

- 1. Based on accumulated anglers weights for the entire season,
- 2. Final Mr. Bass would be minus the two lowest "dropped" tournaments for the adults
- 3. One award for the Adults. Two awards will be given for the youth division, one for each age group
- 4. No weights will be dropped on the youth side (due to the lower number of tournaments)
- 5. The anglers largest fish caught during the regular season shall break ties.

**E. Sportsman of the Year Awards** shall include the following

- 1. 25 points per tournament day for showing up and fishing
- 2. PLACE points per day per angler
  - a. 1st 100
  - b. 2nd 95
  - c. 3rd 93
  - d. 4th 91
  - e. 5th 89
  - f. 6th 87
  - g. 7th 85
  - h. 8th 83
  - i. 9th 81
  - j. 10th 79

3. Teams/Anglers who do not catch fish will be awarded 10 points less than the last place team who caught fish as their "Place Points"
4. Plus 1 point per boat competing to each angler
5. Plus 1 point per boat competing to the individual who catches the biggest bass for the day
6. All anglers must drop their two lowest tournament days points and weights for their final SOY, Mr. Bass and Sportsman of the Year standings

**F. Sportsman of the Year Points System**

1. Final SOY points plus
  - a. A boater of the year and a Co-Anglers of the Year award will be given out.
  - b. Anglers will be required to choose which award they will be working towards before the season starts each year. Members may not change once chosen during the year.
2. Participation points based on
  - a. Attendance at other non-tournament club events
    1. 10 points for attending
    2. Plus 1 point per hour in attendance
    3. This would include fund raising events
    4. Only events that are available to all members of the division (ie: adult division and or youth division)

**G. Club Classic Tournament Winner** shall be based on the accumulative total weight of qualifying Bass caught on the day of the Classic.

1. Ties shall be broken based on the largest (weight) Bass caught by the anglers who tied.
2. The Classic winner shall be awarded a (to be determined emblem) that can be sewn onto their Jacket or Shirt as well as a trophy.

**H. Single Angler Handicap Rule**

1. Adult side "handicap" may be used by a single angler when they are forced to fish alone. The angler must decide before the tournament begins whether they want to "go it alone" or have the handicap added at the end of the day. If the angler chooses to use the handicap, the handicap added will be the average weight of two of the fish caught, the angler would have a 3 fish limit (plus the 2 handicap fish) which would total the normal 5 fish limit. The angler must catch at least one fish to qualify for the handicap.
2. JBM side handicap may be used by a team when fishing with just an adult and a JBM angler. If the team is down to one JBM, the boater will be allowed to catch and cull up 2 fish rather than one, and the JBM can cull one of those if theirs is bigger. If 3 JBM's in boat they can cull the boater's fish if theirs are bigger than the boater's fish.

**XVI. GUEST PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENTS**

- A. Guests are allowed to fish Club Tournaments as long as it does not prevent a club member from fishing. If the guest is approved and determined at the time partners are chosen, the guest is considered a members partner.
- B. When a guest fishes the following guidelines are set forth:
  1. Guests may choose whether to participate in the financial part of the tournament if there is one. The guest may fish without paying, but in doing so, is ineligible to win money for the tournament.
  2. Guests choosing to participate in the financial portion of the tournament shall be required to pay the same tournament fees as a member.
  3. The guest is not eligible to win the "Master Angler Award" at any time.
  4. When a guest fishes, the club member shall have points and weights awarded just as if their partner was a club member.
  5. Guests shall not be awarded trophies.
  6. When a guest is fishing with a club member, the total weight of both participants shall be used to determine their place in the standings for the day.
  7. Guests are allowed to participate only after all efforts to pair club anglers up at the pairings were exhausted. At no time will a club angler be excluded during the

pairings, from fishing to allow a Guest to fish a tournament. A Guest may be used if a club angler is unable to commit to a tournament at the time the pairings are done.

## XVII. TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

- A. This club holds various types of tournaments. The Tournament Director and Committee in conjunction with input from the Club Members determine exactly what type of Tournament they want to hold.
- B. Tournament types include:
  1. Golden Rule Tournaments
    - a. The following provisional guidelines will apply to all participants specifically for the Golden Rule Tournaments. All other club tournament guidelines shall apply to this event with the exception of the following special guidelines set by the Tournament Committee.
    - b. PAIRING Golden Rule Tournaments will be partner draw events.
    - c. MEASURING DEVICE: Each boat must have a device capable of determining the length in quarter inch increments. All devices will be checked by the tournament committee, against the committee's official device prior to fishing. Any discrepancies on any device will be noted by the committee and said discrepancy factored in for final totals by the tournament committee during the official scoring.
    - d. MEASURING PROCEDURE: The Anglers partner will be responsible for measuring their partner's fish and will have official say as to its length. Anglers are not permitted to assist their partners in double checking the length of the fish. Anglers are not permitted to be in possession of any bass at any point during the tournament, beyond measuring. All fish must be promptly returned to the water.
    - e. LEGAL FISH: Only fish measuring at least 14 inches shall be recorded; therefore the short penalty will not apply. Fish must be rounded down to the nearest 1/4 inch. Fish may not round up to the 14-inch minimum.
    - f. RECORDING LENGTH: All boats pairings must use the "Official Score Sheet" to record each angler's legal fish. The angler shall initial next to the entry after it is logged on the sheet, to verify the entry. Each angler must sign on the first line immediately below his partner's last recorded fish as certification of the record presented to the tournament committee. Any participant who fails to have their partner sign in the appropriate place will not be considered in the tournament standings. All teams must turn in a signed score sheet to receive participation points, regardless of whether any fish were caught.
    - g. SCORING: Each Angler is expected to accurately write down their catches. Any falsification would be grounds for disqualification from that tournament and possibly removal from the club. Two scoring methods are allowed. It will be determined before the start of the tournament which method will be used.
      - i. Five Biggest Fish. Each angler is responsible for clearly circling the 5 longest fish on the Official Score sheet to be presented to the tournament committee as their tournament total. If more than five fish are circled the five smallest fish circled will be used for determining totals. Any fish length, which is illegible for any reason, shall not be counted. Anglers will be permitted to circle an alternate fish if available.
      - ii. Total Keeper Fish Caught. Anglers should fill in their part of the worksheet with up to the maximum spots on their respective part of the sheet in each category. This includes the Adult Angler. At the end of the tournament, all fish caught will be added up and a total weight will be used for their score for the day.
    - h. PLACING: Final placing in the event will be determined by the conversion of the length of the fish to a weight. The highest total weight will be awarded first place, then second etc. The longest fish, in descending order, will break ties.

- i. BIG FISH: Longest fish will determine winner, including any factoring. Ties will be broken by a flip of a coin.

## 2. Team Tournaments

- a. Anglers shall be paired up to fish tournaments.
- b. Both Anglers weights will be added together and used as their team weight for the day.
- c. Points will be added to each individuals annual cumulative scores based on the points schedule contained within these tournament guidelines.
- d. When one angler is forced to fish alone, some adaptations may be required to accommodate the single angler. The Tournament Director may designate the tournament as an Individual Tournament.
- e. Team tournaments may not switch to an Individual format in the event a partner doesn't show. A Team Limit of 5 may be put in place and Tournament Director will keep Team format. Teams (one or two anglers) will weigh their (5) largest fish (this limit to be culled prior to boat returning to the weigh in) this announcement will be made prior to Blast off.... don't come in with any more than a limit of fish! You will be penalized, THE EXTRA FISH and YOUR BIG FISH! When adding weights to individuals scores for their season totals, the total 5 fish weight for the team will be added to the individual's total weight.

## 3. Two Day Cumulative Tournaments

- a. Two-day tournaments will be team events.
- b. When a Two Day Cumulative tournament is held, teams shall weigh in each day.
- c. Those weights will be added together after the second days weigh in.
- d. The total weight will be used for the purpose of scoring and standings for the tournament.
- e. Points will be added to each individuals annual cumulative scores based on the points schedule contained with in these tournament guidelines.

## 4. Youth Tournaments

- a. Youth Tournaments can be any of the above types of tournaments, but the preferred type is a Team Tournament. This type of tournament is more conducive to encouraging camaraderie among the members. It is understood that some tournaments may need to be done as individual tournaments when an odd number of anglers are in the boat.
- b. Scoring for Youth Tournaments will normally be done based on the Youths fish being counted as the majority of the weights with the Boaters fish being limited to one fish per tournament.

## **XVIII. TOURNAMENT EXPENSES**

- A. Out of Towner's – split expenses i.e.. Lodging, boat and vehicle fuel 50 / 50
- B. Locals – Non boat owner pays boat owner (minimum of) \$20.00 or (If big water like St. Clair) 50 / 50

## **XIX. TROPHIES AND AWARDS:**

- A. The First Place Winner of each Tournament shall be awarded a (to be determined emblem) that can be sewn onto their Jacket or shirt.
- B. At the end of each season, club member trophies and awards shall be awarded as follows
  1. Team First place finishers of all regular season tournaments
  2. Master Angler Award: Anglers who caught fish 5 pounds or larger.
  3. The Angler who caught the largest weight Smallmouth Bass during regular tournament competition
  4. The Angler who caught the largest weight Largemouth Bass during regular tournament competition
  5. The Angler with the highest number of points at the end of the regular season shall be deemed Mr. Bass. Only points awarded from tournaments are used to calculate Mr. Bass.
  6. Angler of the Year: The Angler who finished with the highest number of overall points for the season.
  7. Non-Boater of the Year: The Non-Boat owner who finished the highest in the standings of all Non-Boat owners.
  8. Classic Winner: The Angler who actually won the Season Classic tournament.
  9. Classic Judges Tournament Winner
  10. Top Ten Season Places
  11. Club members may get their awards combined into better trophies if they win more than one category. It will be at their discretion.
  12. Club Members may also decline to receive any or all of their Trophies

## **General Club Operations**

- A. Fee Schedule for 2015
  1. B.A.S.S. Membership
    - a. All club members are required to maintain a current BASS Membership at all times. If a member does not maintain their membership, they are subject to a 10 point per month penalty on both their SOY and Mr. Bass points.
  2. Annual Adult Club Dues
    - a. Michigan Bass Anglers Club Dues \$20.00
    - b. B.A.S.S. Nation Dues \$30.00.
      - A. If the member is already a member of another club and they have paid their B.A.S.S. Nation club dues through that club, they will not be required to pay the B.A.S.S. Nation club dues again.
    - c. Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation Dues \$30.00, plus any applicable late fees
      - A. If the member is already a member of another club and they have paid their Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation club dues through that club, they will not be required to pay the Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation club dues again
    - d. When a member is in both our Adult club and Youth Club, they must pay the appropriate ADULT Club dues. The Youth club dues will be waived.
  3. Annual Youth Club Dues
    - a. Michigan Bass Anglers Club Dues \$10.00
    - b. B.A.S.S. Nation Dues \$10.00.
      - A. If the member is already a member of another club and they have paid their B.A.S.S. Nation club dues through that club, they will not be required to pay the B.A.S.S. Nation club dues again.
    - c. Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation Dues \$10.00.
      - A. If the member is already a member of another club and they have paid their Michigan B.A.S.S.

Nation club dues through that club, they will not be required to pay the Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation club dues again

4. Late fees
  - a. If a member, who intends on remaining in the club, fails to pay their club dues on or before the end of the year a late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed beginning the first of the year. Each month after that the dues are late will result in an additional \$5 per month Late fee beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Participation in the club
  1. This club was formed under the pretense that Anglers who join the club want to participate and be involved in all aspects of the club. The Adult Division of the club is expected to assist the Youth Division and help teach the Youth as much as possible in regards to Bass Fishing. We expect our members to attend as many functions as possible throughout the year. If a member is in both the Adult club and Youth club, they are expected to participate in both like they are in only one or the other. The club will organize and do fund raising events at various times. The idea is to help support the club through the fund raisers. Our Team format is designed to help promote a friendlier atmosphere and promote camaraderie among our members, Adult and Youth.