

Bronze Back Bassers Fishing Club Tournament Rules

1. TEAM OF THE YEAR POINT STRUCTURE:

- a. Fifteen points for 1st place, one point for 15th place, scaled in between.
 - b. Five points for each tournament fished.
 - c. One point for each fish weighed up to the maximum of five fish.
 - d. Three points for the lunker fish of the tournament.
- (If applicable: Two day tournament, the biggest fish overall receives the points).

Note: Therefore, if you win the tournament, have 5 fish and the lunker you can receive 28 points.

2. SUBSTITUE:

- a. You are permitted 2 substitutes per year for which the points will count. If you fish a 3rd tournament with a sub, points do not count. **NOTE: Points remain with the captain of the boat. (Captain of the boat must be designated with each team!!)**
- b. No substitutes during the competition will be permitted.

3. TOURNAMENT COST:

- a. Single day tournament:
 - i. \$50.00 will be paid as a team whether one or two entrant.
 - ii. \$10.00 for lunker pool entries per boat will be optional.
 - iii. \$10.00 for Chain Pickerel pool entries per boat will be optional.
- b. Two day tournament:
 - i. \$220.00 will be paid as a team whether one or two entrant.
 - ii. Lunker pool is included.
 - c. Registration to be complete 20 minutes prior to blast off.

4. CASH PAYOUT:

- a. Total cash payout for all tournaments paid down to 3rd place.
- b. First place 50%
- c. Second place 30%
- d. Third place 20%
- e. Lunker (number of boats participating)

5. MEMBER FEE:

- a. An annual \$30.00 per person Member fee is required to participate in Bronze Back Tournaments.

6. LICENSE

- a. All participants must have a valid Nova Scotia fishing license.
- b. Pleasure craft operator card. (If operating the boat)

7. SAFETY:

- a. Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by competitors. During the competition, each competitor must wear a Coast Guard-approved, chest-type life preserver or inflatable PFD (The PFD must comply with all Federal and Provincial laws. A normal life jacket must be on board the boat if removing the inflatable PFD). The life preserver **must be worn at all times** when the combustion engine is in operation. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.
- b. No alcohol or non-prescription drugs will be permitted in the boat during the tournament: anyone caught with these items will be immediately disqualified and will be banned from further competition that year.
- c. Each team member must meet and comply with all the safety requirements of the Canadian Coast Guard. All teams are required to practice safe boating, sportsman like conduct and courtesy to all non-competitors who may also be using the tournament waters.

8. BOAT INSPECTION:

- a. All boats must be inspected by an Official of BBB no later than 30 minutes prior the start of the tournament, at the weigh-in site or other designated site or **when the boat is prepping for launch.**
 - b. Each boat must have a “live well” to keep a limit of fish alive for the duration of the tournament.
 - c. A BBB official will check Safety equipment: (Life Jacket, Bilge pump, Paddle, Fire Extinguisher, First Aid Kit, etc).
- Note: Any fish found in the live well during the morning boat check will be immediately released and will result in immediate disqualification and result in a permanent BAN.**

9. TRICKLE START BLAST-OFF PROCEDURE:

- a. Teams will blast off in a designated flight order for the morning as determined by the starting position draw during the mandatory angler meeting.
- b. You can only leave once your number is called.
- c. If you leave before your number is called you be disqualified.

10. MECHANICAL FAILURE:

- a. In the case of mechanical failure only one member of the team needs to be present providing they are brought to the check-in another competitor boats.
- b. If a competitor experiences a breakdown for whatever reason, fish may be placed in another competitors live well as long as the fish are tagged and or separated.
- c. No angling is permitted for both teams once the competitor’s fish has been allowed on board.
- d. Both teams must immediately stop fishing. **(Call any of the BBB officials)**

11. WASHROOMS OR FACILITIES:

- a. Washrooms and /or facilities may be used, but one competitor must remain on the boat and may not fish in the absence of their partner.

12. TOURNAMENT WATERS:

- a. Fishing is prohibited within 50 yards of another competitor's boat. "No community holes"
- b. This means that you may not cast your lure within 25 yards of another boat.
- c. During fishing hours, boats must remain apart at all times except in the case of an emergency.
- d. All angling must be done from the boat.

13. ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES PERMITTED:

- a. No "Live Bait" or "Prepared Bait" is permitted, with the exceptions of pork strips and rind.
- b. Liquid fish attractants may be used.

14. EQUIPMENT:

- a. All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner using a rod and reel
- b. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time, per person.
- c. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use, however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made.
- d. Underwater viewing systems will be allowed during all practice periods. They will NOT be allowed in the boats for usage during tournament hours.

15. TOURNAMENT TIMES

- a. Single day tournament times start at 6:30 AM until 2:30 PM in July and 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM in September/October.

16. CHECK-IN & WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES: Note: BBB is strictly live release association.

- a. At the end of the tournament it is the responsibility of each team to check in with tournament officials
- b. It is the responsibility of each team to have their fish weighed and returned to the lake.
- c. No boat will be removed from water until their fish have been weighed. Failure to do so will be immediate disqualification. (Exception: In the case of any persons with disabilities fishing the tournaments, if weighing the fish prior to removing the boat from the water, will cause the person(s) undue hardship, then the team will be permitted to weigh their fish after the boat has been removed from the water at the discretion of BBB Official)
- d. Each team will be permitted to weigh a limit of Five (5) smallmouth bass with a minimum length of nine (9) inches, measured from a pinched tail to the tip of the snout.
- e. **During competition hours, the number of Bass allowed in boat live well is 6 fish.** Any team who comes to the weigh in with more than five fish in their possession

will be disqualified. **Only 5 fish inside the weigh-in point (which is TBD at each tournament....in other words have your fish culled to a limit of five before you reach the designated cut-off area).**

f. A ¼ lb (0.25 lb or 4 oz) penalty will be deducted from the total weight for any dead fish or any fish the Tournament Director deems unfit for release after the weigh-in.

g. A fish submitted for a weigh-in that does not meet the minimum nine (9) inches length will not weighed and a 1lb penalty per short fish will be deducted from the total weight of the team.

h. The competitors who have not reached the official checkpoint by the designated return time will be penalized at a rate of 1 lb or 16 oz per minute that they are late.

i. Teams more than five (5) minute will be disqualified for that tournament.

j. No team will come to the weigh in with more than one (1) Chain Pickerel in their possession

k. In the event of a tie in a final position, the 2 competing teams will use their lunkers to break the tie. The heaviest lunker will be used first and if that is a tie, then the overall length of the lunkers will be used as a final way to determine the winner.

l. Only tournament officials may manipulate and place fish onto the scale system for weighing.

17. PRE-FISHING

a. Pre-fishing of the waters will be allowed up to and including the Sunday preceding the tournament. In the event of a two day tournament, there will be no prefishing 7 days prior to start of the tournament. (ie: if two different lakes, the Saturday lake can be fished the Saturday before the tournament and the Sunday lake can be fished the Sunday before the tournament. If the 2 day is held on the same lake, then prefishing is to cease on the Friday prior to the tournament date.)

b. Any team who is caught pre-fishing after the Sunday preceding the tournament will be disqualified for that tournament only.

18. VIOLATION OF RULES:

a. Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director or BBB official any violation or infraction of any tournament Rules.

b. Failure to report any violations will be cause for disqualification.

19. AERATED LIVEWELLS & FISH CARE:

a. All boats must be equipped with a fully operational live well large enough to sustain a tournament limit of fish in releasable condition.

b. BBB officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate.

20. BOAT EQUIPMENT:

- a. Boats must be equipped with an operational ignition kill switch and be attached to the drivers body when the combustion engine is operating.

21. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. BBB is not liable for any loss of equipment, injury or death during the tournament.
- b. It is the responsibility of every boat owner to have adequate liability insurance in place prior to the event: Note: A waiver will be required to be signed by all participants.

22. SPORTSMANSHIP:

- a. Competitors in the BBB Tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.
- b. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.
- c. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be tournament waters.
- d. All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various jurisdictions within which they fish.

23. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Has the discretion to:

- a. Disqualify competitors for any violation of the tournament rules without a refund.
- b. Cancel or postpone the tournament in the case of bad weather.
- c. All decisions are final and binding