

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES OF

Junior Bass Anglers

Presented by: THE SAN DIEGO COUNCIL OF BASS CLUBS

- 1. Responsibility:** It is the responsibility of each participant in the tournament to review the tournament rules.
- 2. Sportsmanship:** All participants are to follow lofty standards of Sportsmanship, Courtesy and Conservation, and conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to their School and to the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs.
- 3. Eligibility:** The tournament is open to High School juniors currently attending school.
- 4. Qualification:** To qualify the council must receive entry form, tournament fee, proof of insurance (boat operator) and waiver of liability no less than fourteen days prior to the tournament.
- 5. Tournament Meeting:** There will be a tournament meeting at the lake on tournament day. Starting positions will be determined by a drawing during the meeting.
- 6. Off Limits:** There is no off-limits period for this tournament.
- 7. Fishing Licenses and regulations:** Anglers must observe all state fish and game laws, lake regulations and have in their possession a valid California fishing license.
- 8. Alcohol/Drugs:** Participants may not be under the influence of any alcohol or drug during the tournament. Violation of this rule is an immediate disqualification and removal from the tournament.
- 9. Safety:** Boating safety is paramount for all participants. A life jacket will be worn when the boat is moving over 5MPH with the main engine is running.
- 10. Boat Safety Equipment:** All boats must meet all Coast Guard safety requirements including Coast Guard approved navigation lights that are working, a throw cushion in addition to the life jackets for each participant, and an approved functional fire extinguisher.
- 11. Boat Inspection:** During the initial check-in, a tournament official will inspect each boat per Rule 10 for compliance. Additionally, officials will be checking for empty live wells. A tournament official will attach a colored plastic streamer to each boat that satisfies the boat inspection. Violations must be corrected before launching.
- 12. Launch:** Launching will be as soon as possible after the opening ceremonies.
- 13. Official Boats:** Official boats may approach and observe participants at any time.
- 14. Start of Tournament:** Boats will be released in flights with a five (5) second interval between boats. If a second flight is recommended, there will be a two (2) minute interval between each flight. A boat may not pass another boat heading in the same direction during the initial take-off of the tournament.
- 15. Weigh-in:** Flight 1- 2:00 pm. If there is a second flight, the first flight will weigh in at 1:45pm. Boats that are not within the boat dock no wake zone or buoys at the predetermined weigh-in time are not allowed to weigh their fish.
- 16. Limit and Size:** Each angler weighs no more than five (5) largemouth or smallmouth bass. Size limit is twelve (12) inches long. Fish are measured with mouth closed and tail swung on a golden ruler.
- 17 Dead or short fish Penalty:** Each dead fish will result in a 4OZ – 0.25lb penalty. Each short fish brought to the weigh-in will result in loss of short fish and a one-pound penalty from total weigh.
- 18. Fishing Methods:** The boat operator may assist the angler but is not allowed to fish. Anglers will use only artificial lures and use only one (1) rod and reel at a time.
- 19. Permitted Fishing area:** Fishing within designated off-limit areas is not allowed and contestants should maintain the distance of two long casts between boats.
- 20. Culling:** There is no culling of fish in the no wake area of the launch ramp. All live fish will be returned to the lake after the weigh-in.

- 21. Penalties:** Penalties resulting from Rules violations will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 22. Cheating:** Anyone caught cheating will be barred from this and future SDCBC contests.
- 23. Live wells:** Live well must be functional and provide proper aeration to maintain fish in good condition.
- 24. Electronic Communications:** Not permitted between participants during the tournament.
- 25. Speed Restrictions:** Observe the lake speed limit, no wake zones and current conditions that may require caution.
- 26. Cancellation:** The Tournament Officials, in their discretion, reserve the right to cancel the tournament if situations develop that they feel make it appropriate to do so. If the event is cancelled, it will be rescheduled.

*All participants are required to execute a Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement prior to being allowed to participate in the tournament. This is a condition of your participation.
The SDCBC shall have the right to refuse any entry, deny a confirmed entry, or disqualify a contestant.*