

Canyon State Bass Club

Rules & Regulations

The Canyon State Bass Club is a non-profit club. It is established for the purpose of promoting fishing through friendly competition with family and friends. It is a club established to promote the future of fishing through conservation and lawful fishing practices. **We are about respect and sportsmanship.**

Tournament Rules

1. The following rules will remain fixed and unchanged unless a majority vote of 51% or greater of the members in good standing that are present at a scheduled meeting. No proxy voting will be permitted.
2. All members in good standing are eligible to enter tournament events.
3. Meetings will be held the Monday prior to the tournament date. Meetings will be held at 3839 N. 3rd St. Suite 106, Phoenix, AZ unless otherwise notified.
4. Tournament Fees:
 - a. Tournament fees are \$75.00 per person entry. Tournament forms must be filled out and signed, payment included. Checks shall be made out to Canyon State Bass Club. Delivery can be in person or via mail or delivery system. Electronic payments are permitted as long as they are received a minimum of 48 hours prior to the start of tournament.
5. Canyon State Bass Club is a team venue but single members can fish by themselves if desired.
6. If a team splits up for any reason, then the boat owner retains the points for the year. The other member loses all points unless the parties agree otherwise.
7. A Guest members will be allowed to fish one tournament per year as a guest of a regular member. After that they must apply for membership to fish any further tournaments.
8. **No active fishing guides will be allowed as members or guest.** (*active is defined as served as a fishing guide on any of the lakes currently on the roster within the past 2 years or during the current year*)
9. All tournament standings will be factored based on the Point System and points will be awarded in the following manner:
 - a. All team's fish shall be weighed and weights recorded. If there is a protest the team's fish shall be retained until the decision has been made by the board members. (See Protest)
 - b. Primary Points will be issued starting at 100 points and then in 1-point increments. Then the teams that did not catch fish will receive 10 points less than the lowest team with fish.
 - c. There will be 10 or 11 tournaments each year as determined by the Board of Directors and each team will have their lowest tournament score (one drop) from the point system.
 - d. Ties... in the event two teams have the exact same weight (weight is calculated down to 100th of pound); the tie will be broken by declared big fish weight.
 - e. Disputes regarding eligible fish will be resolved immediately by voice protest to a board member prior to the questioned fish being returned to the lake. If a caught fish is in question as to its legality for consideration, it will be determined by a majority vote of the present board of directors as to the final status of the catch. The tournament director will have a

“Game & Fish” type measuring device and it will be the final determinant in the legal standing of a disputed fish.

- f. Dead fish... each dead fish will deduct .5 pounds from the final weight for final standings only. (Big fish will not be affected by dead fish.) Tournament Director shall rule on the dead fish at the weigh-in tank. If disputed the fish will be taken to the water and released to see if it will swim away. This process shall be observed by a board member. A dead fish is one that is unable to swim away when released. Each team is responsible for collecting and removing their dead fish from tournament waters.
- g. Late arrival... to the weigh-in will result in 1 pound being deducted for each minute past the designated tournament ending time as announced at the beginning of the event. Any team more than 15 minutes late will be given a 0.0 weight for the day and tournament points will be given as if the team weighed zero fish.
- h. Limits... the club has set a 5 fish limit of either large or smallmouth bass for all tournaments. Penalties for bringing more than a legal tournament limit to the weigh-in sink will be the loss of the team's big fish.
- i. No points will be awarded to any team that does not fish the tournament. If a team pays to fish the tournament and does not attend, the money will go into the tournament pot unless the team has a viable excuse that is accepted by the board of directors. If accepted the money will be forwarded to the next tournament.

10. Payouts:

- a. Canyon State Bass Club shall payout 1 place for every 3 teams participating in a club tournament, up to 5 places, up to 25 teams. If more than 25 teams participate then the club will pay up to 7 places. The club shall retain 10% of the team entry fees for club overhead. The remainder is paid out as tournament prizes. Big fish is paid out to the top 3 big fish. A team can only weigh in one big fish.
- b. Each team will be awarded an additional \$150.00 for one legal fish that is 5 lbs. or greater (one per boat). This additional payout money is conditioned on sponsored funds, until the funds are depleted.
- c. Anglers of the year will be awarded to the top 3 finishers on the point calculations. In the event of a tie the winner will be decided by largest declared fish caught that year.
- d. At the end of the year club party trophies and a cash prize is awarded to the top 3 finishers in the club point system and for largest fish for the year. The payout is as follows:
 - a. 1st place team \$300.00
 - b. 2nd place team \$200.00
 - c. 3rd place team \$100.00
 - d. Largest fish for the year (payment will be dependent on the monies collected for this prize).
 - e. The team that comes in last in points after completing a minimum of 9 tournaments will receive a prize selected by the tournament committee.

- e. At the end of the year party the club shall payout evenly to the teams that fished all 9 or 10 tournaments as determined by the tournament committee the money collected throughout the year minus club overhead.

11. Safety:

- a. Boats: All boats will include the following...
 - i. (1) Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket (PFD) per competitor. This PFD will be worn any time the outboard motor is operating and the boat is in motion. Competitors wishing to run the big motor to recharge batteries may do so without the PFD as long as the boat is not in gear.
 - ii. (1) Fire extinguisher. (minimum)
 - iii. An operating engine “kill switch”, that is attached to the driver while boat is engine is engaged and boat is in motion.
 - iv. All boats must comply with Coast Guard safety requirements and will not be allowed to compete in tournament competition until they meet the requirements.
 - v. All boats shall have an operating live well that has operating fill, empty capabilities and recirculating fresh water device and/or aerating system.
 - vi. Boat shall have the appropriate bow and stern lights and shall operate these lights while the boat is moving during unsafe light hours. If there is a malfunction with the lights the boat shall not launch until safe light. The boat shall have a minimum one light (stern) on during all nighttime operation and even if not moving.
- b. Fishing Equipment: Only one casting, spinning, spin casting or fly rod may be used at any one time. (Basically, one line in the water per competitor at a time, even if you have a two-pole stamp.)
- c. Bait: Artificial bait only for all competitors. Pork baits, strips and similar “trailer type” baits may be used. Scents and masking agents/sprays/gels, etc. are allowed.
- d. Electronic fish finders, depth finders, light meters, PH meters, Oxygen meters may be used. **Underwater cameras will not be permitted.**
- e. All fish must be caught in a conventional sporting manner as defined by the laws of the state. Snagging or trolling is prohibited. Trolling is defined as the use of the trolling motor or engine to impart the action on the lure.
- f. There is no size limit for fish to be brought to the weigh-in unless the local rules and laws of the state dictate so. There is a minimum 13” size limit on the Colorado River lakes.
- g. All live fish will be returned to the lake as they are the property of the Canyon State Bass Club once weighed. In the event there are any floating fish, those fish will be retrieved, if possible, and the responsibility of the team that released the fish and/or distributed to anyone who wants them. (In the event of a trophy catch, the member may retain the fish for his/hers own disposition.) We encourage and promote catch and release practices.

12. Tournament Start and Finish compliance:

- a. Mandatory live-well checks prior to launch. If you arrive late, you must find a board member on the water and have your live-well checked. All boats will take off in a numbered start order to be determined by a draw of numbers at the meeting prior to the tournament. Teams shall line up in the approximate order of the draw and shall drive past the call boat in single

file. All teams that paid prior to or at the meeting shall draw for numbers. Any teams that paid after the meeting shall receive a number first come first served. Any team showing up at the tournament that did not attend the meeting or prepay for the tournament shall be required to **pay in cash** in an envelope with the team names on the envelope and shall give it to the treasurer or a board member prior to launch. Once paid to fish the tournament, if you cannot arrive at the set starting time notification must be given to the tournament director. No tournament entry or payment will be accepted after the boats are launched.

- b. The tournament director will establish the “boundary point” that all boats must be within at the established tournament ending time. Any boat not complying with the boundary rules will be subject the late penalties dictated above. (Emergencies withstanding... i.e., equipment malfunction, weather prohibiting safe passage, assisting another boater, etc.)
- c. Any team receiving a citation for the violation of any Game and Fish laws or boating infractions will be disqualified from that tournament.
- d. The members of the club shall obey the rules set forth by the permits granted as it pertains to each lake.
- e. During tournament hours, there is to be no alcohol or drugs consumption during the tournament or on board any boat competing in the tournament. Alcohol may be consumed in accordance with local laws once the tournament ending time has passed (weigh scales closed).
- f. Permitted fishing waters: Tournament director will set the areas that are off limits. No team is permitted to fish within 50 yards of another team that is anchored or tied in a location without the permission of the anchored team. No team is allowed to move in on a boat that is working in an immediate area and claims the area.

13. Breakdowns:

- a. In the case of a breakdown, one of the team members may enter another boat for the purposes transporting their daily catch back to the weigh-in area or making arrangements to retrieve the disabled boat. At that point all fishing for the tournament is over the team boat.

14. Protest:

- a. Protest any kind will be filed orally to any board member present as soon as possible and prior to close of scales. The team in question will be notified of the protest, but not who is filing the protest until the facts are weighed and a decision rendered.
- b. The board member contacted will notify the tournament director of the protest. If the protest is over the eligibility of a fish, the protest must be filed before the fish is returned to the lake. The board of directors will meet and discuss at that time.
- c. If the protest is in regard to any other rule(s) violation, the protest must be lodged prior to the announcement of the final standings by the person appointed to announce the tournament results for that event. The protest will be settled in accordance to the rules of the club and prior to the announcement of final results. The team that has had the protest filed against them will be advised of the results of the determination of the board prior to the final results being announced. The alleged violating team will be allowed to contest the

protest at that time. The present board member/tournament committee will convene and discuss the protest. The findings of the board will be final. If a member of the board is a subject of the protest, he/she will not be included in the discussion of the protest.

- d. Penalties will be assessed by the board to include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Loss of fish
 - ii. Loss of points
 - iii. Loss of prize money
 - iv. Disqualification...no points, no prize money
 - v. Expulsion from future events for egregious violations.

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