

ALAMO BASS CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES

December 2008

I. RULE CHANGES: The following rules will remain unchanged except when a change is necessary to conform to Local, State, or Federal law, or when the tournament committee has said rule. Interpretation of these rules will be left to the tournament committee, whose decision will be final in all matters.

II. CONDUCT:

- A. Misconduct or discourtesies to any other persons while fishing tournaments will subject the person involved to disqualification from said tournament.
- B. EXAMPLES: Crowding other boats, Littering, Unsportsman like conduct
- C. All Federal, State and Local fishing rule and laws will be obeyed.
- D. Any club member desiring to protest the conduct of another member should report the protest to the Tournament Chairperson prior to the end of the weigh-in period.
- E. The Tournament Committee will rule on any protests and the Committee decision will be final.

III. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Members of the Women's, Teen, and Junior Divisions will compete among themselves during each tournament for awards in that category as well as the open division.
- B. The Open Division competition automatically includes all paid-up members at the Club meeting held prior to any tournament. However, all fish weighed will be reflected towards that member's total weight in their respective category.
- C. Guests and prospective new members may fish in a tournament, however their weight will only apply for tournaments fished after they become an approved paid up member.
- D. Ineligible member's weight will not apply to that tournament or toward the end of year total weights or awards.
- E. Participants of the Pee Wee Division will compete only amongst those within this Division.

IV. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. Only artificial lures may be used in any tournament competition. No live bait or prepared bait is permitted. However, pork or pork-type strips, rind, etc., may be used. Only bait casting, spinning, fly, or spin-casting rods and reels may be used. Trolling is not allowed.
- B. Pee Wee Division only is allowed the use of live or natural bait.

V. TOURNAMENT FISHING HOURS:

- A. Fishing hours for regular one and one-half day tournaments will begin at 12:01 AM on Saturday and Sunday.
- B. Saturday weigh in time will be 5 PM unless otherwise specified by the tournament committee.
- C. Sunday weigh in time will be 1:00 PM unless otherwise specified by the tournament committee.
- D. Fishing hours for one day tournaments will begin at 12:01 AM with a weigh in time as determined by the tournament committee prior to each tournament.
- E. There is no grace period for weigh ins. At "weigh-in" is considered being in sight of the tournament chairman or substitute with vehicle stopped and recovering your catch from the live well. If you are rolling into the parking area after weigh-in time, your catch will not count. There is to be no fishing allowed after the weigh in start time.
- F. The tournament sites, dates, and weigh in times announced in the monthly newsletter are tentative. The sites, dates, and weigh in times become official when confirmed at the regular monthly meeting preceding the tournament.

VI. SCORING:

- A. Each tournament contestant may weigh five (5) fish per day. Live release is encouraged, except for trophy fish. i.e. personal best fish, with the approval of the Tournament Chairperson. At the discretion of the Tournament Chairperson weak, injured, or dead fish will not be released back into the lake. All live release will be the member's responsibility.
- B. A bass will not be counted or weighed that is less than 14 inches in length unless authorized by the tournament committee and in accordance to Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife regulations.
- C. Fish must be weighed in on the same day they are caught. Except in the case of a night tournament.
- D. Selection of the top ten places will be from the regular and one-day tournament weights. Scoring will be determined in pounds and hundredths of pounds.
- E. The monthly tournament winners will be scored by the total stringer weighed in pounds and hundredths of pounds. The exception of this would be special tournaments (usually one day or less). Individuals can place in one or more divisions if their total weight or Big Bass justifies the placement in two divisions. Division winners will be determined as follows:
 - 1. OPEN DIVISION:
 - a. 1st Place 1st Heavy Stringer
 - b. 2nd Place 2nd Heavy Stringer
 - c. 3rd Place 3rd Heavy Stringer
 - d. 4th Place 4th Heavy Stringer
 - e. Big Bass Big Bass of tournament

2. WOMEN, TEEN, JUNIOR AND PEE WEE DIVISIONS:
 - a. 1st Place 1st Heavy Stringer
 - b. 2nd Place 2nd Heavy Stringer
3. COUPLE'S DIVISION:
 - a. 1st Place 1st Heavy Stringer
 - b. 2nd Place 2nd Heavy Stringer

F. If two or more persons tie for a place in a category, each person will receive an award for that category. In the Open division, a person is subject to receiving two awards. If a Woman, Teen, or Junior places in the Open division their weight will go towards their year-end total as well as qualifying them for an award in their respective division.

VII. BIG BASS TOURNAMENTS:

The member weighing the heaviest Bass for a one day Big Bass Tournament will receive a plaque and/or plate. In addition, prizes and/or special awards may be given periodically at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. All fish weighed in will apply towards the end of year totals.

VIII. YEAR END AWARDS:

A. The following categories receive trophies or plaques for champion:

1. TOTAL WEIGHT FOR THE YEAR:
 - a. OPEN DIVISION
 - b. WOMEN'S DIVISION
 - c. TEEN DIVISION
 - d. JUNIOR DIVISION
 - e. PEE WEE DIVISION
 - f. COUPLE'S DIVISION
2. HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR:
 - a. OPEN DIVISION
 - b. WOMEN'S DIVISION
 - c. TEEN DIVISION
 - d. JUNIOR DIVISION
 - e. PEE WEE DIVISION
3. BIG BASS OF THE YEAR
 - a. OPEN DIVISION
 - b. WOMEN'S DIVISION
 - c. TEEN DIVISION
 - d. JUNIOR DIVISION
 - e. PEE WEE DIVISION

IX. BIG BASS OF THE YEAR AWARD:

- A. The revolving Garcia Trophy, plus up to \$100.00 towards the cost of mounting the fish, is awarded to the member (Open, Women, Teen, or Junior) who catches the heaviest bass for the year.

- B. The remaining divisions will receive the following:
 - 1. Junior Big Bass: Plaque
 - 2. Teen Big Bass: Plaque
 - 3. Women's Big Bass: Plaque
 - 4. Pee Wee Big Bass: Plaque

X. TOP TEN:

- A. The individuals holding the top ten positions in the club standings at the end of the year will be awarded "TOP TEN" patches.

- B. T.A.B.C. members with the highest standings in the open division, the top eight members plus two alternates, will represent the club at the regional T.A.B.C. tournament. Expense money will be voted on by the membership after the Treasurer's recommendation.

- C. Should the clubs T.A.B.C team qualify for the state championship, expense money will be voted on by the membership after the Treasurer's recommendation.

XI. CITY TOURNAMENT:

Plaques are awarded to each Alamo Bass Club member who finishes in the Alamo's top eight (8) during the Metropolitan League of Bass Clubs City Championship Tournament.

XII. SCOT WETHERELL SPORTS PERSON:

The Scot Wetherell Sports Person of the Year award is to be awarded to the outstanding Adult nominated by the Club members. (This is a revolving trophy in which the following year a plaque will be given to replace the trophy).

XIII. LLOYD FIKE JUNIOR OR TEEN SPORTS PERSON:

Awarded to the Teen or Junior Sports Person of the Year as selected by the Club membership.

XIV. TOM HOTCHKISS SPECIAL ACT AWARD:

This is to be awarded to a member who performs some act worthy of special recognition.

XV. CLUB RECORD FISH:

Any member who catches a club record fish during a regularly scheduled Club tournament will become eligible for a Lifetime membership within the club.

XVI. WEARING OF CLUB ATTIRE:

In accordance with the club by-laws, members are encouraged to wear some article of Club attire during all fishing tournaments.

XVII. PATCH FISH AWARDS:

- A. OPEN DIVISION: Any person catching a fish that weighs FIVE (5) pounds or greater will receive a patch indicating said weight.
- B. JUNIOR DIVISION: Any Junior catching a fish that weighs THREE (3) pounds or greater will receive a patch indicating said weight.
- C. TEEN DIVISION: Any Teen catching a fish that weighs FOUR (4) pounds or greater will receive a patch indicating said weight.
- D. WOMEN'S DIVISION: Any Woman catching a fish weighing FIVE (5) pounds or greater will receive a patch indicating said weight.
- E. PEE WEE DIVISION: Any Pee Wee catching a fish weighing THREE (3) pounds or greater will receive a patch indicating said weight.