

## TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are applicable to all tournaments conducted by this club. Final interpretation of them will be the responsibility of a majority vote of good standing members

1. **Tournament schedule:** This club will conduct twelve (12) tournaments each calendar year.
2. **Tournament sites:** Tournament sites will be selected via a club meeting at the end of the year
3. **Participation:** All club members in good standing may fish club tournaments. Prospective members and or guests may fish in the club tournament provided they pay the appropriate big fish side pot fee.
4. **Boat Order** – Each individual tournament boat order will be determined by a random draw conducted by the Tournament Director based on all members reporting as fishing. Members not entering the draw, can attend the tournament and will be added to the end of the boat order
5. **Tackle:** No natural bait (i.e. minnows, worms, shrimp, etc.) may be used. Pork strips and pork ells are permitted. Only one rod may be in use at any time. Extra rods and reels, rigged or un-rigged may be in the boat. Electric fishing aids may be used.
6. **Boats and Motors:** Boats and motors must be properly licensed. Boats must carry all Coast Guard required safety equipment.
7. **Safety:** Any Tournament Director or Weigh Master may inspect all boats for safety before the start of the tournament. Life vest must be worn when the boat is moving with the gas engine running. Boat must display running lights during hours of darkness. Tournament Director has the right to disqualify any contestant for dangerous conduct during the tournament or at the weigh-ins. Kill switches should be used when the gas motor is running.
8. **Tournament Hours:** Normal tournament hours will be from safe light till 3:00 p.m. Other hours may be accepted for special tournament conditions. In the case where we fish a two-day tournament, the weigh-in on the first day will be at 4:00 and the weigh-in on the second day will be at 2:30, unless otherwise agreed by club.
9. **Scoring:** Tournaments are individual format with places awarded to members. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky and Spotted bass may be weighed in. There will be a 5 fish limit per person. Offering or asking to share fish will result in termination from the club. Mutilated or white-eyed fish will not be weighed in. The official length for bass shall be 12 inches. On waters where the State limit allows 2 fish between 10 and 14 inches, anglers can weigh-in 2 fish between 12 and 14 inches. Fish will be measured according to current state regulations on the official club Golden Rule. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the official length, shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass. Courtesy checks may be performed before weighing of your fish without penalty. In the event of a tie, the individual entering the largest fish will receive top honors. Each dead fish will receive a half pound penalty deducted from the total weight recorded for that individual.
  - o **Summer Scoring** – For tournaments (typically July and Aug) where the club votes to use Summer Scoring there will be a 3 fish limit, all fish over 14", with 2 bonus points awarded if all 3 fish are alive. All other rules in Section 9 above apply.
10. **Courtesy:** No participant shall fish within 50 yards of another club member's boat unless specific permission is granted. All club members will treat everyone on and off the water with respect. Any club member who fails to grant the basic courtesies to his fellow fishermen may have their catch for the day disqualified. All decisions regarding any penalties or sanctions will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and Officers.
11. **Late Penalty:** If you are late for blast-off, you must get a club member approval before launching. The member is allowed to require a livewell check at their discretion. In the event of vehicle break down i.e. flat tires the participant must contact an officer and is allowed to blast-off without further member contact. Contestants late for weigh-in will lose one pound per minute late. Contestants who check in more than fifteen minutes late will have their creel disqualified but will receive their five bonus points for participation in that tournament. The Tournament Director will keep the official time and have the final say as to whether or not a contestant has checked in on time.
12. **Disqualification – Any participant that receives a ticket from NC Wildlife during the tournament is disqualified. Fishing in off-limit areas of the lake results in disqualification**
13. **Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, the alternate tournament site shall be Falls Lake. The Tournament Director and the President will have the final say in this matter. If the Tournament Director determines that the conditions for travel or boating are dangerous, they are to reschedule the tournament to another date to be determined by the Officers.
14. **Protest:** Any protest regarding violations of tournament rules should be submitted to an officer no later than 10 minutes after weigh-in. The Tournament Director and Officers will decide and report at the next meeting.
15. **Fishable waters for Renegade Bassmasters of Raleigh:** The club may fish in any lake/river in the state of North Carolina that lies within a 125-mile circumference of Raleigh. The list of fishable waters is available to all members and will be prepared for and presented by the Secretary in January of each year. Exceptions can be made to fish a body of water outside of the radius with a majority vote to do so.