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**RIVER CITY BASS
OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS REVISED FROM THE NATIONAL B.A.S.S. TOURNAMENT RULES. THE FOLLOWING RULES OF THE RIVER CITY BASS CLUB WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS. INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES SHALL BE LEFT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERPRETATION SHALL BE FINAL IN ALL MATERS. RIVER CITY BASS OF OMAHA, NE.

1. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: PARTICIPATION IN ANY CLUB TOURNAMENT IS ONLY OPEN TO ACTIVE OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF RIVER CITY BASS.

2. REGISTRATIONS AND PRE-TOURNAMENT: ALL TOURNAMENT COMPETITORS MUST REGISTER FOR EACH RIVER CITY BASS TOURNAMENT AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING PRIOR TO EACH TOURNAMENT. IF A MEMBER IS NOT PRESENT AT THE MONTHLY MEETING IN WHICH TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS COMMENCE HE IS REQUIRED TO SEND WORD OR PHONE MESSAGE STATING HIS INTENTION TO FISH THE ENSUING TOURNAMENT, IF NO NOTICE IS RECEIVED FROM THIS MEMBER IT IS ASSUMED THAT HE IS NOT FISHING. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER WITH AN OFFICIAL OR ANY MEMBER OF THE CLUB OTHER THAN THEIR PARTNER. TOURNAMENT WATERS SHALL BE OFF LIMITS TO FISHING BY ALL COMPETITORS TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO A ONE (1) DAY TOURNAMENT. AS OF 12:01AM ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT NO FISHING WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE LAKE UNTIL THE SCHEDULED DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. FOR TWO-DAY TOURNAMENTS NO FISHING OF THE LAKE IS ALLOWED EIGHT (8) HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. WHILE ON THE LAKE DURING THE TOURNAMENT, A COMPETITOR MAY NOT HAVE THE ASSISTANCE OR ADVISE OF A PROFESSIONAL GUIDE, STATE OR FEDERAL WILDLIFE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR AN OTHER PERSON DEEMED A PROFESSIONAL EXPERT OF THESE TOURNAMENT WATERS BY THE CLUB OFFICIALS. *ONCE THE TOURNAMENT DATES HAVE BEEN SET ANY CHANGES TO THOSE DATES CAN ONLY BE MADE BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (TO DO SO) BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THAT TOURNAMENT. 2006*

3. SAFETY: SAFE BOATING CONDUCT SHALL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES BY ALL TOURNAMENT COMPETITORS. COMPETITORS MUST WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED CHEST TYPE LIFE PRESERVER ANYTIME THAT THE COMBUSTIBLE ENGINE IS RUNNING ABOVE NO WAKE SPEED, AND THE LANYARD STOP SWITCHCORD MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE LIFE JACKET. BREACH OF THIS RULE AFTER BEING WARNED MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT FOR THE DAY.

4. SPORTSMANSHIP: ALL COMPETITORS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW HIGH STANDARDS OF SPORTSMANSHIP, COURTESY, SAFETY AND CONSERVATION. ANY INFRACTION OF THESE RULES AND FUNDAMENTAL SPORTING PRINCIPLES MAY BE DEEMED CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

5. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED. NO LIVE BAIT OR PREPARED BAIT WILL BE PERMITTED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OR PORK RINDS, FISH ATTRACTANTS, AND VARIATION THEREOF. ONLY ONE CASTING, SPIN-CAST, OR SPINNING REEL AND ROD MAY BE USED AT ANY ONE TIME. OTHER RIGS AS SPECIFIED

ABOVE MAY BE IN THE BOAT READY FOR USE, HOWEVER, ONLY ONE ROD AND REEL IS PERMITTED IN THE WATER AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

5A. A COMPETITOR MAY USE HIS OWN BOAT AND MOTOR, OR RENT A BOAT AND MOTOR AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE. SUCH POSSIBLE RENTAL IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETITOR. A COMPETITOR ANSWERING AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE QUESTION, "WILL YOU BRING A BOAT AND MOTOR?" WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THE BOAT AND MOTOR AVAILABLE FOR TOURNAMENT USE BY HIMSELF AND HIS DAILY PARTNER, IF SO REQUESTED BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS. THOSE ANSWERING THE SAME QUESTION NEGATIVELY WILL BE PRESUMED NOT TO HAVE A BOAT AND MOTOR AVAILABLE AND WILL BE PAIRED WITH ONE WHO DOES. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FISHING PARTNERS TO MUTUALLY AGREE ON A BASIS FOR SHARING OPERATIONAL COSTS.

6. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT: EVERY TOURNAMENT BOAT MUST HAVE ALL REQUIRED COAST GUARD SAFETY EQUIPMENT. IN ADDITION, A TOURNAMENT BOAT MUST HAVE A FUNCTIONAL LIVE WELL, PROPERLY AERATED TO ADEQUATELY MAINTAIN ALIVE, AND IN GOOD CONDITION, A CATCH OF BASS BY BOTH FISHERMEN USING THE BOAT. ALSO, EACH TOURNAMENT BOAT WILL HAVE A KILL SWITCH, TROLLING MOTOR AND DEPTH FINDER.

7. BOAT OPERATION AND EXPENSES: A FULL DISCUSSION SHALL BE HELD BETWEEN THE TWO PARTNERS PRIOR TO MORNING DEPARTURE AS TO THE SCHEDULE OF BOAT OPERATIONS. THIS SCHEDULE MUST PERMIT EACH PARTNER TO FISH FROM THE FRONT OF THE BOAT AND TO OPERATE THE TROLLING MOTOR, SO AS TO AFFORD EACH PARTNER THE OPPORTUNITY TO FISH HIS SELECTED WATERS IN AN EQUAL NUMBER OF HOURS. IF A CONTESTANT WAIVES THE ABOVE RIGHTS, HE SHALL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO SELECT THE FISHING WATERS FOR ONE HALF OF THE TOURNAMENT DAY. ANY CONTESTANT WHO, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE TOURNAMENTS DIRECTORS, OPERATES THE BOAT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO UNFAIRLY HANDICAP HIS PARTNER SHALL BE LIABLE FOR DISQUALIFICATION. IN VIEW OF THE LARGE EXPENSE INVOLVED IN OPERATING AND MAINTAINING A TOURNAMENT BOAT IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE COST BE SPLIT BETWEEN PARTNERS. THE PERSON CAUSING DAMAGE, IF DAMAGE IS DUE TO NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS SHALL PAY ANY DAMAGE DONE TO A MEMBERS BOAT DURING A TOURNAMENT.

8. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: ALL ANGLING MUST BE DONE FROM THE BOAT. COMPETITORS WISHING TO CHANGE FISH HABITAT BY PLACING ANY OBJECT IN THE TOURNAMENT WATERS MAY DO SO, IF SUCH ACTION DOES NOT VIOLATE STATE OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS. CONTESTANTS MUST NOT DEPART THE BOAT TO LAND A FISH. THE BOAT MUST REMAIN IN TOURNAMENT WATERS DURING TOURNAMENT DAY. CONTESTANTS MUST LEAVE AND RETURN TO THE OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT BY BOAT. BOTH CONTESTANTS MUST REMAIN IN THE BOAT AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. IN SUCH AS EMERGENCY, CONTESTANTS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THEIR BOAT, TO A BOAT OPERATED BY OTHER CONTESTANTS, OR A RESCUE BOAT SO DESIGNATED BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. PARTNERS MUST REMAIN TOGETHER AT ALL TIMES, IN SIGHT OF EACH OTHER'S CATCH, UNDER THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE.

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TRAILERING OF BOATS DURING THE TOURNAMENT IS PROHIBITED, UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, IN CASE OF FOUL WEATHER CONDITIONS, ETC.

9. **OFFICIAL CHECK POINT:** THERE SHALL BE ONLY ONE OFFICIAL POINT FOR CHECK-IN, IN THE MORNING AND WEIGH-IN IN THE AFTERNOON AND THIS POINT SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. AT THE TIME OF CHECK-IN ALL COMPETITORS AND THEIR BOATS SHALL BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RULES SET FORTH BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S.

10. **LATE PENALTY:** ANY COMPETITOR SHOWING UP AFTER CHECK-IN TIME WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED IF SO DETERMINED BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS.

11. **PAIRING OF CONTESTANTS:** THE PAIRING OF PARTNERS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AT THE MEETING PRECEDING THE TOURNAMENT. THE NAMES SHALL BE DRAWN FROM A HAT. BOAT DETERMINATION SHALL BE DECIDED BETWEEN TOURNAMENT PARTNERS. *IF A BOATER, DUE TO THE TOURNAMENT DRAW, IS PICKED AS AN NON-BOATER THAT MEMBER WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE GUARANTEED A BOATER POSITION AT THE NEXT TOURNAMENT. THIS GUARANTEED BOATER SLOT IS ONLY GOOD FOR THE NEXT TOURNAMRNT AND DOES NOT CARRY OVER IF THE MEMBER CHOOSES NOT TO FISH THE VERY NEXT TOURNAMENT. THE SUGGESTED APPLICATION: DURING THE DRAW A MEMBER IN THIS GUARANTEED POSITION WOULD BE DRAWN IN A FASHION TO MAKE SURE THE MEMBER WAS A BOATER. FOR EXAMPLE IF THERE WERE FOUR BOATERS IN THE DRAWING WITH ONE BEING A GUARANTEED BOATER AND THAT MEMBER WAS NOT DRAWN BY THE THIRD POSITION HE WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME THE THIRD BOATER. 2006*

12. **ODD MAN:** AN ODD MAN FISHING A TOURNAMENT SHALL BE AWARDED ONE-HALF HIS GASOLINE EXPENSE INCLUDING BOAT GAS. THIS SITUATION SHALL NOT OCCUR TO THE SAME PERSON MORE THAN ONE TIME PER YEAR, DUE TO TOURNAMENT DRAW.

13. **YOUR CATCH:** ONLY LARGE MOUTH, SPOTTED, RED EYE, OR SMALL MOUTH BASS WILL BE COUNTED. ALL FISH MUST BE WEIGHED AND RELEASED. WHATEVER SCALE TYPE IS IN USE BY THE CLUB SHALL BE CARRIED FORWARD UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CHANGE IS MADE IN IT ENTIRETY TO ALL SCALES DESIGNATED FOR CLUB TOURNAMENT USES (I.E. WEIGHT IN OUNCES OR THENTHS OF A POUND). THE ESTABLISHED CONVERSION FROM ONE SYSTEM TO THE OTHER IS HEREBY DOCUMENTED AS FOLLOWS: FOURTEEN (14) OUNCES EQUALS NINE-TENTHS (9/10) OF A POUND. ONLY FISH WEIGHING 14 OUNCES (9/10 OF A POUND) OR MORE WILL COUNT TOWARD TOTAL TOURNAMENT WEIGHT.

14. **SCORING:** TOURNAMENT STANDINGS, AUXILIARY AWARDS AND FINAL WINNERS, SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS OF EACH CONTESTANTS CATCH DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

RIVER CITY BASS POINT SYSTEM IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

1ST PLACE = 40 POINTS	4TH PLACE = 37 POINTS
2ND PLACE = 39 POINTS	5TH PLACE = 36 POINTS
3RD PLACE = 38 POINTS	6TH PLACE = 35 POINTS

POINTS WILL CONTINUE DOWN 7TH, 8TH AND ETC. AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FIRST THREE (3) PLACES. 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD. ANY CONTESTANT WHO DOES NOT WEIGH IN A FISH IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE AWARDED TEN (10) POINTS.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, EACH CONTESTANT WILL BE AWARDED ONE (1) EXTRA POINT FOR EACH WHOLE POUND OF FISH WEIGHED IN, WHICH WILL BE ADDED TO THE REGULAR POINTS RECEIVED PER PLACE FINISHED. BONUS POINTS EARNED IN MULTIPLE DAY TOURNAMENTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL WEIGHT BY THE NUMBER OF DAYS, RESULTING IN AN AVERAGED BONUS POINT AMOUNT.

AN ANNUAL AWARD SHALL BE GIVEN TO AN OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS. IT SHALL BE TITLED THE "MR. BASS" AWARD. ALSO, THE PRESIDENT SHALL GIVE AN ANNUAL AWARD TO THE CLUB MEMBER CATCHING THE LARGEST BASS OF THE YEAR DURING A CLUB TOURNAMENT. IT SHALL BE TITLED "BIG BASS AWARD". ALSO, THERE WILL BE A "BIG BASS AWARD" FOR THE LARGEST BASS CAUGHT OVER THREE (3) LBS. PER TOURNAMENT. TOURNAMENT PLACEMENTS WILL BE AWARDED BY TOTAL WEIGHT FOR A SIX (6) FISH TOTAL.

15. **TIES:** THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESOLVING ALL TIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE RULES. THE HEAVIEST BASS BREAKS ALL TIES. THE HEAVIEST STRINGER BREAKS BIG BASS TIES. IN THE EVENT THAT A TIE STILL EXISTS BETWEEN TWO OR MORE PARTICIPANTS THE POINTS INVOLVED SHALL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY. EXAMPLE: 1. TWO PARTICIPANTS TIE FOR SECOND WITH ONE BASS THAT WEIGHS 2 LBS., 2ND PLACE POINTS AND 3RD PLACE POINTS WOULD BE ADDED THEN DIVIDED BY TWO AND EACH PARTICIPANT WOULD RECEIVE EQUAL POINTS; $39 + 38 = 77$, DIVIDED BY 2 = 38.5 POINTS.

16. **WEIGHING:** WEIGH ALL FISH ON WEIGH-MASTERS, PROVIDED BY THE CLUB. PENALTY OF ONE (1) POUND FOR ANY KEPT FISH. EVERYONE IS ALLOWED ONE (1) FISH PER YEAR WITH NO PENALTY.

17. **TOURNAMENT STANDINGS:** FIVE (5) OUT OF SEVEN (7) TOURNAMENT STANDINGS WILL COUNT FOR OVERALL STANDINGS.

18. **TOURNAMENT START TIME:** IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH TEAM (BOAT) PARTICIPATING IN A CLUB SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT EVENT TO HAVE THEIR BOAT IN THE WATER AND READY TO PARTICIPATE AT THE DESIGNATED START TIME. IF A TEAM IS LATE, THEY SHALL LOOSE THEIR DESIGNATED STARTING SLOT AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO LOCATE AND NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OF THEIR ARRIVAL AND PARTICIPATION. THEY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE ESTABLISHED FINISH TIME REGARDLESS OF THEIR ENITIAL START TIME.

19. **TOURNAMENT HOURS:** TOURNAMENT HOURS FOR ONE (1) DAY EVENTS SHALL BE EIGHT (8) HOURS. TOURNAMENT HOURS FOR TWO (2) DAY EVENTS SHALL BE TEN (10) HOURS THE FIRST DAY AND THE SECOND DAY APPROXIMATE FIVE (5) HOURS, BUT ENDING AT NOON (12:00 P.M.) REGARDLESS OF THE START TIME.

SHOULD A SCHEDULED TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT BE TERMINATED AFTER ONE DAY DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOUND CLUB CONTROL, THAT TOURNAMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT. DURING A TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT IF A BOAT(S) AND CONTESTANT(S) DECIDE TO LEAVE FOR ANY REASON THE REMAINING BOAT(S) AND CONTESTANT(S) CAN CONTINUE THE TOURNAMENT. THE CONTESTANT(S) THAT LEAVE WILL NOT BE AWARDED POINTS FOR DAY TWO. ALL OTHER CONTESTANT(S) POINTS WOULD BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WTH THE STANDARD TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT RULES. NOTE: A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CAN OVERRIDE THIS RULE SHOULD CONDITIONS WARRANT.

20. **RULE CHANGES:** THE ABOVE RULES MAY BE AMENDED IN WRITTEN FORM AND IF APPROVED BY TWO-THIRDS OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF RIVER CITY BASS AT THE REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING ONLY. PROPOSED RULE CHANGES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CLUB OFFICERS BEFORE THE NOVEMBER MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER. ONCE THE MEETING BEGINS, NO ADDITIONAL RULE CHANGES WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

ALL CHANGES TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE NOTED IN ITALICS, FOLLOWED BY THE YEAR CHANGED, AND WILL BE CARRIED AS SUCH FOR TWO YEARS, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE.