

2012 Shoreline Bass Tour Tournament Rules

The Tournament Committee will make final interpretation and decisions regarding these rules.

- 1.** There is a one-time yearly membership fee of \$20.00 per person. This must also be paid by all subs.
- 2.** The entry fee for each tournament is \$110.00 per boat. \$10.00 of this is big bass. \$20.00 of this goes into the Classic Fund. The Big Bass pot is split 60% (1st) / 40% (2nd). You may only weigh one big bass at anyone tournament. An additional \$10.00 per boat is taken for tournament cost. The remaining \$70.00 will be paid out at each tournament. For a grand total of 90% pay back. As voted by the group at our annual meeting, the tournament director does not pay an entry fee.
- 3.** Entries will be received as a team entry or single entry. If you enter as a team, you will be allowed to use one sub per person per team. If you enter as a single, you get no subs. Your team is determined by how you sign up to fish the first tournament. Each team member must sign the entry form and register prior to the pre-tournament meeting. You must decide on your team or single classification on your first entry.
- 4.** Registration will begin at the tournament site at 5:00 a.m. with the tournament meeting taking place at 6:00 a.m. Start time for the tournament will be at 6:30 a.m. light permitting. You should be in the water at 6:30 a.m., and ready to take off. We will take off at 6:30 am light permitting. Boats one through thirty should be towards the front of the line.
- 5.** Total weight will determine the winning boat. We will use big bass to break ties. Any teams tying for total weight will use their big bass to break the tie. If you are late for the weigh-in you will be disqualified. No exceptions!
- 6.** Any violation of a Michigan State Fishing Law or Michigan Boating Regulations is an automatic disqualification.
- 7.** Shoreline Bass Tour tournaments are a closed lake, no running, tournament. Meaning, you may only fish on the lake that the tournament is held. Exceptions: Cadillac tournament includes Cadillac and Mitchell Lakes, Muskegon includes Bear Lake. Boundaries will be explained in detail during each morning meeting prior to launch.
- 8.** You will be fishing for five fish per boat. Only Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass are accepted. A minimum length of 14 inches with the mouth closed on a Golden Rule. If you bring in a short fish, it will be culled, along with the largest fish in your creel. There will be a .250 penalty for each dead fish.
- 9.** NO live bait. Artificial lures only.
- 10.** We will use Q 50 point system. First= 50 points, Second= 49 points, etc. Total points at the end of the 5th Classic Qualifier will determine the final standings. We will average the entrants in the 5 Classic Qualifiers and the top 20% will be invited to the Classic. Any boat that fished team or single in all Classic Qualifiers will go into a drawing for the wildcard team to attend the Classic. There will be 25 bonus points awarded to those teams that fish all 5 qualifiers.
- 11.** If a team wins one of the five qualifiers for that year then that team will automatically qualify for the end of the year Classic only if the team has fished all five qualifiers as a team. The tournament director will make any other rulings on this.
- 12.** Safety: Life jackets MUST be worn when the gasoline engine is running. Operating a boat in a careless or unsafe manner could result in disqualification. Kill switches are mandatory and will be checked.
- 13.** NO consumption of alcohol during the tournament or until after the payback is completed.
- 14.** NO passing in a NO WAKE ZONE.
- 15.** Off Limits: There will be times when certain stretches of water will be off limits due to released fish, etc. This will be up to the tournament directors. Lake Michigan will be off limits for all tournament s.
- 16.** You must leave and return to the tournament site by boat. If you breakdown, one person from the team may return in another contestant's boat with your fish to be weighed in.
- 17.** The tournament directors and a committee of three tournament members selected by the tournament directors will decide protests. Protest must be submitted within 5 minutes of close of weigh-in.
- 18.** Before starting your big engine, you must cull down to 5 fish. You may never return for a weigh-in with more than 5 fish in your live well. You will be disqualified.
- 19.** Sportsmanship: Each participant will practice a high level of sportsmanship both on and off the water. The tournament director and a committee of three tournament members have the right to disqualify a team if this high level of sportsmanship is not met.
- 20.** No boat shall fish closer within 100 feet of another boat either fishing or anchored. As in rule 19, proper sportsmanship prevails; give each fisherman an opportunity to fish their spot.
- 21.** Tournament Director has final ruling on any of these rules or in any other situation that may arise in a Shoreline Bass Tour tournament.