

HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS BASSMASTER'S ASSOCIATION  
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OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES 2010  
HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS BASSMASTERS ASSOCIATION

1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT WILL BE AUTOMATIC FOR THE THREE (3) MEMBERS FINISHING IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACES IN POINTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THOSE MEMBERS WILL BE ON THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT YEAR. AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE REGULAR MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, BASED UPON NOMINATION RESULTS HELD AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE SELECTED FOR THE TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN.
2. THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT RULES WILL REMAN UNCHANGED. THE INTERPRETATION IF THESE RULES SHALL BE LEFT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE TOURNAMENT RULES COMMITTEE. THE DECISION OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS SHALL BE FINAL IN ALL MATTERS.
3. A PROTEST WILL HAVE TO BE VERBAL AT RAMP SITE, AND WRITTEN WITHIN 48 HOURS AND GIVEN TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER. IN CASE OF A PROTEST THE MONEY WILL BE PAID AT THE NEXT MEETING.
4. NO TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL CHECK FISH AT THE RAMP, ONLY AFTER THE FISH IS PUT ON THE SCALE. A COURTESY BUMP BOARD WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SHOULD A MEMBER WISH TO CHECK HIS CATCH BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.
5. THE TOURNAMENT COMITTEE MUST CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE DIFFERENT LAKE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.
6. RULES WILL BE ENFORCED 100 PERCENT.
7. PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENTS IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS BASSMASTERS ASSOCIATION AND BE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. A \$35.00 ENTRY FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MEETING NIGHT PRIOR TO THE FISH OUT. NO

REFUNDS OF ENTRANCE FEES, BUT THE FEE CAN BE CREDITED TO THE NEXT FISH OUT, IF THE EXCUSE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.

- a. IF THE MEMBER DOES NOT USE IT BY THE END OF THE YEAR IT GOES TO THE TREASURY

CLUB	Club Payout	CLASSIC	5LB. CLUB
\$16.00	\$13.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

- 8. IT WILL BE PROHIBITED FOR ANY PARTICIPANT TO HIRE OR USE THE SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL GUIDE, DOCK OR RESORT OWNER, MANAGER OR EMPLOYEES ON THE LAKE SITE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING BASS AND/OR FISHING SPOTS FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO A TOURNAMENT. PERMITTED IS THE USE OF VERBAL CONSULTATION ONLY WITH SUCH PERSONS. HOWEVER, THIS VERBAL CONSULTATION MUST BE CARRIED OUT FROM LAND.
- 9. SAFE BOATING MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES BY COMPETITORS. EACH COMPETITOR IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED CHEST TYPE LIFE PRESERVER AND MUST BE WORN WHEN THE COMBUSTION ENGINE IS OPERATING. THE PRESERVER MUST BE PROPERLY SECURED AND MAINTAINED UNTIL THE COMBUSTION ENGINE IS SHUT OFF. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE SHALL BE REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL HAVE POWER TO ADJUST KICK OFF AND WEIGH IN TIMES IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY. IT IS EACH MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE HIS OWN LIFE PRESERVER AT ALL TIMES.
- 10. COMPETITORS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW HIGH STANDARDS OF SPORTSMANSHIP, COURTESY, SAFETY AND CONSERVATION. COMPETITORS ARE EXPECTED TO EXTEND MAXIMUM COURTESY WITH REGARD TO BOATING AND ANGLING IN THE VICINITY OF NON-COMPETITORS WHO MAY BE ON TOURNAMENT WATERS. ANY ACT OF A COMPETITOR WHICH REFLECTS UNFAVORABLE TO PROMOTE FISHERIES CONSERVATION, CLEAN WATERS AND COURTESY SHALL BE REASON FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION FOR THAT DAY AND WILL BE LEFT UP TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE FOR A DECISION ON FUTURE FISH OUTS.
- 11. ONLY CASTING. SPINNING OR SPINCASTING TACKLE MAY BE USED. ONLY ONE ROD MAY BE IN USE AT ANY ONE TIME. EXTRA RODS MAY BE RIGGED AND READY FOR USE. ONLY ARTIFICIAL

LURES AND PORK TYPE LURES MAY BE USED. EIGHT FOOT MAXIMUM LENGTH ON RODS.

12. A SMALL MOTOR. GAS OR ELECTRIC, MAY BE USED FOR A SLOW MANEUVERING. TROLLING AS A METHOD OF FISHING IS PROHIBITED. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FISHING PARTNER TO MUTUALLY AGREE ON A BASIS FOR SHARING EXPENSES OR THE NON-BOATER PAYS BOAT OWNER A TWENTY (\$20.00) DOLLAR FEE.
  - a. IF YOU DRAW A GUEST, THE CLUB WILL PAY THE MEMBER \$20.00.
  - b. CONCERNING NO SHOWS- IN THE EVENT OF A NO-SHOW THE PERSON NOT SHOWING UP FOR THE TOURNAMENT WILL FORFEIT THEIR \$10.00 NO SHOW MONEY, UNLESS THEY HAVE VALID EXCUSE, WHICH WILL BE DECIDED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. THE PERSON THAT SHOWS WILL RECEIVE THE NO SHOW MONEY REGARDLESS OF WHO BRINGS THE BOAT.
13. A DISCUSSION SHOULD BE HELD BETWEEN THE TWO PARTNERS PRIOR TO THE FISH-OUT AS TO SCHEDULE THE BOAT OPERATIONS. THIS SCHEDULE MUST PERMIT EACH MAN EQUAL TIME TO FISH FROM THE FRONT OF THE BOAT AND OPERATE THE TROLLING MOTOR. IF A COMPETITOR WAIVES ABOVE RIGHTS HE SHALL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO SELECT HALF OF THE FISHING WATERS FOR THAT DAY. ANY COMPETITOR WHO OPERATES THE BOAT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO UNFAIRLY HANDICAP HIS PARTNER SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.
14. ALL CONTESTANTS WILL LEAVE BY BOAT AND RETURN BY BOAT TOGETHER. ALL FISHING MUST BE DONE FROM BOATS. ALL FISH MUST BE LANDED BY CONTESTANTS FROM WITHIN THE BOAT. COMPETITORS BOATS MUST NET FISH CLOSER THAN 25 YARDS. EVERY BOAT WILL HAVE A WATER HOLDING DEVICE FOR FISH. NO STRINGERS OR BASKETS ALLOWED.
15. THERE SHALL BE ONLY ONE POINT FOR CHECK OUT AND CHECK IN, THIS POINT WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE MEETING. AT TIME OF CHECK OUT, ALL COMPETITORS AND THEIR BOATS SHALL BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH ALL RULES SET FORTH BY TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.
16. THE WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED BY TOTAL WEIGHT. ONLY LARGE MOUTH BLACK BASS. KENTUCKY SPOTTED BASS OR SMALLMOUTH BASS WILL BE WEIGHED FOR SCORE. IF A BASS

UNDER TWELVE INCHES (12) IS BROUGHT IN TO BE WEIGHED, THE CONTESTANT WILL BE PENALIZED THE WEIGHT OF THAT FISH FROM THE STRINGER FOR THE DAY OR THE NEXT FISH-OUT, ON SLOT LIMIT LAKES ALL LEGAL FISH WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH A MINIMUM SIZE OF 12 INCHES. ANYONE BRINGING IN MORE THAN THE LEGAL LIMIT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. ANY FISH WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MASHED OR DISFIGURED IN ANY WAY BY A CONTESTANT WILL BECOME SUBJECT FOR DISQUALIFICATION FOR SCORE BY OFFICIALS.

17. CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT THE CHECK-IN AREA ON TIME. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL DESIGNATE THE CHECK IN LOCATION FOR EACH TOURNAMENT. THIS LOCATION WILL BE BROADCAST BY THE KICK-OFF BOAT PRIOR TO KICK-OFF. IF YOU ARE LATE FOR THE WEIGH IN, YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED. PARTICIPANT HAS TO BE PRESENT AT WEIGH IN TO COUNT FOR POINTS AND MONEY.
18. IN CASE OF A TIE FOR MR. BASS AT THE END OF THE SEASON, THERE WILL BE A 2 HOUR FISH-OFF FOLLOWING THE REGULAR TOURNAMENT. AT THE END OF THE 2 HOUR FISH-OFF, IF THE TIE HAS NOT BEEN BROKEN, MR. BASS IS A TIE FOR THE YEAR. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR WILL BE DETERMINED BY HOW THEY PLACE IN THE POINT STANDINGS COMPARED TO THE OTHER ROOKIES. A SECOND PLACE TIE WILL ELIMINATE THIRD PLACE; TWO SECOND PLACE TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED. A THIRD PLACE TIE WILL ELIMINATE A FOURTH PLACE TROPHY. A FOURTH PLACE TIE WILL ELIMINATE FIFTH PLACE TROPHY. A FIFTH PLACE TIE, 2 OR MORE TROPHIES WILL BE GIVEN.
19. IT WILL BE PROHIBITED FOR ANY CONTESTANT TO GIVE OR OFFER FISH TO HIS PARTNER. IT IS ALSO PROHIBITED FOR ANY CONTESTANT TO ACCEPT FISH AS A GIFT. AN INFRACTION OF THIS RULE WILL DISQUALIFY BOTH CONTESTANTS FROM THIS AND ALL FUTURE TOURNAMENTS OF THE HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS BASSMASTERS ASSOCIATION.
20. TIES WILL BE BROKEN BY THE BIGGEST BASS ON THE STRINGER FOR THAT DAY,
21. A RUNNING TOLL OF POINTS WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR EACH MEMBER FOR THE YEARLY MR. BASS AWARD AS FOLLOWS: 1ST. PLACE 10 POINTS. 2ND PLACE 9 POINTS AND ETC. DOWN TO THE 10<sup>TH</sup> PLACE.
  - a. A 1/2 POINT WILL BE AWARDED PER LIVE FISH RETURNED TO THE LAKE.

22. IF NO FISH ARE WEIGHED, ALL MONEY WILL GO TO THE HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS BASSMASTERS ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT FUND.
23. TROPHIES FOR THE TOP THREE FINISHERS AND LARGEST BASS (THREE POUNDS OR OVER) OF EACH TOURNAMENT WILL BE AWARDED AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING.
24. ALL CONTESTANTS SHALL BE AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE START TIME. IF YOU ARE LATE YOU LOSE YOUR SHOW UP POINT.
  - a. IF YOU SHOW UP LATE AT TOURNAMENT SITE, AFTER KICK OFF, YOU MUST FIND A CLUB MEMBER BEFORE YOU START FISHING FOR A LIVE WELL CHECK. ALL BOATS MUST BE CHECKED BEFORE START OF A TOURNAMENT. ALL FISH MUST BE MEASURED WITH MOUTH CLOSED-TAIL TOUCHING LINE. THERE WILL BE A BOAT AND A NO BOAT DRAW. FIRST NAME DRAWN WILL BE BOAT CAPTAIN. THE HOURS OF THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT.
25. A LUNKER BASS TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MEMBER CATCHING THE LARGEST BASS FOR THE YEAR.
26. THE DRAWINGS FOR PARTNERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CLUB MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TOURNAMENT. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER TO INFORM THEIR PARTNER IF UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE FOR ANY REASON. WHEN THE MONEY IS PAID FOR THE TOURNAMENT THE MEMBER MUST SPECIFY IF THEY ARE BOATERS OR NON-BOATERS. THE NON-BOATERS WILL BE PAIRED WITH THE BOATERS UNTILL ALL OF THE NON-BOATERS ARE PAIRED. AFTER THAT ALL THE REMAINING BOATERS WILL FISH BY THEMSELVES.
27. AN AWARD FOR BIG STRINGER WILL BE AWARDED TO WHOEVER CATCHES THE BIG STRINGER FOR THE YEAR.
28. TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HELD WITHIN 125 MILES RADIUS OF THE MEETING LOCATION.
29. DURING THE COURSE OF THE TOURNAMENT SEASON THE LAKES WILL NOT BE CHANGED UNLESS AN ACT OF GOD WILL NOT ALLOW A LAKE TO BE FISHED, BUT THE DATE CAN BE CHANGED.
30. A TOURNEY COMMITTEE MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT AT A RELEASE AREA FOR VERIFICATION OF LIVE FISH, AN

ALTERNATE MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE TOURNAMENT  
COMMITTEE TO VERIFY LIVE FISH RELEASE.