



RIDEAU LAKES BASSMASTERS



RULES AND REGULATION:

1. Team points will consist of one or two anglers. A team must fish together, however if one team member is not available you may fish alone to accumulate points for the team of the year. This will continue to accumulate their points for the year. If you fish with multiply partners you will not gain your accumulated points through out the year.
Any angler wishing to fish by him / her self may do so for the entire season.
Anglers under the age of 16 years may fish with a parent or guardian with a signed parental consent letter. Anglers must hold a valid Sport Fishing Licence & Pleasure Craft Operator Card. A Conservation Licence is not acceptable. For the season you may fish alone, but we recommend a team.
- 2. Tournament entry fees must be paid in full no later than 6:50am on the day of the tournament.**
3. Tournament time: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Weigh-in opens at 3:00 p.m. **All tournament boat checks will begin at 5:45 a.m. : any boats NOT checked in by 6:50 a.m. will NOT be checked in until all boats have blasted off at 7:00 a.m.**
4. A 1 pound penalty will be issued for each minute that a team arrives later than 3:00 p.m. and you are also disqualified from the Big Fish prizes. No exceptions for being late (breakdown, out of gas, lost etc.)
5. Starting positions will be sequentially assigned as the fees and required documentation is received.
6. At 7:00 a.m. your number will be called and you must proceed as indicated by the Tournament Director.
7. In the event of heavy fog, the start of the tournament will be delayed until visibility returns to a safe level. The tournament end time will not be extended.
- 8. Maintain respectful minimum of 100 feet away from closest competitor.**
9. Your boat must be insured and have liability coverage. You must provide this information on the registration form; your policy # and name of your insurance company.
- 10. Life jackets must be worn while under power of main engine and kill switch cord attached to you.**
11. Live wells are mandatory and must be in working order (must have an aerator).
12. Artificial lures only. No live or dead bait or preserved baits allowed (pork rind allowed).
- 13. Landing nets are allowed and you must provide your own weigh-in bag.**
14. A fish must be alive and able to swim away on it's own to qualify for the Big Fish prize pool.
- 15. No pre-fishing 24 hours before the start of the tournament.**
16. A boat may not come to shore during the tournament. Exceptions: thunderstorm or washroom duties, which you must find a remote location while respecting private property. (Away from a building structure or dock)
17. You may come to shore at the tournament launch site anytime without penalty for any reason.
18. You cannot transfer your fish to another boat in the event of a breakdown.
- 19. Total weight of 5 fish (large or small mouth bass only). To be eligible for overall BIGGEST Bass Pool you must compete in a minimum of 5 tournaments.**
20. A 12 inch minimum length is required (from tip to tip).
21. If an undersized fish is brought in, a penalty of 1 pound will be enforced.

22. You may not have more than 5 fish on board at any time. Your 5th fish must be culled immediately. A 1 pound penalty will be imposed for each extra fish found on board ALIVE. There will be a half pound penalty for each dead fish brought in. The penalty will be applied against the total catch. If a fish cannot swim away, even though it's breathing, it will be considered dead. You have 5 minutes to revive it.

23. Culling of a dead fish will be allowed as long as you keep the dead fish in a bag elsewhere on the boat and not in your live well.

24. After your fish have been weighed in they must be returned to your boat and released at least 300 yards from the launch area. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Do not dump your fish at the launch area.

25. The Weigh Master has total authorization over the entire weigh-in procedure.

26. Any navigable water accessible from the boat launch is fair water. Anglers cannot get out of the boat to overcome any obstacle.

27. Boats will be inspected for compliance of regulations at launch time. Tournament Director can inspect your boat at anytime during the tournament.

28. The use of cell phones or other electronic communication devices is prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification. Allowable exception is a distress call to the Tournament Director (613-561-5045 or 613-561-6809) You may not come into contact or exchange any item with another boat during the tournament, may it be tackle, fish, food, etc. Exception to this rule as defined in the boating regulations is you must assist a boat in distress. It is recommended, if possible to call and inform the Tournament Director.

29. No alcoholic beverages allowed on board at anytime.

30. Prizes shall be awarded on a pure weight basis, minus penalties. All prizes are awarded as team prizes.

31. In the even of a tie, the prize money will be pooled together with the next lowest position and split equally.

32. Angler of the Year award will be awarded to the angler with the HIGEST aggregate points from their best (5) FIVE tournaments. In the event of a tie, total weight of tournaments used for this award will determine the winner. Points awarded as follows: 1st place - 100 point, 2nd place – 2 99 points and 3rd place - 98 points, etc.

33. Anytime during the tournament should you need clarification on a rule or special circumstances please feel free to call the Tournament Director to discuss (if cell service is available).

34. Zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct. Automatic disqualification for the remaining season will result without refund. All Competitors are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, and to the Rideau Lakes Bassmasters club, in efforts to promote the sport. Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following: Violation of or failure to comply with, any of the rules for the season. Confutation occurring when claiming fishing spots as your own will not be condoned maintain respectful minimum of 100 feet away from closest competitor also consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure. Abuse of or addiction to mind-altering substances will incur Suspension/disqualification or ban from any tournament or fishing organization. Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules, or which fail to comply with the standards set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph. In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, the Rideau Lakes Bassmasters fishing club shall have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete by returning the entry fee (minus deposit) or to disqualify a Competitor.

35. Failure to NOT follow all rules listed above or government fishing or boating regulation will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament. This includes any violation you get charged with from a conservation or police officer.