

LAKE MARY BASSMASTERS TOURNAMENT RULES

1. THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL ENTRANTS OF ANY TOURNAMENT HELD BY THE "LAKE MARY BASSMASTERS". VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES WILL WARRANT APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. ANY PROTEST MUST BE FILED WITHIN 5 MINUTES OF THE FINAL WEIGH-IN. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL IN ALL MATTERS.
2. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTING THE LAKES FOR THE YEARLY SCHEDULE. THIS SCHEDULE MUST BE VOTED ON AND RADIFIED BY THE MEMBERSHIP. ALL LAKES TO BE FISHED MUST BE WITHIN 150 MILES OF ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA.
3. ALL LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, COAST GUARD AND FLORIDA GAME AND FISH REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY AND MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

SPECIFICALLY:

- A. ALL BOATS MUST BE EQUIPED WITH WORKING RUNNING LIGHTS.
 - B. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE VEST WHEN THE OUTBOARD ENGINE IS IN OPERATION.
 - C. CONTESTANTS MUST BE IN POSSESION OF A VALID FLORIDA FISHING LICENSE.
 - D. CONTESTANTS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF ANY TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.
1. PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO "LAKE MARY BASSMASTERS" MEMBERS AND INVITED GUEST.
2. ENTRY FEE FOR THE TOURNAMENT SHALL BE \$40.00. \$25.00 FOR ENTRY FEE; \$10.00 FOR BIG BASS; \$5.00 FOR CLASSIC TOURNAMENT WINNINGS.
3. ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED DURING THE TOURNAMENT. "NO LIVE BAIT WILL BEPERMITTED; HOWEVER, PORK STRIPS AND FISH ATTRACTANT MAY BE USED.
4. ONLY CASTING OR SPINNING REELS MAY BE USED.
5. ONLY ONE ROD MAY BE IN USE AT ANY GIVEN TIME. OTHER RODS MAY BE IN THE BOAT FOR SUBSTITUTION PURPOSES ONLY.
6. BOATS FOR USE IN THE TOURNAMENT MUST BE AT LEAST 15 FEET IN LENGTH WITH AT LEAST A 50 H.P. MOTOR AND MEET ALL STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS. OUTBOARD MOTORS MAY NOT EXCEED BOAT MANUFACTURERS RATING. ALL BOATS MUST HAVE AN EMERGENCY KILL SWITCH AND IT MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE DRIVER DURING OFF IDLE OPERATOIN OF THE OUTBOARD MOTOR.
7. BOATS MUST HAVE AN OPERATIONAL LIVE WELL WITH AN AERATION SYSTEM. ALL LIVE WELLS WILL BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT.

8. NON-BOATERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THEIR OWN LIFE VEST. NON-BOATERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR BOATER WITH AT LEAST \$20.00 TO HELP OFFSET EXPENSES, THIS AMOUNT MAY BE ADJUSTED DOWN BUT NOT UP BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF THE PAIRED BOATER AND NON-BOATER. NON-BOATERS CAN, AT THEIR OWN DISCRETION PROVIDE THEIR BOATER ADDITIONAL FUNDS IF THEY DEEM THEM APPROPRIATE.
9. ELECTRIC MOTORS MAY BE USED TO MANUEVER THE BOAT BUT TROLLING WITH THE OUTBOARD IS PROHIBITED.
10. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL BE IN POSSESION OF MORE THAN FIVE FISH AT ANY TIME DURING THE TOURNAMENT.
11. EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE TOURNAMENT IS AN INDIVIDUAL COMPETETOR AND MAY NOT SHARE OR GIVE FISH TO HELP ANOTHER ANGLER.
12. ANY PERSON USING COMMUNICATION DEVICES SUCH AS CELL PHONES OR RADIOS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINDING FISH OR ALLERTING ANOTHER ANGLER TO THE LOCATION OF FISH SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND PENALIZED 50 POINTS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE POINTS TOTAL.
13. FISHING IS ALLOWED ONLY IN THE WATERS PRESCRIBED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.
14. CONTESTANTS CAUGHT FISHING IN RESTRICTED AREAS OR RUNNING THROUGH IDLE OR SLOW SPEED ZONES MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.
15. FISHING MUST BE DONE FROM THE BOAT ONLY. CONTESTANTS MAY NOT LEAVE THE BOAT TO LAND A FISH.
16. IN TOURNAMENTS WHERE EXEMPTIONS ARE PROVIDED, ALL FISH MUST BE AT LEAST 12" IN LENGTH AS MEASURED ON A "GOLDEN RULE" WITH BOTH MOUTH AND TAIL CLOSED. IN TOURNAMENTS WITHOUT EXEMPTIONS, LOCAL REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY. A MAXIMUM OF FIVE FISH PER ANGLER MAY BE WEIGHED IN UNLESS LOCAL RESTRICTIONS DIFFER.
17. ANY PERSON PRESENTING A "SHORT" FISH FOR WEIGH IN SHALL BE PENALIZED 2 POUNDS AND 10 POINTS.
18. ANY DEAD FISH PRESENTED FOR WEIGH IN WILL BE PENALIZED 0.25 POUNDS PRIOR TO ANY AWARD FOR POSITION OR "BIG FISH". TIES WILL BE RESOLVED BY: A) BIGGEST SINGLE FISH: B) SECOND BIGGEST FISH: C) GREATEST NUMBER OF FISH: D) TOSS OF A COIN.
19. ANY FISH PRESENTED FOR WEIGH IN WHICH APPEARS MANGLED, MASHED, MAULED OR DETERIORATED, WILL BE CREDITED AT THE DISCRESSION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.
20. ANGLERS ARRIVING LATE FOR WEIGH IN WILL BE PENALIZED I POUND FOR EACH MINUTE THEY ARE LATE UP TO TEN MINUTES THEN THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

21. ANGLER OF THE YEAR WILL BE THE ANGLER WHO ACCUMULATES THE MOST POINTS DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEARLY SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS.
22. THE WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT SHALL RECEIVE 100 POINTS TOWARD THEIR YEARLY TOTAL. THE SECOND PLACE ANGLER WILL RECEIVE 98 POINTS TOWARD THEIR YEARLY TOTAL. THIS 2 POINT REDUCTION PER POSITION, SHALL CONTINUE THROUGH ALL ANGLERS WHO WEIGH IN A FISH. PERSONS NOT CATCHING A FISH WILL RECEIVE NO OTHER POINTS.
23. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SHALL SET A RAMP TIME, WHICH WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES BEFORE SAFE LIGHT.
24. VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE TOURNAMENT RULES MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.