

Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge Bassmasters

Bass Tournament Rules

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1.0 Tournament Rules Outline

Great effort, study and research have gone into the formation of these rules. The following rules for tournaments will remain unchanged, except for special tournaments conducted by K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS.

Interpretations and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments.

In the following rules, all references to 'he' or 'him' refer to members of any affiliated chapter members of both sexes. The decision of the Tournament Director and tournament officials shall be final in all matters.

2.0 Eligibility of Tournament Participants

- 2.1: Eligible Members for Tournament Participation: Only active, paid-in-full members, (including magazine subscription), are entitled to participate in Club Tournaments.
- 2.2: Tournament Participation: Participation in these tournaments is by INVITATION only. This tournament is open only to members of B.A.S.S., who are 16 years of age or older, and who are an active member of K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS or other affiliated chapters. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of the potential competitor.
- 2.3: Tournament Entry Deadline: The draws for all tournaments will take place at a predetermined time and place.
- 2.4: Tournament Registration Deadline: If chapter members wish to participate in a tournament they must register for the tournament on, or before, the Tuesday prior to the described event, unless otherwise stated. Registration can be completed by contacting the Tournament Director or designated members of the Tournament Committee.
- 2.5: Tournament Schedule: The Tournament Schedule will be prepared by the Tournament Committee of the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS for distribution prior to the start of every tournament season.
- 2.6: Designation of a Tournament Boater: A competitor answering affirmatively the question, "Will you bring a boat & motor?" will be expected to make that boat & motor available for tournament use by himself and his daily partner, if so requested by tournament officials.
- 2.7: Designation of Tournament Non-Boater: Those answering the same question (Section 2.6) negatively will be presumed not to have a boat & motor available and will be paired with one who does when possible.
- 2.8: Eligibility to Participate in Regional Qualifying Events: As a participant in K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournaments, all members are eligible for qualifying for entry into the Ontario BASS Federation Nation Qualifying event. If you qualify during the regional qualifying event, you will then be invited to be a contestant in the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Divisional

Tournament and/or the National Championship. Entry deadline date for final tournament shall be 21 days prior to the first competition day of each tournament.

- 2.9: Draw for Tournament Pairings: The draw will be done by the Tournament Director (or a designated Tournament Committee member) and in the presence of a witness. Only members of the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS may attend. This draw will be held at a location to be announced in advance.
- 2.10: Pairing of Tournament Participants: Two contestants will be assigned to each boat. Announcement of your fishing companion shall be made at tournament draw. It shall be the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually agreed upon location with sufficient time remaining to check out at the official checkpoint and start on time. Tournament officials shall have no responsibility for finding missing partners.
- 2.11: Exceptions to Pairing of Contestants: The Tournament Director, at his sole discretion, may reassign partners prior to the morning take-off. Pairings may be made regarding safety considerations or a team's knowledge of certain waters (i.e. knowledge of dangerous areas or new water). It is recommended that a minimum of 1 hour is required to change pairings prior to the start of a tournament.
- 2.12: Boater and Non-Boater Teams Must Remain Together During Event: When two contestants check-in at the beginning of the day, they must stay together and within sight of each other and each others catch throughout the day, until the weigh-in is completed, except in the case of dire emergency (see Rule #13).
- 2.13: Contestants Sharing Catches of Bass: A contestant must not allow any bass caught by him to be counted on the score of another contestant. In such a case, both contestants shall be disqualified from this tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS. This rule only applies to the Club Championship Tournament, as all other tournaments run by K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS are team events.
- 2.14: Start Positions for Tournaments: Start positions will be done as names are drawn for partners, first out #1, etc. If there are more boaters than non-boaters, the Tournament Director & Officials will ask if any boater would volunteer to become a non-boater. If there are no volunteers, then the Committee will draw to see who becomes the non-boater.

3.0 Pre-Tournament Practice Rules

- 3.1: Pre-fishing before Club Tournaments: Absolutely NO pre-fishing for tournaments will occur by participants after 5 p.m. on tournament waters the day before an event.
- 3.2: Seeking Advice Prior to Tournament Event: During the 5 days prior to the tournament date, a competitor may not have the assistance or advice of anyone for the purpose of locating or catching bass, nor enter the tournament waters with anyone who has been on the tournament waters, who is or was a professional guide, provincial or federal wildlife agency employee, or any other person deemed an "expert" on these tournament waters by the Tournament Director, unless he is a contestant in the tournament.

- 3.3: Scuba Diving or Skin Diving Prior to Tournaments: For a period of 5 days before an event, a competitor may not dive on the tournament waters. During the tournament, a competitor may not "SKIN DIVE" or "SCUBA DIVE" on the tournament waters.
- 3.4: On the water communication during Tournament Event: During the tournament, a competitor may not use a CB radio, a VHF marine band radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communications device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. Contestants are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. If so equipped, contestants may listen to the marine band weather information.
- 3.5: Report of Violations: Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of these tournament rules. The failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these Rules, or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification.
- 3.6: Agreement to Follow Tournament Rules: Each competitor agrees by his signature on the entry form to the above statement.
- 3.7: Violation of Tournament Rules: All violators shall be called to a disciplinary board hearing. The participant shall be available, at his expense, at the location selected by the Tournament Director and shall cooperate in all respects with such examination.

4.0 Transfer or Stocking of Bass Prior to Tournament Events

- 4.1: Stocking of Bass prior to Tournament Event: Transporting bass for the sole purpose of stocking an area for a present or future tournament is absolutely prohibited. Fish found in a livewell within the 5 days prior will be classed as: Fish for the purpose of Stocking. And disciplinary action will be taken.
- 4.2: Transportation of Bass Prior During Tournaments: During the tournament hours, you can only have in your possession the legal tournament limit. During individual tournaments, boaters must allow time for non-boaters to cull their fish before moving to a new spot.

5.0 Registration for Tournaments

- 5.1: Registration on Day of Tournament Event: Each competitor must register in person with official K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournament director (or designated person by tournament director) at the time and place prescribed on the schedule of events.
- 5.2: Penalty for Late Tournament Registration: Failure to register in person before the scheduled launch time shall result in a 1 lb. penalty. Each competitor must be ready for launch at the prescribed time. No exceptions - No refunds. It shall be each competitor's responsibility to check the schedule of events for registration time and location or obtain times from K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS website. A non-boater that is left without a boater at the tournament site shall be paired with another boater if possible. (See Rule 20 in the "working rules")
- 5.3: Penalty for an 'Absent Competitor' at Bass Tournament Event: If a competitor who has pre-registered for a tournament, does not show up at the launch site for the day's tournament, that person will still have to pay for that day's tournament. They will not be able to participate in

another tournament until payment is received by the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS for the missed tournament.

6.0 Tournament Safety

- 6.1: Overall Tournament Event Safety Objective: Safe conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors during the tournament activities including pre-tournament organization and weigh-in activities.
- 6.2: Safety at Discretion of Tournament Director and Tournament Committee: Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is handicapped in such a manner as to unfairly hinder his partner or endanger the safety and well-being of his partner or himself shall not be eligible.
- 6.3: Life Jackets Usage during Tournament Events: During the official practice (the day before the tournament until 5pm) and the tournament, each competitor is required to wear a Canadian Coast Guard Approved PFD, or floatation suit. This preserver must be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the competitor reaches his fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason of disqualification.
- 6.4: Inclement Weather Delays on Tournament Day: Tournament officials have the right to delay or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather.

7.0 Sportsmanship during Tournament Events

- 7.1: Overall Tournament Sportsmanship Objective: Competitors in K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disciplinary action.
- 7.2: Vessel Courtesy during Tournament Events: Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters.
- 7.3: Permitted Drugs during Tournament Events: Only the use of drugs purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician will be permitted during tournament events.
- 7.4: Use of alcohol or drugs: The use of alcohol or drugs not recognized in Rule 7.3 by any competitor during the official practice or during the tournament event will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournaments. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the vessels during official practice or competition days or when in weigh-in area.

- 7.5: Disciplinary Action Resulting from Un-Sportsmanlike Conduct: Any act of a competitor which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for disciplinary action. All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the province within which they fish.
- 7.6: Behaviour Reflecting Poorly on Club Image: Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony, or other crimes involving moral turpitude, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and for disqualification.
- 7.7: Review of Unfavourable Behaviour/Actions during Tournament Events: Any disqualification or suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding, any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting of any application for participation and for disqualification. All events will be discussed and reviewed by the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee. This group will provide appropriate direction regarding decisions to specific matters.

8.0 Tackle Permitted During Tournaments

- 8.1: Use of Live Bait during Tournament Events: Only artificial lures may be used. No "Live Bait" or "Prepared Bait" will be permitted, with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc.
- 8.2: Use of Rods and Reels during Tournament Events: Only ONE casting, spin-casting or spinning rod, (8 ft maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip), and reel may be used at any one time. All other types are prohibited. Other rigs as specified above may be in the vessel ready for use, however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. Capture of Bass: All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their day's catch disqualified.
- 8.3: Sight Fishing during Tournament Events: When visually fishing, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and must be verified by your boat companion, before unhooked, to be counted as a legal fish.
- 8.4: Use of Landing Nets and other Landing Gear during Tournament Events: No dip nets or gaffs may be used to land bass nor are they permitted in the boat at any time. The use of grippers in landing bass is prohibited. The K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS will allow the use of landing nets to land bass for the safety of the angler and the fish.

9.0 Rules for Vessel and Motor Usage in Tournament

- 9.1: Vessel Safety Regulations: Tournament participants will follow the pleasure craft regulations as outlined by Transport Canada Pleasure Boat Regulations.

- 9.2: Vessel Insurance Requirements for Tournament Events: During the competition day, of any K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournament, no contestant may operate a vessel unless that contestant has submitted documented proof of a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 boating liability insurance to the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournament headquarters. This documented proof must show an effective date of expiration and must be received by us on or before the application deadline date.
- 9.3: Permitted Vessels for Tournament Events: No "barges" or similar cumbersome watercraft will be permitted. No vessel equipped with "stick steering" shall be permitted to be used during the tournament by any competitor. A tiller operated outboard engine is permitted. The definition of "stick-steering" shall be made by the Tournament Director.
- 9.4: Horsepower Regulations for Tournament Vessels: Maximum horsepower for all outboard vessels used in official tournament practice and in tournament competition will be 250 hp, not to exceed the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard in their ruling of November 1, 1972. When required, each vessel MUST have a Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the vessel by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the engine must not exceed the rating specified on this rating plate or the 250 horsepower maximum set by the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS. Any vessel manufactured prior to November 1, 1972, must adhere to the ratings set by the Coast Guard for similar vessels. Each competitor agrees to submit, by their signature on the official entry form, the vessel and outboard motor used in tournament to an inspection by factory-trained personnel, if there is any reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating. If horsepower does exceed then all costs will be the competitor's responsibility. Normal maintenance to increase the performance of your engine is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts of your motor to increase the horsepower over factory horsepower rating is forbidden, and will result in disqualification. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower rating numbers on the motor or vessel also would be cause for immediate disqualification from K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournaments forever.
- 9.5: Functioning Ignition Kill Switch: For the **SAFETY** of all contestants, all vessels must be equipped with some type of operable ignition kill switch. This ignition kill device must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the vessel.
- 9.6: Height of Decks on Tournament Vessels: Any raised platform or decks cannot be higher than the gunnel of the vessel.
- 9.7: Electric Trolling Motors on Tournament Vessels: A small electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering; however, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.
- 9.8: Gas Tanks on Tournament Vessels: All bladder tanks and any other type of Auxiliary gas tanks that are not installed by a manufacturers authorized dealer are prohibited. Additional gas tanks that are factory options and installed by the vessel manufacturers authorized dealer are legal. Vessels that do not have factory installed gas tanks are restricted to a maximum of 15 gallons of gasoline in tanks that are pre-approved by the Tournament Director. Gas tanks must be properly secured or strapped in a vessel.

- 9.9: Tournament Vessel Safety Equipment Requirements: Every vessel must have all required safety equipment as outlined by Pleasure Craft Regulations as defined by Transport Canada.
- 9.10: Live Well Use and Operation during Tournament Events: A livewell is required in all tournament vessels to ensure bass health during tournament events. All livewells need to be properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive a limit catch of bass by both anglers using the vessel. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility whether aeration and capacity are "proper and adequate".
- 9.11: Vessel Identification during Tournament Events: Each vessel **MUST** be given, prior to each day's start, an inspection check by a tournament official.
- 9.12: Vessel Operation during Tournament Events: In the spirit of teamwork, both the boater and non-boater will have equal say in where the team will fish during that tournament. In individual tournaments, each participant is entitled to half of the tournament day.

10. Tournament Expenses

In view of the large expense involved in operating and maintaining a tow vehicle and tournament vessel, fuel, oil and launching costs **MUST** be split 50/50 between the boater and the non-boater for the tournament. It shall be the responsibility of the fishing partners to mutually agree on whose vessel to use and a basis for sharing operation expenses. If the partners are unable to agree, the Tournament Director shall make such determination, which shall be binding upon the partners.

11.0 Tournament Operations

- 11.1: Official Tournament Check-in Point: There shall be only one official point for check-in. At the time of check-in, all competitors and their vessels shall be in full conformance with all rules set forth by the Tournament Director.
- 11.2: Pre-Tournament Check-in: Check-in will be at a predetermined location and supervised by the tournament director, or delegated individual of the tournament committee.
- 11.3: Pre-Tournament Meeting: Prior to Blast Off, tournament participants are expected to attend an 'on the water' pre-tournament meeting. During this meeting the Tournament Director will review tournament rules, post-tournament check-in points and times.
- 11.4: Tournament Times: Tournament start times and check-in times will be announced prior to a tournament commencing. If competitors are unclear of tournament times they direct their questions to the Tournament Director.
- 11.5: Post-Tournament Check-in: Afternoon check-in will be at a point designated during the pre-tournament meeting. At afternoon check-in, all vessels shall identify themselves and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. Partners must stay together during the weigh-in period.
- 11.6: Allowed Time for Weigh-in Period: No vessel or competitor will be allowed to weigh-in prior to one half (1/2) hour prior to official weigh-in time, unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Director.

11.7: Weigh-in Procedures: Tournament Participants will be made aware of weigh-in procedures during pre-tournament meetings. It is during pre-tournament meetings that questions regarding weigh-in procedures should be directed to the Tournament Director.

12.0 Tournament Waters

12.1: Permitted Tournament Waters: Tournament waters shall be established by the Tournament Director for each tournament. Each competitor must obtain this information from the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS Tournament Headquarters.

12.2: Fishing in Permitted Waters: After the tournament begins, fishing the tournament waters is prohibited except during tournament hours.

12.3: Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except:

- * Within 50 YARDS of any marina gas pumps and/or

- * Within 50 YARDS of another competitor's vessel which was first anchored and/or

- * Secured in a fixed position with the trolling motor out of the water.

12.4: Permitting of Vessels within 50 Yard Off-Limits Area: No such vessel shall permit selected competitors to fish within the 50 yard circle claimed by him, to the exclusion of any other competitor. Any water within these boundaries posted Off-limits or NO Fishing by the Provincial or Federal agencies will be OFF-LIMITS.

12.5: Live Release Area Off Limits: The live-release area established by the Tournament Director will be OFF-LIMITS and will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. Only that water open to ALL public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any waters closed to public fishing will be closed to all tournament contestants. All angling must be done from the VESSEL.

12.6: Start Fishing Time: Tournament Anglers can commence fishing once the tournament start time has passed. This direction will be given by the Tournament Director at the start of the tournament.

12.7: Stop Fishing Time: All tournament fishing must cease upon a team being checked at the Post-Tournament Check-in point.

13.0 Tournament Participants in Tournament Vessel

13.1: Contestants must remain in vessel during Tournament Event: Contestants must not depart the vessel to land fish or to make the vessel more accessible to fishing water. Vessels must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by vessel. Both competitors must remain in vessel at all times except in the case of dire emergency.

- 13.2: In the Event of an Emergency (Exception to Rule 13.1): In such an emergency, competitors may be removed from their vessel to a vessel operated by other competitors or a rescue vessel. Partners must remain together at all times, in sight of each other and their catch, under the conditions cited above, in order for their catch of the day to be scored in the tournament.
- 13.3: Must Contact Tournament Official During Emergency: If a competitor must violate any of the above conditions (to contact a tournament official by phone or other means or to report an emergency or breakdown), both competitors must cease fishing at this point, and their catch must be verified by a Tournament Official in order to be counted in the tournament.
- 13.4: Tournament Restart After Emergency Event: If after the emergency situation is resolved by tournament officials and enough time is left for competitors to resume fishing, a RESTART will be allowed and the competitors will continue and their catch will be counted. This applies only to dire emergency situations.
- 13.5: Trailing of Tournament Vessels during Tournament Hours: Trailing of vessels during tournament hours is prohibited, except by the direction of tournament officials.

14.0 Tournament Scoring

Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound and ounce weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament.

15.0 Bass Weigh-in Rules

- 15.1: Bass Limits for Tournament Event: Only Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass will be weighed. The limit shall be 5 of the above species per day, per competitor/team, or a special limit, shall be the tournament limit.
- 15.2: Bass Possession Limits: At no time shall a competitor have reduced to possession more than the tournament limit. Tournament Officials will conduct checks for violation of this provision, and in the event a competitor has reduced more than the above-described limit to possession.
- 15.3: Weigh-in of Big Bass for Lunker Pool: ALL big fish will be weighed for each competitor. Only the competitor can pick these bass. No tournament official may choose or suggest which the competitor's Big Bass is.
- 15.4: Lunker Pool Prize: Big Bass prize is included in all entry fees.
- 15.5: Bass Length Restrictions: The official length for bass shall be determined by the Tournament Director and announced at the tournament briefing. In most cases, this will be **12 inches**, nose to tip. Only bass as described above which measure to official length or more on the longest straight line, shall be weighed in. Failure to do so will result in penalty.
- 15.6: Bass Length Infractions: Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to measure the official length shall accrue penalties at a rate of one (1) pound for each such bass (bass will not be weighed). This penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor.

- 15.7: Don't Kill Your Catch: Each competitor is expected to keep his/her bass alive by use of a properly aerated livewell. The use of Catch & Release type products is advised.
- 15.8: Bass Health Infractions: Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials.
- 15.9: Release of Bass After Weigh-in: After a competitor checks-out at the official checkpoint he must present all legal fish in his possession to a tournament official to be counted, measured and weighed. Until a competitor's catch is counted, measured and verified by a tournament official, that contestant may not return to his vessel until his catch has been weighed and recorded.
- 15.10: Weigh-in Bags for Tournament Use: Specially designed bags which increase survival rates will be furnished by the Tournament Director, and these bags must be used for weigh-in. Refer to weigh-in procedure before each tournament for proper weigh-in bag usage.
- 15.11: Stringers are not permitted for Tournament Use: It has been determined that stringering decreases the chances of a bass's survival, and bass thus handled may be disqualified. Bass must not be stringered at any time during the tournament
- 15.12: Non-Tournament Species: Any non-tournament game species that is injured must be immediately released. If it looks like it will not survive, the fish must be brought back to the Tournament Director.
- 15.13: Dead Fish over Limit: Any team/angler may bring in one (only) dead bass over their tournament limit and they will not be penalized. If more than one bass die, they must be weighed in as part of your tournament limit. **It is illegal to release dead fish!**

16.0 Penalties for Weigh-in Infractions

- 16.1: Weigh-in with Dead Bass: For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the competitor shall be penalized 8 ounces (1/2 pound) of weight, to be deducted from his daily score; the fish will be weighed. (See above rule 15.13) The Tournament Director and his designated appointees shall have the sole authority for accessing penalty points.
- 16.2: Penalty for Late Post-Tournament Check-in: Competitors who are not in the Official check-in point/area, (as described in Rule 11.5) at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute to be deducted from the total weight of your catch that day, including any weight to be counted toward a "lunker award", (for each 1 minute you are late, or part thereof). Any competitor more than 10 minutes late shall lose ALL your credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuses for tardiness and in no case shall the competitor be allowed to make up "lost time." The preceding is for weigh-in. After proper recognition at check-in point, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site.
- 16.3: Penalty for Late Pre-Tournament Check-in: Failure to register in person during the prescribed hours shall result in a 1 lb. penalty. No exceptions - No refunds. (Refer to Rule 5.2).

17.0 Ties during Tournament Competition

- 17.1: First Place Tie: In case of a tie for first place, the following tie breaker will be used: The biggest bass weighed will be used to determine the winner(s) and the money, if any, will be divided accordingly.
- 17.2: Ties for Lesser Positions: Ties for lesser positions shall be resolved by means selected by the Tournament Director (flip of a coin) for position only.
- 17.3: Split of Winnings resulting from a Tie: Money for each of the tied positions will be added with the following position, if any, and then it will be divided and split equally.

18.0 Tournament Directors Discretion

None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any competitor's vessel at any time during the official competition days.

19.0 Tournament Entry Fees:

The entry fees vary from tournament to tournament. See the current tournament schedule for entry fees.

20.0 Tournament Paybacks

- 20.1: Club allotment from Tournament Fees: Of all entry fees received, 20% will be deducted for the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS operation fees.
- 20.2: Tournament Payouts: From the remaining 80% of the fees the tournament payouts will be derived. Payout summaries can vary from each tournament and are dependent on field size.
- 20.3: Tournament Payouts Announcements: These will be event specific based on participation and field size. Payouts will be reviewed during the pre-tournament meeting. It is up to the Tournament Director to relay the payouts prior to the start of all Tournament Events.
- 20.4: Lunker Pool Payment: Five (\$5.00) dollars from every entry fee will be collected as BIG BASS prize. This money is not included in the above breakdown for Tournament Payouts. These fees, included in the entry fee, will be a separate payback and will have 100% payback to the angler/team that weighs in the biggest bass of the tournament.

21.0 Dress Code for Club Tournaments

- 21.1: Proper Tournament Dress: The K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS want to project a positive image of our club. Please remember this fact when you are preparing to fish our tournaments. Attire should be clean and neat. Be prepared to dress for foul weather conditions.
- 21.2: Proper Apparel for the Weather Conditions: Tournament Participants are expected to prepare for inclement weather. Participants must prepare for these conditions prior to tournament day.

21.3: Official Club Logos on Tournament Clothes: It is recommended that all K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS members SHOULD wear their official club logos at all times when in the official weigh-in area.

22.0 Interpretation of Tournament Rules

22.1: Misinterpretation of Tournament Rules: Misinterpretations of regulations and/or event rules are no excuse for failure to comply, and any penalty or dismissal or dismembership will apply.

22.2: Failure to Comply with Tournament Rules: Failure to comply with any rules will result in a review/decision made by the Tournament Director.

22.3: Enforcement of Tournament Rules: The Tournament Director is voted by the members of the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS to enforce club tournament rules at all events. The Tournament Director reserves the right to consult with members of the Club Tournament Committee on all decisions. However, this is not necessary.

22.4: Absence of Official Tournament Director: In the event of absence from a tournament event, a delegated member of the Tournament Committee will be given the role of Tournament Director and will fulfill the duties of the Tournament Director in their absence. This person will be delegated by the Official Tournament Director.