

2020 Centennial Bass Club Team Series Rules

The following rules shall apply to all Centennial Bass Club (CBC) Team Series events except that these rules may be changed by CBC or the Team Series Director. Immediate notice shall be given to CBC members via the CBC website and/or via email to the CBC Email Group. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules, during a tournament, shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director (TD) or their designee at a tournament. In the event of a rule violation, the TD may impose such sanctions as deemed appropriate by them, including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes and entry fees, and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the TD or their designee shall be final in all matters.

1. **LAWS:** All Federal, State, & Local laws shall be obeyed.
2. **DRUGS:** No illegal controlled substances, including but not limited to, alcohol and marijuana, shall be consumed during the tournament.
3. **PARTICIPATION / ELIGIBILITY:** All Participants MUST fill out and sign the Bassmaster Team Championship Agreement and shall be a member of Centennial Bass Club, in good standing, before the tournament. If you are a member of another BASS Club in Colorado, in good standing, you must still pay \$20 to be in good standing with CBC.
 - a. All Boaters must possess proof of insurance during the official practice and tournament days, meeting the current minimum requirement set forth by B.A.S.S., which as of February 5th, 2020 is:

“I represent and warrant that I now have or will obtain prior to the tournament series, boat owners liability insurance (including coverage for third party property damage and bodily injury) with no “tournament exclusion,” having a minimum limit of \$300,000 per occurrence. The insurance must be issued by a reputable insurer rated A or better by A.M. Best and Company. Policy must include international waters, or a separate policy for international waters must be obtained if I choose to fish international waters during applicable B.A.S.S. events. I shall provide B.A.S.S. with satisfactory evidence of that insurance prior to my participation in any tournament event or at any time requested by B.A.S.S.”

“DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE AND COMPETITION DAYS OF ANY B.A.S.S. TOURNAMENT, NO COMPETITOR MAY OPERATE A BOAT UNLESS THAT COMPETITOR HAS DOCUMENTED PROOF OF A MINIMUM OF \$300,000 PER OCCURRENCE BOAT OWNERS LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERING THE BOAT BEING USED IN THE TOURNAMENT. PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE WITH THE BOAT BEING USED AND MUST COVER ALL PASSENGERS IN THAT BOAT. **RANDOM CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND ANY COMPETITOR WHO DOES NOT HAVE PROOF OF IN-FORCE**

INSURANCE WITH \$300,000 COVERAGE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED. EACH POLICY MUST SHOW AN EFFECTIVE START AND EXPIRATION DATE. Tournament officials have sole authority to determine if insurance policies meet B.A.S.S., LLC requirements.”

It is each member’s obligation to know what B.A.S.S.’s Insurance minimums are, which may differ or change from what is written herein.

- b. Boat and Motor – Boats must be at least 16’ in length with a minimum of a 40HP engine. Maximum horsepower for all outboards will be 250HP. No stick steering. The boat must have a working livewell capable of keeping the fish alive. The TD may use their discretion to not allow a boat due to safety or fish care concerns.
 - c. Associate members under 16 years of age may pay annual dues and are able to fish any CBC tournament with parental consent. If an associate member is not fishing with their parent or legal guardian, they are required to provide their Health Insurance card and written permission from their parent or legal guardian for emergency purposes. **However, no one under the age of 16 may qualify for the BTC, either as a Team Member or an Alternate, and that tournament will not count towards Team of the Year (TOY) points.**
 - d. Guests will be allowed to participate in one tournament. **However, no Guest may qualify for the BTC, either as a Team Member or an Alternate, and that tournament will not count towards TOY points.**
4. **TEAMS:** During the Regular Season, a team shall consist of a maximum of 2 people. An individual may fish alone. However, only one tournament where a Team Member fishes alone will qualify towards the TOY. A team may use an alternate. However, only one tournament where a Team uses an Alternate will qualify towards the TOY. An alternate may not fish alone.
- a. Members of a team must fish together if they are both present.
 - b. If an alternate is used, where the alternate is a member of another team, the team registering for the tournament must declare which team will get the points, as only one team will be allowed to acquire points per tournament.
 - c. Either the Tournament Director or the Tournament Series Director, at their sole discretion, may disqualify a team for unsportsmanlike conduct, including if, in their judgment, that a written rule or unforeseen “gray area” that may not be written, is being taken advantage of in an unsportsmanlike manner.

5. **SAFETY:** During official practice days and during tournament hours, all participants shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) at any time the big engine is on. This PFD should be fully latched. The Boater's PFD shall have a functioning Kill Switch attached to it and to the engines Kill Switch system any time the big engine is on and in gear.
 - a. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, COMPETITORS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND THEN NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
 - b. COMPETITORS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMINENT.
6. **ENTRY FEES:** All entry fees shall be collected, cash only, prior to the start of the tournament during the registration period that immediately precedes the Pre-Tournament Meeting.
 - a. The entry fee for the 2 Evening Mini Tournaments shall be \$60 per boat.
 - i. Of this \$60 - \$5 will go towards the Big Bass payout of that tournament. \$5 will go to the current year's Team Championship. \$40 will go to that tournament's prize payout. \$10 will go towards the BTC fees. Once this fee is met per eligible team, then \$10 will go towards financially assisting the qualifying team's trip to the Championship.
 - b. The entry fee for the 4 Saturday One-Day Tournaments shall be \$80 per boat.
 - i. Of this \$80 - \$5 will go towards the Big Bass payout of that tournament. \$5 will go to the current year's Team Championship. \$60 will go to that tournament's prize payout. \$10 will go towards the BTC fees. Once this fee is met per eligible team, then \$10 will go towards financially assisting the qualifying team's trip to the Championship.
 - c. The entry fee for the 2 Weekend Tournaments shall be \$160 per Boat.
 - i. Of this \$160 - \$5 will go towards the Big Bass payout of that tournament for each day. \$10 will go to the current year's Team Championship. \$130 will go to that tournament's prize payout. \$10 will go towards the BTC fees. Once this fee is met per eligible team, then \$10 will go towards financially assisting the qualifying team's trip to the Championship.
 - d. Paying an entry fee to buy-in to a tournament for participation points is not allowed.

7. **LEGAL FISH:** Only Black Bass will be allowed to weigh-in. Only 5 fish may be in a Team's livewell at any time (outside of the culling process). The weight of a Team's fish will determine their finishing position with the heaviest cumulative weight winning.
 - a. There is a ½ pound penalty per dead fish. The dead fish's weight will count towards the total weight. A dead fish cannot be weighed for the Big Bass prize. Culling of a dead fish is prohibited.
 - b. There is a 1-pound penalty per short fish. The short fish will not be weighed.
 - c. It is recommended teams keep all bass in livewells during the culling process. Placing bass on the boat carpet during culling is not advised. Nonpenetrating culling clips and culling beams are strongly encouraged for use. Proper fizzing technique is suggested when needed. For instructions on acceptable fizzing practices, please contact tournament officials.
 - d. During the official practice, competitors are not allowed to keep any fish in their livewell or keep any bass unless.

8. **METHODS:** All Black Bass presented for weigh-in must have been caught during the tournament. All fish caught while sight fishing must have been hooked inside the mouth. No snagging allowed. Trolling is not allowed. Only one rod and reel may be used at a time by an angler. Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait, except for pork, may be used. Scents and attractant may be used.

9. **OFF LIMITS:** Unless the Tournament Director determines otherwise: Lakes are off-limits from 12:01 a.m. the Monday prior to the official practice day (Friday) for Weekend Tournaments. Lakes are off limits 12:01 a.m. the day of Mini and One Day Tournaments.

10. **PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING:** There will be a Pre-Tournament Meeting where weigh-in time, official time, off limits, etc. will be discussed. This is also when the draw for launch order will occur.
 - a. For the 2 mini tournaments, the Pre-tournament meeting will begin at 4:45pm
 - i. Any Team arriving after the draw, but before Blast Off will take off in last position. Any Team arriving after Blast Off will have to locate the Tournament Director and pay prior to fishing.

- b. For the 2 Weekend Tournaments and the 4 One-Day Tournaments, the Pre-tournament meeting will begin one hour before sunrise unless otherwise directed by the Tournament Director.
- 11. **CHECK-IN:** There will be a 1-pound penalty for each minute a team is late after the official check-in time. After 15 minutes late, a team will be disqualified. After 15 minutes the Tournament Director will attempt to locate any missing teams. If a team leaves early, for any reason, that team should place a note on the vehicle of another team.
- 12. **CENTENNIAL BASS CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP:** To qualify for the year end Championship, an individual must earn 3 participation points. You will earn one point for each tournament that you attend. You will receive two participation points for fishing a Weekend Tournament.
- 13. **BASSMASTER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP:** One team for every 25 eligible teams will qualify to go to the BTC. The qualifying team will be determined by a straight points system. Every tournament will be weighted 100 points. The 1st place team will earn 100 points. Second place is worth 99 points, third place is worth 98 points, etc.
 - a. At the end of the season, the team with the highest accumulative points from their best 6 tournaments will determine the Team of the Year that qualifies to go to the BTC.
- 14. **TIE BREAKER:** The Tie Breaker for cumulative weight of a tournament shall be the biggest bass weighed for the Big Bass prize. If it is a Weekend Tournament, a secondary tie breaker will be the heaviest bag of the tournament.
 - a. The Tie Breaker for the Big Bass Prize shall be which team weighed the heaviest "Bag" that day, for single day events, or over the course of the weekend, for weekend events.
 - b. The Tie Breaker for the TOY will be the Heaviest Tournament Weight weighed in for the 2020 season. This means it could potentially be the weight of a mini, a one day, or the total (2 day) weight of a weekend tournament.
- 15. **PAYOUTS:** Will be determined by number of entrants.
- 16. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** A 50-foot cushion rule shall exist so that all participants may fish and have a fun time in these tournaments. No team shall cut-off another team, that is fishing, within 50', by passing in front of them. Always ask before going in front of or around another team, whether they are anchored or not. Any protest about events shall be

brought to the Tournament Director before the actual weigh-in begins. All decisions of the Tournament Director are final. No money will be paid out until a dispute is settled.

- a. Maximum courtesy must always be practiced, especially regarding boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification.

17. **Penalties:** Penalties for rules violations may include the following:

- a. Reduction of practice or competition hours as determined by the Tournament Director
- b. Loss of one or more fish caught in potential violation of rules or regulations. All bass under question must be marked and verified by your Partner/Marshal/camera operator. If not verified the entire catch may be disqualified.
- c. Loss of catch for the day of the violation
- d. Disqualification from the tournament in question
- e. Disqualification from future CBC events, which may be from a specific number of events, a specific period of time, or may be a lifetime disqualification.
- f. Any different or additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director.