

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are applicable to all tournaments conducted by this club. Final interpretation of them will be the responsibility of the Tournament director and the club officers.

1. **Tournament schedule:** This club will conduct twelve (12) tournaments each calendar year, one per month from January through December. The tournament will generally be held on the third Saturday following the club's monthly meeting. Directors, prior to the January meeting, will determine the exact schedule. In the case of major event or holiday, date may be changed one month in advance by a majority of voting members. We will hold 3, two day tournaments, months to be voted on by club.
2. **Tournament sites:** Tournament sites will be selected by means of a monthly drawing and vote. Any given site may not be fished more than two times annually and cannot be fished in two consecutive months during the calendar year. The only exception would be Falls Lake, should inclement weather force a change to the home lake. The lake will be determined by a draw from those participating in a purchase of tickets aligned with the 50/50 draw. Anyone purchasing tickets for the 50/50 draw are allowed to write-in the lake of their choice on the backs of their respective tickets. Each ticket can be submitted as a vote for a particular lake. Each ticket that a member or guest fishing the upcoming tournament purchases for the 50/50 draw can be used as a vote for the tournament site for the upcoming tournament. The two lakes drawn by ticket will then be put up for a majority vote by the members fishing the upcoming tournament to determine the tournament site.
3. **Participation:** All club members in good standing may fish club tournaments. Prospective members and or guest may fish in the club tournament provided that they pay the appropriate tournament fee. Prospective members and guest are eligible for tournament awards. In any procedures/operational matter(s) regarding the club; a member in good standing will take precedence over a non-member.
4. **Tackle:** No natural bait (i.e. minnows, worms, shrimp, etc.) may be used. Pork strips and pork ells are permitted. Only one rod may be in use at any time. Extra rods and reels, rigged or un-rigged may be in the boat. Electric fishing aids may be used.
5. **Boats and Motors:** Boats and motors must be properly licensed. Boats must carry all Coast Guard required safety equipment.
6. **Expenses:** Boat partners will make mutually agreeable arrangements for the sharing of expenses. Unless otherwise agreed upon, non-boaters are expected to provide a minimum of \$30 for gas and expenses.
7. **Safety:** Any tournament director or weigh master may inspect all boats for safety before the start of the tournament. Life vest must be worn when the boat is moving with the gas engine running. Boat must display running lights during hours of darkness. Tournament director has the right to disqualify any contestant for dangerous conduct during the tournament or at the weigh-ins. Kill switches should be used when the gas motor is running.

8. **Tournament Hours:** Normal tournament hours will be from safe light till 3:00 p.m., other hours may be accepted for special tournament conditions. In the case where we fish a two-day tournament, the weigh-in on the first day will be at 4:00 and the weigh-in on the second day will be at 2:30, unless otherwise agreed by club.
9. **Scoring:** Tournaments are individual format with places awarded in both boater and non-boater categories. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky and Spotted bass may be weighed in. There will be a 5 fish limit per person. Offering or asking to share fish will result in termination from the club. Mutilated or white-eyed fish will not be weighed in. The official length for bass shall be 12 inches. On waters where the State limit allows 2 fish between 10 and 14 inches, anglers can weigh-in 2 fish between 12 and 14 inches. Fish will be measured according to current state regulations on the official club Golden Rule. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the official length, shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass. Courtesy checks may be performed before weighing of your fish without penalty. In the event of a tie, the individual entering the largest fish will receive top honors. Each dead fish will receive a two-tenths (0.2) pound penalty deducted from the total weight recorded for that individual.
 - **Summer Scoring** – For tournaments (typically July and Aug) where the club votes to use Summer Scoring there will be a 3 fish limit, all fish over 14", with 2 bonus points awarded if all 3 fish are alive. All other rules in section 9 above apply.
10. **Courtesy:** No participant shall fish within 50 yards of another club member's boat unless specific permission is granted. All club members will treat everyone on and off the water with respect. Any club member who fails to grant the basic courtesies to his fellow fishermen may have their catch for the day disqualified. All decisions regarding any penalties or sanctions will be the responsibility of the Tournament director and officers.
11. **Late Penalty:** If you are late for blast-off and all contestants have left the launch site, you are disqualified. Contestants late for weigh-in will lose one-half pound per minute late. Contestants who check in more than fifteen minutes late will have their creel disqualified, but will receive their one bonus points for participation in that tournament. The tournament director will keep the official time and have the final say as to whether or not a contestant has checked in on time. *** NOTE *** If you arrive late to the tournament you may fish IF and only if you first find an officer on the water, to verify that your live well is empty before you begin to fish. This exception is granted in case of vehicle break down i.e. flat tires etc. Do not abuse this. The Tournament Director, Weigh master or Officer (in that order) will decide whether or not to allow anyone arriving late to participate in the weigh in.
12. **Guest Passes:** Club members in good standing shall be allowed six guests passes per year, approved by the club. Two guest passes must be used for individuals OUTSIDE of the club; i.e. prospective members, family or friends. All other guest pass may be used at the member's discretion including using it to fish with another club member or by himself. Guest passes must be submitted in writing (or email) to the president prior to selection for the tournament in which you wish to have a guest. If the boater is using their guest pass to fish alone (ghost) and is not assigned a co-angler during the tournament pairings they may rescind their guest pass request, thus not being counted against their six.

13. **Partners:** Partners are to be determined by a lottery draw each month. No two members or guest may fish together more than twice a year or in two consecutive tournaments, except where allowed by a husband and wife team exception. In the event that the LAST pair of anglers drawn have already fished together twice during the year, a waiver of this rule is automatically granted.
14. **Reassignment:** In the event that either you or your partner is unable to fish, it is both his and your duty to contact the weigh master president for the purpose of assigning the person who is fishing with a new partner. If a partner is not provided by the club prior to blast-off, that person may bring a guest or prospective member of his choice and will not be penalized a guest pass. Regardless, all appropriate guest fees must be paid before blast-off. See separate Blast off and Pairings sheet.
15. **Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, the alternate tournament site shall be Falls Lake. The tournament director (V.P.) and the President will have the final say in this matter. If the tournament director determines that the conditions for travel or boating are dangerous, they are to reschedule the tournament to another date to be determined by the officers.
16. **Protest:** Any protest regarding violations of tournament rules should be submitted to an officer no later than 10 minutes after weigh-in. The tournament director and officers will make a determination and report at the next meeting.
17. **Fishable waters for Renegade Bassmasters of Raleigh:** The club may fish in any lake/river in the state of North Carolina that lies within a 125-mile circumference of Raleigh. The list of fishable waters is available to all members and will be prepared for and presented to you by the Secretary in January of each year. Exceptions can be made to fish a body of water outside of the radius with a majority vote to do so.