



PETAWAWA BASSMASTERS

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Tournament hours will be from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
2. Teams will be permitted to fish all waters accessible by boat. See ** at the bottom of page 2 for exceptions.
3. Any Competitor under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone over 18 years of age.
4. Each team is permitted to weigh in five bass in any combinations of smallmouth or largemouth bass. All other species must be released.
5. Each team is permitted to have no more than six fish in your live-well at any one time. If a bass that is not part of your creel or a non-targeted species dies whenever it is caught by your team, it should be brought in and handed over to tournament officials. The team will not be penalized. B.A.S.S. does not want injured or dead fish being disposed of on tournament waters.
6. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass caught in designated tournament waters during tournament hours are eligible to be weighed. Weigh-ins will be done at 4:00 pm unless otherwise announced by Tournament Director.
7. All boats must pass through a set of orange inflatable buoys upon arrival for weigh-in off plane at a slow speed. Any team that fails to pass through the buoys by 4:00 pm will be penalized as a late team. Any team that passes through the buoys while still on plane will be penalized 1 pound off of their total weight.
8. A 1 pound late penalty will be assessed for every minute after 4:00 pm. A time check will be done just before blast off and the Tournament Director's time will be the official time for the tournament.
9. Live-wells are mandatory.
10. Minimum size limit is thirteen (13) inches, measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. All fish in question by the Weighmaster will be weighed and the Tournament Director will have final say on whether or not a fish meets the minimum size limit.
11. There will be a 1/4 Lb (4 ounce) penalty for each dead fish. The total weighed in penalties for dead fish will be deducted from the team's total weight.
12. A team can make 1 request to re-weigh their total catch and/or big fish. The weight registered on the re-weigh will become the recorded weight used in the tournament standings prizes. Another team cannot request a re-weigh of a competitor's catch.
13. In the event of a tie, in any prize position, the prize money will be combined and split evenly.
14. To be eligible for the Big Fish pool, the big fish must be alive and you must have paid to enter the Big Fish pool during registration.
15. For tournaments where there are two Big Fish prizes, a team is only allowed to weigh one fish and therefore can only win one prize.
16. No live or preserved bait is allowed. Pork baits are permitted.
17. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are allowed on Competitor's boats during tournament hours.
18. No fishing will be permitted on tournament waters after 5:00 pm on the preceding day of the tournament.
19. Competitors must abide by all applicable boating and sport fishing regulations.

20. Competitors must remain in their team boats at all times during tournament hours. If a competitor must leave their boat, it must be done under the supervision of a Petawawa Bassmasters Club Member. ***An exception to this rule is to seek shelter from dangerous weather or when personal safety is in jeopardy.***
21. No one is permitted to board a Competitor's boat during tournament hours except officials, police or conservation officers.
22. **ALL COMPETITORS MUST WEAR PROPERLY FASTENED LIFE JACKETS OR PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES WHEN MAIN BOAT MOTOR IS RUNNING.** A Team will be given one warning; next violation of this rule will be disqualified from that event.
23. All Competitors must register at tournament headquarters before 6:30 am. If a pre-paid team arrives late to an event, they must seek the a Petawawa Bassmasters Club Member for inspection of boat prior to commencement of fishing. If a team fails to be inspected, that team will not be eligible for that tournament.
24. Blast off will be done one at a time, in order of registration.
25. Teams may protest violations of the above rules by other teams, provided the protest is in writing and is accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. The fee is refundable if the protesting team wins its protest. The protest must be brought to a Petawawa Bassmasters Executive Member prior to the awards presentations.
26. All Competitors must have proof of liability insurance and a valid Ontario Sport Fishing license upon registration.

Rules Pertaining To Club Members Only

1. All Club Members are required to be back for weigh-in by 3:45 pm.
2. Club Members unable to fish in a tournament **due to special circumstances** may recruit a substitute from outside the Petawawa Bassmasters to fish in their place. The member will be allowed to retain points earned by their substitute towards Angler of the Year and positioning for the next years Provincial Qualifier. Each **TEAM** is allowed up to, but no more than 2 substitutes per season, and must provide reason for absence from a club event. **All requests for a substitution of a team member are subject to approval by the Petawawa Bassmasters Executive Committee.**
3. Each team member must fish a minimum of one Club-only event in order to be eligible to qualify for the following season's Provincial Qualifier Event.
4. Membership includes entry fees for the 4 Club Open Tournaments and OBF dues.
5. The Club-only tournaments are an optional prize pool with the amount to be agreed upon by majority prior to blast-off.
6. The Pike Tournament and Fall Brawl are also excluded from membership fees. Any Club Members wishing to compete in these events must pay the posted registration fee.

****Teams will be permitted to fish all waters accessible by boat however no locking out is permitted. On Muskrat Lake in Cobden, boundaries are set at the Highway 17 bridge for both the Snake River and Muskrat River. **MUD LAKE IS OUT OF BOUNDS.** Any Team caught out of bounds will be immediately disqualified without refund.**