



Reel Christian Bass Anglers Tournament Rules

- 1. The tournament committee will determine the time and location of each tournament. Each tournament schedule will be no longer than 10 hours on day tournaments, and 8 hours on night tournaments. If changes do occur after the schedule is set, a majority of TC members must approve the change. (ex. Weather, change of lake or ramp venue from other large boat event) Club President vote (if necessary) would break any ties on these issues.**
- 2. Day tournaments will be honor start unless otherwise stated. This means you may be on your fishing location and begin fishing when your cell phone reaches the designated start time. Night tournaments will be a blast off so that we may keep track of everyone. Order of takeoff will be the order you arrive at the lake. Trailering on day events is fine, but you have to be in the parking lot at weigh in at the designated end time. Trailering on night events is fine also, but you must be at the parking lot at both take off and weigh in.**
- 3. All legal fish will be weighed and measured and documented by the tournament committee. All bass will be handled with care and released, except in case of trophy fish or dead fish and spotted bass.**
- 4. The creel limit will be 5 fish per boat, unless stated otherwise. The minimum length will be 12 inches, unless stated otherwise by state regulations. Fish will be measured on official club boards, with mouth closed and touching the end. Fish brought to the scales more than ½ inch short will result in an 8 oz penalty. Dead fish also receive 8 oz penalty, which will have the net weight used on big fish.**
- 5. Fish should be brought to the scales in bags provided by participants, with cull tags removed prior.**
- 6. Everyone must be at weigh in by the designated time. Each participant will be penalized 1 lb per minute, up to 15 minutes. Anyone arriving later will be disqualified.**
- 7. Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers. No trolling is allowed.**

- 8. All participants must wear a USCG approved life preserver while the boat is on plane, and it must be attached to the kill switch.**
- 9. Any questions or rules infractions, concerning a tournament, will be address to the TC chairman within 30 minutes of the end of the tournament. TC decisions on any questions will be made in a prompt manner and results made final.**
- 10. Points will be awarded for each tournament as follows. 100-first, 99-second, 98-third, etc. 1 bonus point will be awarded to the individual for the big fish of the tournament, and 1 additional bonus point to the individual catching a 3 lb spotted bass, 4 lb smallmouth bass, and 5 lb largemouth bass. The best 8 scores of the 12 events will be used for determining the AOY standings. Any additional events may include additional drops. 1 Point added to overall annual score for meetings attended, maximum of 4.**
- 11. Entry fees are \$20 per person per event, except for those under 14 are free. Maximum of 2 people per boat unless occupants are related.**
- 12. The use of cell phones or any on lake communications device during an event to gain fishing information is prohibited.**
- 13. Awards for the top 6 anglers and big fish will be given after year end. The AOY and Big Fish of the year will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the tackle shop of his choice.**
- 14. A year end Classic will be held annually, with ALL the entry fee paid out, plus \$300 from the club when possible. Payout will be 50% of total money for first place, 25% for second place, 15% for third place, and 10% for big fish.**
- 15. Qualification for the classic requires being in the top ten in AOY points at year end, or entering at least 8 point events during the year. The classic lake designation by the tournament committee will rotate alphabetically on our 5 local lakes. ex Boone, Cherokee, Douglas, Holston, Watauga. This will be a blast off event by AOY order of finish for the year of the highest finishing person in the boat. Both people must qualify for the classic individually to qualify for the classic.**
- 16. AOY standings tiebreaker will first be determined by total weight for the year in all events with no drops. If the event of this not breaking the tie the second tiebreaker will be heaviest recorded fish for the individual.**