

# REBEL BASS CLUB

## 2020-21

### OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 1. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all individuals, male and female. Those under 18 may participate with written permission of a parent or legal guardian. **Rebel Bass Club** tournaments are open to all people regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin. **Rebel Bass Club** reserves the right to reject any application for membership and tournament entry fees that is not in the best interest of the club. **Any person that has been banned from any other tournament will not be accepted as a member.** All participants are subject to an observer at any time for any reason. No Exceptions.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP/ ENTRY FEES:

Membership fee is \$30.00 per person all memberships expire at the end of said season. Entry fees for all regular season tournaments shall be \$25.00 per person. Winners are responsible for any and all taxes on any money and prizes received.

#### 3. PAYOUTS:

All **Rebel Bass Club** tournaments will have a payout based on the number of people up to 5 places, \$20.00 per person of the tournament fees will be paid back at the ramp. Prize money will be paid out immediately following the tournament providing there are no protests. The remaining \$5.00 from the entry fees will go into the classic fund.

#### 4. TIES:

Ties will be decided by the contestant's.

#### 5. ENTRIES / OFF LIMIT PERIODS:

Signups will be accepted at the ramp the morning of the tournament. Entries in a **Rebel Bass Club** tournament are allowed to participate in other tournaments as long as the entree blast off and weigh in at scheduled times. There is no official off limit period or practice days.

#### 6. SAFETY:

Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each boat must have all required US Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must have working aerated live wells to maintain a live limit catch.

## 7. SPORTSMANSHIP:

All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Alcohol use, drug use, or anyone that has been suspended or disqualified from any other fishing or tournament organization may be called for automatic disqualification. No participant is allowed to have someone hold a spot. Cell phones are not allowed for the use of locating or to assist in locating fish during any tournament. No boat may fish within 50 yards of another competitor who was first anchored. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight and with the trolling motor in the deployed position. Fighting will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.

## 8. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:

Only artificial lures with the exception of pork trailers may be used. All bass must be caught in a sporting manner, NO SNAGGING. Only (1) rod may be used at any time. NO TROLLING IS ALLOWED.

## 9. STROLLING OR LONG LINE TECHNIQUE:

The strolling or long line technique is only allowed with the trolling motor and the lure must not be pulled or dragged under trolling motor power. NO EXCEPTIONS. You may not use the outboard engine to stroll or long line. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## 10. STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS:

All participants must abide by all state laws and wildlife regulations.

## 11. LATE PENALTY:

Teams that have not checked in on time will be penalized (1) lb per minute late. After 15 minutes the team will be disqualified.

## 12. SCORING:

A tournament limit shall consist of (3) bass. Only largemouth, small mouth, mean mouth and Kentucky bass may be weighed in. Official measuring board will be a Golden Rule. The official length will comply with State or Local regulations. Short fish penalty will result in the loss of the short fish AND be penalized the loss of the LARGEST fish. Fish that appear to be mangled, mashed, mauled, or altered will be weighed only at the discretion of the tournament officials. Fish will be measured with the mouth closed. **NO DEAD FISH WILL BE WEIGHED.** All culling must be done on the lake and not in the weigh in area. Each team will be allowed one courtesy check prior to entering the weigh-in location.

## 13. EMERGENCIES:

Team members shall not leave the boat except in emergencies, i.e., sickness, call of nature or severe weather. The tournament director of the **Rebel Bass Club** must be notified if a participant must leave the boat for any other reason during tournament hours. NO EXCEPTIONS. In the event of a mechanical breakdown of a boat or motor, (1) partner may ride back to the weigh-in location with another competitor to weigh that team's fish while the other partner remains with the disabled boat.

#### 14. TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY/ CLASSIC QUALIFICATIONS:

An eligible **Angler** must fish **7** tournaments to qualify for the classic with the following exceptions. An **Angler** may buy in on one tournament per season also an eligible **TEAM** can pick up a substitute for **2** tournament'S. No substitutes will be allowed in the classic.

#### 15. PROTEST:

Any protest must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within (15) minutes of scale closing.

#### 16. LIABILITY:

Liability insurance is required in a minimum of \$100,000.00 per accident of all contestants using their boats while fishing in a **Rebel Bass Club** tournament. By signing an official participant form, you agree to assume all risks associated with the tournament and release **Rebel Bass Club**, its sponsors, director's, and members from any and all damages, claims and expenses relating to any injury of any person including yourself and to damages to any property which you may cause by reason of participating in a **Rebel Bass Club** tournament.

#### 17. CELLPHONES:

Cell phones, including texting should be used in emergency situations only and not for the use of locating or assisting in the location of fish.

#### 18. RULES INTERPUTATION:

Interpretation of these rules will be left up to the tournament director or tournament committee. Infraction of any rule may result in disqualification of catch and forfeiture of entry fee and prizes.