

Tournament Rules and Procedures for Northend Bass Club "Jack & Jill" Open Tournament

I. PURPOSE

- A. To Standardize and establish requirement, violations, penalties and conduct for the "Jack & Jill" fishing contest.

II. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- A. The tournament committee shall consist of the Tournament Director, the Assistant Tournament Director, Safety Coordinator, and any Northend Bass Club Board Members present at the tournament.

III. STANDING RULES & PROCEDURES

- A. The Tournament Director or his appointee will start the contest. There will be an organized draw start on the 1st day during the drivers meeting. Day 2 will start in reverse order of the draw. Each boat must have a driver or back seater present at the drivers meeting on 1st day or their boat will start last on both days. Start and stop times may vary due to circumstances. The Tournament Director or appointee will determine start and stop times for the Tournament and announce times at the drivers meeting.
- B. Fish limits will comply with current Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife tournament laws and regulations. This is a "Jack & Jill" team tournament. Two people, 1 male & 1 female represent a team. Each team will fish for a 5 fish limit (or 'bag'). Only Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass will be allowed. Culling of live fish to improve 'bag' weight is acceptable.
- C. All fish weighed in must consist of no more than 5 bass for that Jack & Jill Team. There is no minimum length.
- D. All fish are to be weighed in on the same scale and all weights are to be verified by a tournament Committee member or appointee. The weights will be final and will be accepted for entries toward the contest awards.
- E. No tournament participant SHALL FISH within (5) days of the contest on the designated water of the contest. No tournament participant SHALL FISH with any person that has fished within (5) days of the contest on the designated water of the contest.
- F. Only artificial lures may be used, except for pork trailers and 100 % biodegradable manufactured baits. No live bait or dead bait is to be used to take bass during contest.
- G. Trolling & Strolling, as currently defined by FLW rules, is not allowed as a means of taking Bass during the contest.
- H. There will be no fishing from shore. All contestants must fish from an approved watercraft.
- I. No competitor shall fish within 100 feet of another competitor's boat which was anchored or with trolling motor down. No such competitor shall permit any other contestant to fish within 100 ft circle claimed by him/her.
- J. Contestants will be responsible for returning their catch to the water after the weigh-in unless a live release barge or boat is set up prior to the tournament start time. No dead fish should be returned to the water.
- K. Contestants are required to bring their own catch to the scales during weigh-in. All shall be carried in Tournament approved containers.
- L. All waters fished during a contest shall be accessible by water from Tournament Headquarters launch site. No trailering to or from another launch is allowed.
- M. An approved Tournament weigh-in form or receipt will be filled out with each contestant's name, date and fish weighed. A copy of the form or receipt to be given to the contestant. Forms or electronic equivalent will be kept on file by the Tournament Director.
- N. All contestants must abide by Washington State Tournament Rules.
- O. Tournament Tie Breaker: If, after the conclusion of the Tournament there is a tie, big fish shall break the tie.
- P. Big Fish Tie Breaker: If, after the conclusion of the Tournament there is a tie for the overall big fish, the money will be split evenly among those that tie.

IV. EQUIPMENT

- A. All approved Tournament watercraft shall be equipped with the following:
 - i. A U.S. Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each occupant of the boat. The PFD must be worn and secured at all times while any gas motor is running.
 - ii. Some type of ignition kill switch must be attached to the boat driver at all times while any gas motor is running.
 - iii. Each boat must have all safety equipment required by applicable State and Federal law and U.S. Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) regulations.
 - iv. All boats must meet all requirements of applicable State and Federal law and U.S. Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) regulations.
 - v. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in the tournament may not to exceed the horsepower set forth on the Maximum Capacities placard.
 - vi. Additionally, each boat shall have a properly aerated live well, capable of keeping a tournament limit of bass alive. Livewell will be inspected each day of the contest.

V. VIOLATION & PENALTIES

- A. Any contestant, who is late for weigh-in, shall be penalized (.5) lbs. per minute. After ten minutes, the entire catch for that day will be disqualified including big fish. Tardiness will be determined by the official starting clock.
- B. If more than (5) bass brought to weigh-in by a team, the smallest (5) bass be weighed.
- C. There will be a (.25) lbs. penalty per dead fish brought to the weigh in. This will be deducted from the total weight of the day's catch and not to be deducted off the individual dead fish weight.
- D. Any equipment violations shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Tournament Committee or his/her appointee prior to the contestant leaving blast off area.
- E. Any flagrant rule violations of unsportsmanlike conduct by a participant shall be penalized in accordance with the decision of the Tournament Committee. The penalty shall range from loss of contestant's big fish to disqualification.
- F. Considering this tournament is oriented as a family group, excessive profanity, drunkenness and rude behavior can be cause for tournament disqualification. To be determined by the Tournament Committee.
- G. No Alcohol or controlled substance is allowed in the contestant's boat during the tournament. If a contestant has been deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance they will be disqualified from the tournament.

VI. EXCEPTIONS & ADDED RULES

- A. If any, they will be address at the drivers meeting.