



## LAKE WAYNOKA BASS TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Interpretation of the following rules shall be the sole responsibility of the tournament directors.
2. Any style of boat may be used (canoe, pontoon, etc.) if the following criteria is met:
  - a. Owned by a member in good standing and Lake Waynoka registered for the current year with attached sticker.
  - b. Has an operating aerated live well. No stringers or baskets are permitted. Live wells must be checked by a tournament official prior to tournament start time.
  - c. Is covered by a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance. By payment of entry fees the boat owner is certifying they have insurance coverage.
3. The Lake Committee reserves the right at their sole discretion to exclude any angler from participation.
4. This is a Team event with a maximum of two anglers per boat. Entrants may launch anywhere, but must be at tournament headquarters thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled take off time.
5. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted bass will be eligible. A total of five (5) fish, twelve (12) inches or longer may be weighed per boat. Weight in pounds and ounces will determine winners. In the event of ties in weight, order of finish will be determined by (a) the boat having the most fish (b) the largest fish (c) flip of a coin.
6. Only five (5) bass can be in the team's possession at any time. Culling must be done immediately. No undersized bass may be kept at any time. All fish must be released after being weighed.
7. Bass must touch the 12" line with mouth closed on the official tournament measurement board. Any dead bass brought to the scales will NOT be weighed or counted. A one (1) pound penalty will be charged for each fish less than twelve (12) inches weighed in. Courtesy board provided.
8. All bass must be brought to the weigh in scales before the boat is removed from the lake. No bass will be weighed if brought to the weigh in scales from a trailered boat.
9. Life jackets must be on and zipped at all times when the outboard engine is running. The boat operator must have the kill switch cord attached to their life jacket at all times the engine is running.
10. OBEY all no wake markers—idle speed only in these areas. Safe boating conduct is a must. All WPOA Rules & Regulations and State boating regulations will be strictly adhered to, subject to disqualification.
11. All participants are expected to exercise good sportsmanship and courtesy, including maintaining at least 50 yards between participating boats.
12. The entire lake becomes no wake at dark (indicated by the automatic lights on the dam). Both bow and stern lights must be in good working condition and must be turned on from sunset to sunrise.
13. No team member can depart from their boat at anytime during tournament hours unless returning to tournament headquarters. (Marina dock).
14. Intoxication will not be tolerated. Alcoholic beverages and non-medically necessary drugs are not permitted in the boat.
15. Only artificial lures may be used during the tournament. No trolling is permitted.
16. Lake Waynoka is OFF LIMITS for fishing to all tournament participants 24 hours prior to the scheduled tournament start time. Violation of this rule will result in automatic disqualification.
17. Team number tokens must be hung back on the display board by team members only at or before the official time has been reached to end the competition. Late arrivals will be penalized 1 pound per minute for each minute they are late. Five minutes late will disqualify a team's complete weight for the tournament. A clock with the official time will be displayed at the sign in table, set your watch.
18. No underwater cameras will be permitted during the tournament.
19. All protests must be lodged with the tournament director PRIOR to any announcement of payouts.

## **BASS TOURNAMENT SPECIAL RULES AND INFORMATION**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BASS TOURNAMENT ANGLERS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

- 1. A cash portion of each entry fee of each Wednesday Night tournament will be accumulated and awarded to the top scoring team for the year (Anglers of the Year).**
- 2. Anglers of the Year are determined by accumulating Team points earned in each tournament as follows. Each team weighing fish will earn points for place of finish in each of the five (5) Wednesday Night Bass tournaments. First place earns fifty points and each descending place will earn one less point than the place above them, 2<sup>nd</sup> place=49 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>=48 points and so on. Teams not weighing fish will earn 25 “show” points. If one of the team partners cannot participate in a tournament, the remaining partner, if fishing alone, must indicate at registration what Team they are representing for points. If not indicated at registration, the individual will be counted as a new and separate Team for the purpose of earning points.**
- 3. If a team member chooses to compete with a different partner in one of the five (5) Wednesday Night Bass tournaments, the new pairing will earn points as a new and separate Team. Anglers of the Year points are earned from the Wednesday Night Tournaments only. The Spring, Night and Fall tournaments do not count towards Anglers of the Year.**

### **QUALIFICATION FOR THE BASS CLASSIC**

- 1. Qualified Teams for the Bass Classic tournament and banquet are determined by accumulating Team points earned in the Spring, Night and Fall tournaments as follows. Each team weighing fish in any of these tournaments will earn points for place of finish as follows: First place earns 100 points and each descending place will earn one less point than the place above them, 2<sup>nd</sup> place=99 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>=98 points and so on. Teams not weighing fish will earn 50 “show” points. If one of the team partners cannot participate in a tournament, the remaining partner, if fishing alone, must indicate at registration what Team they are representing for points. If not indicated at registration, the individual will be counted as a new and separate Team for the purpose of earning points.**
- 2. If a team member chooses to compete with a different partner in any of the Spring, Night or Fall tournament, the new pairing will earn points as a new and separate Team. Bass Classic qualifying points can only be earned points are earned from participation in the Spring, Night and Fall tournaments only. Wednesday Night Tournaments do not count towards Bass Classic qualification.**
- 3. The top thirty 30 Teams with the highest point totals will be invited to fish the Bass Classic tournament. In the event the full field is not filled from the top thirty Team point totals, the next highest point Team will be invited until the full field is filled.**

### **TOURNAMENT PAYOUTS**

- For Wednesday Night tournaments, cash prizes will be awarded to up to the top three Teams (*depending on the number of entries per tournament*). The Team weighing the largest bass will be awarded the Big Bass Pot.**
- For the Spring, Night and Fall tournaments, cash prizes will be awarded to up to the top five Teams (*depending on the number of entries per tournament*). The Team weighing the largest bass will be awarded the Big Bass Pot. Dual trophies will be awarded the top three Teams as well as a single trophy for the Team weighing in the largest bass.**
- For the Bass Classic tournament, cash prizes will be awarded to up to the top three Teams (*depending on the number of entries per tournament*) The Team weighing the largest bass will be awarded the Big Bass Pot. Dual trophies will be awarded the top three Teams as well as a single trophy for the Team weighing in the largest bass.**