

Mini-Cassia Bassers Club Tournament Rules

1. All federal, state and local fishing and boating laws apply. Any violation will result in disqualification. Discourteous or unsafe boat handling or disregard for the property or others will result in disqualification. Complaints should be delivered in writing to the tournament director before the end of the weigh-in.
2. Team limit: five fish except where local fish limits are different. Big Fish per team should be identified at the scales. No culling allowed at the launch site. No dead fish may be culled. Big Fish of the tournament must be alive to qualify.
3. Fish will be measured with mouth closed using a golden rule type board; the open tail may be swept to touch the line; the tail may not be touched during measuring a minimum of 12" unless there are different local regulations. VP/Tournament Director's decision concerning short fish will be final.
4. For all regular tournaments there is no off-limits unless fishing on another club's permit and we are abiding by their rules or if there is a vote at a regular monthly meeting to change the off-limit rules for a particular tournament. The annual open tournament there will be off limits from the prior Monday at midnight.
5. Landing nets are allowed.
6. Aerated livewell or equivalent required in each boat.
7. Boats must be covered by minimum \$100,000 liability insurance and each boater must provide proof of insurance to club Secretary/Treasurer prior to participation.
8. One two-person team per boat. Each team member must be at least 16 years of age or accompanied by an adult. A single angler may participate if his partner becomes unavailable. Payout for a single contestant will be contingent upon single or team entry fee having been paid.
9. No alcoholic beverages allowed in a boat and no competitor may be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during tournament hours as they are stated on the permit. Public display of alcohol consumption at the scales or while waiting in line to weigh fish should be discouraged.
10. PFDs must be worn when boat is on plane.
11. No boat should approach to within 50 feet of another boat or fisherman without permission. Common courtesy should apply.
12. Only artificial lures are allowed with the exception of pork type trailer baits. A contestant may have an unlimited number of rods but may only have one line in the water at any given time.
13. The tournament director will draw and assign numbers for order of departure. The VP/tournament director will determine and assign all release boats excluding club officers. The last boat is the official timekeeper and starts the tournament.
14. No competitor may leave the boat during competition except during emergencies or to use the restroom facilities. When using restroom facilities, only one competitor may leave the boat at any given time.
15. A penalty of 0.25 pound shall be assessed for each dead fish.
16. A late penalty of 1 pound for each minute past the official weigh-in time shall be assessed. Teams returning more than 10 minutes late shall have their entire catch disqualified.

17. In the event of a breakdown, competitors should display a distress signal by flipping their banner over to the orange side. A fellow competitor may then transport one or both team members and their catch to the weigh-in. Late penalties against the rescuer and rescued shall be waived.
18. Any team arriving late for the start of the tournament shall find a club officer and pay the entry fee before fishing.
19. Each team will be issued a contest banner to be suitably displayed during the start of the tournament. This banner must be presented to the tournament director before weighing fish. Any lost or damaged banner will cost the team \$12.
20. A guest angler, new to tournament competition, may fish one tournament without joining the club. If that guest wins prize money, his membership dues will be deducted from his winnings.
21. That team with the heaviest catch wins the tournament. In event of a tie in total weight, the team weighing the biggest fish shall win the award in question. Individual points will be awarded as follows:
 - o 2 points for entry
 - o 1 point for each fish weighed by the team;
 - o 1 point to the team member weighing the biggest fish for the team
 - o 3 points for Big Fish of the tournament
 - o 10 points for the first place team, 9 points for second place and so on through 10th place
22. The angler, who accumulates the most total points on the year after dropping their lowest tournament, will receive the "Angler of the Year Award". In the event of a tie, that individual who, during the year's events, caught the biggest fish shall win the award.
23. Teams who fish at least 4 events together during the year shall be eligible for end of year team awards; the top three teams shall be recognized. Individual points, including the lowest tournament drop, will be added together to determine team standings, team points only count when the team fishes together. Draw events count toward team points if both team members participate in the draw event. In the event of a tie in the calculation of the top three teams, that team who, during the year's events, caught the biggest fish shall win the tie.
24. The "Big Fish of the Year" shall be awarded to the angler who catches the heaviest largemouth or smallmouth at one of the MCB points tournaments during the year. The angler must fish a minimum of 4 MCB points tournaments to qualify. In the event of a tie, the angler who during the year's events caught the most total pounds shall win the award.