

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. 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. Landing nets are allowed.
4. Aerated livewell or equivalent required in each boat.
5. Boats must be covered by minimum \$100,000 liability insurance.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. PFDs must be worn when boat is on plane.
9. No boat should approach to within 50 feet of another boat or fisherman without permission. Common courtesy should apply.
10. 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.
11. The tournament director will draw and assign numbers for order of departure. Boat #1 will release the catch. The last boat is the official timekeeper and starts the tournament.
12. Underwater cameras are not allowed in boat during tournament hours.
13. Fish will be measured with mouth closed using a Wille-Go-Flat board; the open tail may be swept to touch the line; the tail may not be touched during measuring. Tournament director's decision concerning short fish will be final.
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, and the other competitor may not fish during that 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 5 minutes late shall have their entire catch disqualified.
17. Any team arriving late for the start of the tournament shall find a club member and pay the entry fee before fishing.

18. In the event of a breakdown, competitors should display a distress signal. 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.
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:
 - 2 points for entry
 - 1 point for each fish weighed by the team;
 - 1 point to the team member weighing the biggest fish for the team
 - 3 points for Big Fish of the tournament
 - 10 points for the first place team, 9 points for second place and so on through 10th placeThat angler who accumulates the most total points on the year 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.
22. Teams who fish at least 4 events together during the year shall be eligible for end of year team awards. Individual points will be added together to determine team standings. Draw events count toward team points if both team members participate in the draw event.