

**GRAPEVINE ANGLERS
CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES
Revised January 2007**

1. The membership will nominate lakes, campsites and fishing hours at a general meeting prior to the tournament. Members present at the meeting will vote to select the lake.
2. No lake may be visited more than twice in one calendar year.
3. All contestants shall sign in before the start of the tournament. Anyone not registered before the start is ineligible to fish. A registered contestant is liable for their entry fee, even if they do not fish.
4. All contestants, or their designate, shall be in the weigh-in line by the end of weigh-in or they are disqualified for that day's weigh-in. Tournament Director's decision is final.
5. Contestants may launch at a place of their choosing and travel on the lake, but may not fish until the designated start time. The honor system shall prevail.
6. All Federal and State of Texas laws will be in effect. Legal bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Kentucky spotted bass) according to the current version of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Handbook are eligible to be weighed. All lake exceptions (slots or higher minimums) will be honored.
7. A ½ pound penalty per each dead fish will be assessed except when icing fish is specifically stated to be allowed by the tournament director. All fish must be in edible condition. These determinations are solely the responsibility of the tournament director, or his designee.
8. Any fisherman bringing a fish to be weighed that is not of legal size will be assessed a penalty of ½ pound for each illegal fish and that fish will not be weighed. A fisherman with a fish of questionable length will be allowed to measure the fish on the official measuring board before presenting it to the tournament director for weighing.
9. Each participant must use acceptable weigh-in bags to transport their catch from the boat to the scales. Fish not transported in a weigh-in bag will not be weighed.
10. The tournament lake goes off limits at midnight Tuesday night before the tournament starts.
11. New members must register and pay membership and initiation fees to a club officer or the tournament director prior to the start of the tournament. It is mandatory that a club officer or the tournament director explain these rules to the new member prior to the start of the tournament.
12. A non-member may fish one tournament per calendar year as a guest of a member in good standing, but must fish in the same boat as the member. The guest is not eligible to win the big bass pot, has no protest rights, and must be briefed on the rules by a club officer prior to the tournament. The guest can not become a member until the tournament is over, and their catch for the tournament will not count in the annual standings.
13. A contestant is not allowed to fish with a registered guide on the tournament lake during the 30 days prior to the tournament.
14. During tournament fishing hours, only registered contestants may be in the contestant's boat.
15. All members shall maintain as neat a personal appearance as possible and conduct themselves in a civil and sportsman-like manner at all times.
16. Any infraction of these rules can result in disqualification of a member from the tournament and/or the club.
17. All protests must be made in writing to the tournament director at the weigh-in, and a ruling will be made by the director at that time.
18. All bass must be caught on artificial bait, using a rod and reel. Only one rod and reel can be used at one time. Trolling with big motor is not allowed.
19. When fishing individually, bank, wade or tube fishing will be allowed.

20. There will be no fishing within 100 feet of another contestant except with their permission.
21. Children 11 years old and under may use live bait. Children may weigh in any fresh water species of fish of legal size.
22. Only members fishing in the adult division are eligible for tournament Big Bass pot and the Floating Bass Pot.
23. Life jackets must be worn when the gas motor is running. Kill switches must be attached.
24. Interpretation of all rules is subject to the discretion of the tournament director.
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