



## **The Grapevine Anglers Tournament of Champions Rules & Requirements**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Tournament of Champions is to give the top 10 finishing anglers from the previous year an opportunity to compete head-to-head with each other for a little extra cash and also to give all anglers an extra incentive for finishing in the top echelon of anglers each year. Here are the requirements and format:

### **Requirements:**

There are 4 possible ways to qualify for the Tournament of Champions:

- 1) An angler must finish in the Top 10 standings during the prior year (For instance, we will use the final standings for 2002 to determine the participants for the first event that will be held in 2003).
- 2) Or, an angler must have finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place during at least one tournament during the prior year.
- 3) Or, an angler must be the defending champion from the prior year's Tournament of Champions. (Obviously, this being the first year for this new event, there will not be a defending champion for the upcoming tournament in 2003).
- 4) Or, both the male and female angler who catch the largest bass in the prior tournament season will qualify for the TOC.

### **Format:**

- 1) The Tournament of Champions (TOC) is strictly voluntary for those who qualify. If you qualify by any of the previously determined means, it is at the angler's discretion if he/she wishes to compete in this event.
- 2) If a qualified angler elects not to participate in the TOC, he/she may not award their spot to another member, spouse, friend, etc.
- 3) The tournament will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Grapevine Anglers monthly tournament, including dates, times and location. For example, the qualified anglers who elect to fish this event will be competing in two events during the same weekend. Your stringer weight will count in the regularly scheduled event in addition to the TOC. A separate weigh-in sheet will be kept which will include only those anglers fishing in the TOC. You will have the opportunity to win prize money in both events if you are so fortunate.
- 4) The tournament will be held during our March 2003 event. (Location to be determined during our January 2003 meeting.)

### **Entry Fees and Payouts:**

- 1) Each angler who qualifies and elects to compete in the TOC will be required to pay a \$10.00 entry fee in addition to the regularly scheduled monthly Grapevine Angler's tournament of \$20.00. Therefore, your total out-of-pocket expense for entry fees to fish both tournaments concurrently will be \$30.00.
- 2) The Grapevine Anglers Bass Club will add \$200.00 to the entry fees collected for the participating anglers. For example, if we have 15 anglers fishing the TOC, we would collect \$150.00 in entry fees plus the \$200.00 from the club, which would give us \$350.00 available for payout.
- 3) The payout to the winners of the TOC will be as follows.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place will receive 50% of the total amount available for payout.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place will receive 30% of the total amount available for payout.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place will receive 20% of the total amount available for payout.

For example, using the previous scenario of 15 anglers competing, the payouts would be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$175.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$105.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$70.00
Total	\$350.00

Please note that there will **not** be a big bass award or payout for the Tournament of Champions. All payouts are based strictly on total stringer weight.