



All City Bass Rules and Regulations

1. Every boat must be in the **NO WAKE ZONE** by the end of official tournament time (usually 3 p.m.) Official Tournament time will be kept by the Tournament Director. Any team entering the NO WAKE ZONE after the official tournament time will be disqualified. The decision of the Director and Committee will be final. In case of an emergency or if a lake or location is unstable, the Committee reserves the right to change to a more suitable location or date.
2. Five (5) fish per team limit. No short fish will be weighed. **ONLY** 5 fish may be brought to the scales. All fish must be transported to the scales in an acceptable weigh-in bag with water. Fish must be culled prior to entering the weigh in line. Scales will not open until 15 minutes after the end of the official tournament time. Anglers must be in the weigh in line within 30 minutes after the end of the Official tournament time with their fish ready to be weighed.
3. Fish must be minimum size limit as per each lake regulation. Kentucky Spotted Bass minimum length will be 12". Fish will be measured on a flat board (Golden Rule) by the weigh masters. The weigh-master has the final determination weather a fish will be allowed to be weighed or not. Any foreign objects in a fish's mouth must be removed before the fish is weighed. Short fish brought to the scales will not be weighed and a half pound (8oz) penalty will be accessed for each short fish. Dead fish will be weighed at the descretion of the weigh master and if weighed will have a half pound (8oz) per fish penalty accessed. A team may protest a fish thrown out to the tournament committee. The protest must be heard, made, while the team is at the scales. Late protest will not be heard. Each fish will be measured with its mouth closed to the tip of the tale. If said Kentucky Spotted Bass is brought to scales but is deemed as a short largemouth, the half-pound (8oz) deduction for a short fish will be accessed.
4. All bass must be caught live in a conventional sporting manner. When fishing bedding fish the fish must be hooked inside the mouth. Snatching fish is strictly forbidden. Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers. Only one fishing rod (not to exceed 8 feet in length) may be used at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.
5. Everyone must blast off and check-in at the designated launch area, but you may launch your boat from any location. Phone list may be provided in case of emergency.
6. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of another competitor's anchored boat with the trolling motor up. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within a 50-yard circle claimed by him/her to the exclusion of any other competitor. No fishing is allowed in areas that are designated as "Off Limits" or "No-Fishing" by local and state officials. Competitors must return to the official check point by boat. Competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of emergency (an act of nature excepted). Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited except when approved by Tournament Director. No locking through. Tournaments will be from dam to dam only.
7. All state, local, TWRA, or Corp. Of Engineers laws applies.
8. Tie for first place will be divided 50/50 with second place and no second place money awarded. Tie for second place will be divided 50/50 with third place and no third place money awarded.
10. **First** place will pay **50%** of the total purse, **second** place will pay **30%** and **third** place **20%**. Teams will be awarded points according to the place they finish each tournament. (If more than 21 boats participate; **fourth** place money will be **\$60.00**)
11. All fishermen are subject to a \$50.00 membership fee each. Each regular season Tournament entry fee will be **\$60.00** per boat. Twenty dollars of this \$60.00 will go towards the big fishpot, and ten dollars (\$10.00) will be placed in the fish-off pot. Entry fee must be received by the Tournament Director Saturday **one week** before the week of the tournament. This is very important!! **NO MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE RAMP TOURNAMENT MORNING. AFTER WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE**

TOURNAMENT, NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED. (BIG FISH POT INCLUDED) HAVING YOUR MONEY IN ON TIME IS VERY IMPORTANT!!

12. All membership fees for any team wishing to participate in an All City Bass event must be submitted prior to the start of the second regular season tournament. Any membership request after the start of the second regular season tournament will not be accepted or eligible to compete in any event.
13. The “Big Fish Pot” is included in each regular tournament entry fee and is mandatory. This money will be divided 60/40 between the 1ST big fish and the 2ND big fish of the tournament. Only one big fish prize will be awarded per boat. In case of a tie, pot will be split 50/50.
14. Check schedule for blast of time and end of tournament times. Each fisherman is responsible for knowing the official tournament times.
15. The year-end champion will be determined by cumulative points. The cumulative point scoring will be based on a 35 point system and will include the 8 regular season tournaments. Teams must fish with same partners. If one member of a team cannot fish for any reason, the remaining member may fish alone. He/she may also fish with another partner which will NOT constitute as a new team. Each team is allowed only **ONE ALTERNATE PER YEAR**. All alternates must be brought before the Tournament Committee for approval prior to participating in any tournament.
16. The annual Fish Off will be divided by eligible teams into three equal divisions according to points. The fish off pot will be equally divided among those divisions. Those divisions will each fish for 50%, 30%, and 20% of the purse in their division. There will be a regular tournament fee of \$60.00 with no big fish money pot. All fish off money will be given out at the yearend banquet.
17. Fish-off eligibility requires that a minimum of 6 tournaments are physically fished by the team and a seventh tournament entry fee must be paid for in full prior to the start of the tournament if the team is not physically participating. Each team can miss one tournament completely and still be eligible for the fish-off, however they will owe \$10.00 to the fish-off pot for that missed tournament that is due with the fish-off entry fee.
18. Competitors in ACB Tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. “Hole sitting” will not be tolerated, and will be cause for disqualification from this tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by ACB. No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or firearms will be allowed during the tournament hours, including weigh-in. Violators will be disqualified. Any competitor receiving a citation/ticket on tournament(s) for a fishing violation will be disqualified and the team will lose their weight. Any competitors that have been suspended or disqualified from any tournament or fishing organization is grounds for refusal of an angler's entry.
19. All boats will be subject to a live well check at the ramp before the boat is launched. If a team is late for blast off, that team is responsible for finding another member of the club to check their live well before fishing. **This rule must be followed!!** At the beginning of each year, each member will be given some form of identification which should be visibly displayed on their boat. This will allow boaters to be aware of other team members. This identification is the responsibility of the team captain to be displayed on the water.
20. Any special circumstances concerning any rule may be voted on by the tournament committee. Furthermore, the All City Bass director and tournament officials assume no responsibility for any incident or accident that may occur while the tournament is in progress.
21. Boats must be 16’ or more in length and have functional and properly aerated live well space to maintain adequately alive a limit (5) catch of bass. Tournament Officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate.
22. The Fish-Off location will be drawn after the completion of the July tournament. Each lake fished during the regular season will be placed in the drawing one time. The previous year’s Fish-Off location will be omitted from the drawing.
23. **ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND FOLLOWING THE RULES OF THE ALL CITY BASS CLUB.**