

Tournament Rules and Procedures for Northend Bass Club "Jack & Jill" Open Tournament

I. PURPOSE

- A. To Standardize and establish requirements, violations, penalties and conduct for the "Jack & Jill" fishing contest.

II. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- A. The tournament committee shall consist of the Tournament Director, the Assistant Tournament Director, Safety Coordinator, and any Northend Bass Club Board Members present at the tournament.

III. STANDING RULES & PROCEDURES

- A. The Tournament Director or his appointee will start the contest. There will be an organized draw start on the 1st day during the drivers meeting. Day 2 will start in reverse order of the draw. Each boat must have a driver or back seater present at the drivers meeting on 1st day or their boat will start last on both days. Start and stop times may vary due to circumstances. The Tournament Director or appointee will determine start and stop times for the Tournament and announce times at the drivers meeting.
- B. Fish limits will comply with current Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife tournament laws and regulations. This is a "Jack & Jill" team tournament. Two people, 1 male & 1 female represent a team. Each team will fish for a 5 fish limit (or 'bag'). Only Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass will be allowed. Culling of live fish to improve 'bag' weight is acceptable.
- C. All fish weighed in must consist of no more than 5 bass for that Jack & Jill Team. There is no minimum length.
- D. All fish are to be weighed in on the same scale and all weights are to be verified by a tournament Committee member or appointee. The weights will be final and will be accepted for entries toward the contest awards.
- E. No tournament participant SHALL FISH within (5) days of the contest on the designated water of the contest. No tournament participant SHALL FISH with any person that has fished within (5) days of the contest on the designated water of the contest.
- F. Only artificial lures may be used, except for pork trailers and 100 % biodegradable manufactured baits. No live bait or dead bait is to be used to take bass during contest.
- G. Trolling & Strolling, as currently defined by TBF rules, is not allowed as a means of taking Bass during the contest.
- H. There will be no fishing from shore. All contestants must fish from an approved watercraft.
- I. No competitor shall fish within 100 feet of another competitor's boat which was anchored or with trolling motor down. No such competitor shall permit any other contestant to fish within 100 ft circle claimed by him/her.
- J. Contestants will be responsible for returning their catch to the water after the weigh-in unless a live release barge or boat is set up prior to the tournament start time. No dead fish should be returned to the water.
- K. Contestants are required to bring their own catch to the scales during weigh-in. All shall be carried in Tournament approved containers.
- L. All waters fished during a contest shall be accessible by water from Tournament Headquarters launch site. No trailering to or from another launch is allowed.
- M. An approved Tournament weigh-in form or receipt will be filled out with each contestant's name or boat number, date and fish weighed. A copy of the form or receipt to be given to the contestant. Forms or electronic equivalent will be kept on file by the Tournament Director.
- N. All contestants must abide by Washington State Tournament Rules.
- O. Tournament Tie Breaker: If, after the conclusion of the Tournament there is a tie, big fish shall break the tie.
- P. Big Fish Tie Breaker: If, after the conclusion of the Tournament there is a tie for the overall big fish, the money will be split evenly among those that tie.

IV. EQUIPMENT

- A. All approved Tournament watercraft shall be equipped with the following:
 - i. A U.S. Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each occupant of the boat. The PFD must be worn and secured at all times while any gas motor is running.
 - ii. Some type of ignition kill switch must be attached to the boat driver at all times while any gas motor is running.
 - iii. Each boat must have all safety equipment required by applicable State and Federal law and U.S. Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) regulations.
 - iv. All boats must meet all requirements of applicable State and Federal law and U.S. Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) regulations.
 - v. Each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer if required
 - vi. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in the tournament may not to exceed the horsepower set forth on the Maximum Capacities placard.
 - vii. Additionally, each boat shall have a properly aerated live well, capable of keeping a tournament limit of bass alive. Livewell will be subject to possible inspection each day of the contest.
 - viii. Safe conduct must be observed at all times by all participants. Participants must abide by all local navigation laws and avoid restricted areas at all times
 - ix. In addition, each boat must have a functional bilge pump and livewell space, properly aerated, to sufficiently maintain, in a healthy condition a limit catch by BOTH competitors using the boat. TBF recommends the use of livewell additives to promote the healthy release of all fish to their natural habitat. Further TBF recommends the use of ICE to cool livewell water and improve oxygen levels during "hotter" months. The Tournament Director shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is "proper and adequate".
 - x. Tournament officials have the right to delay or cancel the start of an official tournament day, restrict tournament waters or impose speed limits because of navigation, traffic, bad weather or any other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors or the public. In the event of a storm, lightning, severe weather or any unsafe condition, participants should remove themselves from competition and seek safety or shelter until it is safe to continue. Participants may not leave their boats during tournament hours except in case of emergency. Competitors may leave their boat and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is eminent. They must, however, stay within sight of each other.

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V. VIOLATION & PENALTIES

- A. Any contestant, who is late for weigh-in, shall be penalized (.5) lbs. per minute. After ten minutes, the entire catch for that day will be disqualified including big fish. Tardiness will be determined by the official starting clock.
- B. If more than (5) bass brought to weigh-in by a team, the smallest (5) bass be weighed.
- C. There will be a (.25) lbs. penalty per dead fish brought to the weigh in. This will be deducted from the total weight of the day's catch and not to be deducted off the individual dead fish weight.
- D. Any equipment violations shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Tournament Committee or his/her appointee prior to the contestant leaving blast off area.
- E. Any flagrant rule violations of unsportsmanlike conduct by a participant shall be penalized in accordance with the decision of the Tournament Committee. The penalty shall range from loss of contestant's big fish to disqualification.
- F. Considering this tournament is oriented as a family group, excessive profanity, drunkenness and rude behavior can be cause for tournament disqualification. To be determined by the Tournament Committee.
- G. No Alcohol or controlled substance is allowed in the contestant's boat during the tournament. If a contestant has been deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance they will be disqualified from the tournament.

VI. EXCEPTIONS & ADDED RULES

- A. If any, they will be address at the drivers meeting.

VII. LIABILITIES AND INSURANCE

I have completed and signed the Registration form and have submitted the total fees needed for participation in the Northend Bass Club 2025 Jack & Jill Open and Acknowledge that I have read this Liabilities and Insurance section. In consideration for the privilege of participating in this tournament, I understand that Northend Bass Club reserve the right to refuse entry and services to anyone. In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in the North End Bass Club Jack & Jill Open Tournament, an/or related activities conducted by any Federation Angler affiliated groups including but not limited to; The Bass Federation,(TBF), or an affiliated State Federation either jointly or separately. I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that: The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; AND, I have been advised by the event organizers and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; AND, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE ORGANIZERS and/or, their officers, officials, directors, shareholders, agents, and/or employees, other participants, and sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, their parent and affiliate companies and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises and property used to conduct the event OR any others connected to the event (collectively "RELEASEES"), AND HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION; AND, I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest official; AND I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS "RELEASEES", WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHICH I SUFFER OR WHICH I AM FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW. I agree to submit, by signature on this document, having fully acquainted myself with the tournament rules, I have completed this application and submit it for my entry. In signing this application, and by my presence at the event, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules, participant release of liability and safety regulations. If I am an equipment operator or a boat operator, I understand as the captain/operator of a vessel or any piece of equipment that I am solely responsible for the safe operation of it and for the safety of any and all occupants in it at all times. I expressly assume all risks associated with the event. If I am using a boat during the official practice or the event, I certify that I now have, or will obtain prior to the event, property damage, excess medical, watercraft liability and/or contractors' insurance having a reasonable limit. Said insurance must cover any and all injury and/or damage incurred in connection with the event. Upon request, I will provide satisfactory evidence of said insurance. I hereby wave my rights of privacy or publicity with regard to the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, video and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with any reproduction of same, video/audio productions and/or articles and press releases by the event organizers, their parent or affiliate companies, and those acting under their permission, anywhere at any time, through any medium or media. I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the tournament officials reserve the right to reject my application for any reason whatsoever.