

# Tournament Rules

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## Susquehanna Bass Association

### Fees:

- Tournament entry fee is \$70 per boat. Includes pools for lunker and big smallmouth, and \$5 for the Classic. Depending on location we may also need to collect a launch fee.
- Payout Percentages:
  - 1st place 40% & trophy or plaque
  - 2nd place 25%
  - 3rd place 15%
  - 4th place 7.5%

### Tournament rules:

- 1) SBA tournaments are members only, except that each member may bring one guest to one tournament per year.
- 2) You can become a member at any time during the season, but you must join at least two weeks prior to a tournament.
- 3) No more than two people in a boat
- 4) Maximum of five fish per team at weigh in
- 5) Minimum length is 12 inches
- 6) Artificial baits only
- 7) Nets are allowed maximum 3-1/2 foot handle
- 8) No alcoholic beverages
- 9) All boats must have live wells or coolers with aerator
- 10) Life vests must be worn when the boat is in motion by the outboard
- 11) Any live fish weighing less 5 lbs. Must be released after weigh in
- 12) No fishing within 100 feet of another tournament boat without their permission
- 13) No culling fish at launch site
- 14) One team member must attend pre tournament meeting 15 minutes prior to tournament start to draw starting flight number
- 15) If your boat breaks down and you are towed in by another boat and not back by weigh in time, you and the other boat will not be considered late or disqualified
- 16) All fish will be measured with mouth closed
- 17) An angler can have only one pole in the water at one time
- 18) During a tournament locking out of a lake or river is not allowed unless announced at the pre-tournament meeting.

## **Tournament Penalties:**

- 1) The fish you weigh in for largest fish must be alive or you will be penalized 0.50 (1/2) lb. Of weight off that fish.
- 2) A loss of 0.50 (1/2) lb. For each dead fish weighed in
- 3) Any fish brought to the scales under 12 inches will be penalized 1 lb. off total weight (we use the golden rule). **Note: boats must be docked or late penalties take effect**
- 4) Teams late for the weigh in will be disqualified.

## **The Classic (Art and Nate VanSteenburg Memorial 2-day Classic):**

This is the club's last "official" tournament of the season and is usually held on Otsego Lake. Rules are the same as for other tournaments, but you must also qualify to fish this tournament.

### *To Qualify for the Classic:*

- 1) You must fish at least six tournaments. At least one must be an "away" tournament, which means somewhere other than Otsego, Candarago or Goodyear Lake.
- 2) You must be a SBA member
- 3) You must sell all of your raffle tickets

### *Qualifying Teams with Singles:*

- 1) If you qualify and your teammate cannot fish the classic or does not qualify you may fish with another qualifying member.
- 2) If you and your partner qualify, you can fish separately during the Classic if you prefer.

## **Otsego Lake will be off limits for the week prior to the Classic**

### *Entry Fee:*

\$120.00 per boat / includes luncheon

### *Pay Back:*

1st thru 8th - 100%. Entry fees plus all money from 50/50 raffles at each tour & raffle tickets will be included in payback.

Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

Awards will be presented the annual banquet