



## **"2019/2020 RULES AND REGULATIONS"**

\*\*\* Central Florida Bass Hunters intention is to cap at 50 teams with yearly registration. But all teams must be present to register at meeting if we exceed 50 teams at the meeting we will not turn any one away. But if we fall short of 50 it is what it is and that's where we will stay. **There will be NO open registration at any event!** We operate as a member's only team tournament trail. Tournaments will run from September – April with a 2 day classic in May, membership fee (\$80 per team) is for issue of team ID #.

\*\*\* Entry Fee per Tournament Event is \$80.00 per boat, includes \$7.00 per boat Big Fish Pot. Membership dues are \$80.00 per year per Team to be paid before competing in any monthly tournament.

\*\*\* (Optional) Heavyweight Challenge is a Winner Take All Side Pot (\$20 per team for the whole season). The single heaviest day's bag of the season wins (Classic days don't count). Must join this when signing up.

\*\*\* (Optional) Biggest Bass of the season is a winner take all side pot (\$20 per team for the whole season). The single heaviest bass of the season wins. (classic days don't count) Must join this when signing up.

\*\*\* Registration for each tournament is to be completed after live well check and you have drawn your teams launch chip number. **Do not come to me to register before you have been checked and have launch number!** Captains meeting at ramp to be held 15 min before launch time. In the event that a Team is late to any event, it is the Teams responsibility to find a Board Member on the water (Not a competing team!) to have their live wells checked and entry fee taken before they fish.

\*\*\* Any Pro Angler who fishes in a Tour level (FLW Tour, BASS Elite,) event with in the past 12 months will be ineligible to participate in CFBH. B.A.S.S Open level Anglers and Co-Anglers are eligible to participate in CFBH events.

\*\*\* All boats are to be checked and tagged prior to launch, it is the Teams responsibility to get a boat check by tournament official, boats will be marked with ribbon; failure to get a boat check may result in disqualification for the days tournament.

\*\*\* Pay outs per monthly tournament event only will be 1st (\$23 per boat), 2nd (\$18 per boat), 3rd (\$12 per boat), 4th (\$8 per boat) big bass (\$7 per boat) remaining (\$12 dollars per boat) from each event will go to the Classic Funds. Big Bass will be paid at the end of each monthly event. If you make money for any place or Big Bass you must be present to claim your payout.

**\*\*\* Entry fee for guest will be additional \$20.00, Failure to disclose and pay for guest at said tournament will result in disqualification.** Each team will be allowed 2 guests for the 8 regular season events; **a Guest is allowed to fish the Classic if they fished central florida bass hunters for the season in question after being approved by board members.** Same guest can fish twice during the season.

\*\*\* A Guest will be defined as any angler other than your registered team member that enters the said tournament with you, regardless if they might be registered with another team. When they become a guest for another team they give up their points and status of a member with their present team to be considered a guest for the day of said registered team and pay the guest fee of \$20.00.

\*\*\* A single angler may represent the team. At least 1 of the team members must be present to fish; any points earned will go to team. All guests must check in at ramp prior to meeting and pay the guest fee of \$20.00.

\*\*\* Launch numbers will be drawn at time of your livewell checks, then you will come to register. Captains meeting will be held approximately 15 min before launch.

\*\*\* Number tokens are to be returned to designated check in locations; anyone without token at designated check-in board by weigh in time will be considered late and will have 1lb per minute deducted up until 5 minutes (5lbs total deduction from days catch) before Disqualified for the day. Anyone who departs early must place number on said location by Tournament Director, failure to do so could result in point's penalty or disqualification.

\*\*\* Off limits will begin at 12:01 am. of the day tournament is to be held.

\*\*\* There will be a five fish limit. No team may possess more than tournament limit (5 fish) at any time unless in the process of culling.

\*\*\* Any Team that experiences mechanical break down during tournament hours may transport fish to weigh-in with another competitors boat. **Fish must be marked with culling kit, or equivalent, before entering transportation boat. Fish markers will be removed at scales. A board member must be called and advised of breakdown and what arrangements have been made prior to entering transport boat.** It is your job as anglers to get the help needed to get to weigh in on time. With your fish cause we can not wait for you to get there the weigh in will go on.

**\*\*\* All fish in consideration for Big Bass, or special programs must be weighed alive; any fish that fails to demonstrate the ability to remain upright & swim off on its own power will be checked using the gag reflex method.** A finger will be inserted in the fish's throat to check for a gag reaction. Any fish in question that fails this test will be determined to be dead. **Decision of the Tank Master at the scales is final.** Any fish called live at scales that fails to swim off when released will not affect the call made at the scales, and no penalty will be assessed.

\*\*\* No trolling or wading is allowed, artificial baits only may be used. Pole platforms may not be used during tournament competition.

**\*\*\* Fish must be a minimum 12 inches or state wavier guidelines unless otherwise noted, by Golden Rule. There will be a .25 deduction for each dead fish weighed-in.** Trail limit is five fish unless otherwise noted.

\*\*\* There will be NO courtesy measurements; anyone who weighs in a short fish will be disqualified.

\*\*\* Anglers may only use 1 rod at a time during tournament competition.

\*\*\* While sight-fishing, any bass caught must be caught in the mouth, any fish foul hooked outside of the mouth area is to be returned to the water immediately, NO Snagging Allowed.

\*\*\* The tournament board reserves the right to postpone launch or reschedule tournaments due to weather, safety or other emergency situations as they see fit.

\*\*\* The use of cell phones or any other attempt to pass along fishing info to other anglers during tournament hours is prohibited & doing so will result in disqualification. No underwater cameras or other electronic tracking devices other than your depth finders may be used during tournament competition.

\*\*\* Anglers must keep a distance equal to 2 casting lengths from other boats, with or without permission from fellow anglers, and 50 yards away from any boat anchored with trolling motor up. Anglers may not block any waterway to prevent anglers from passing. Upon appeal Board reserves the right to make final decision.

\*\*\* Receiving a ticket during an event~ If you are representing our trail and you get a ticket during tournament hours you will be disqualified. We expect all teams to follow state laws while on and off the water.

\*\*\* Each team will receive points for finishing positions towards Anglers of the Year. Points start at 200 and decrease 2 points per position through last place, any team not catching a fish will receive 2 points less than the last team who weighed fish for attending tournament. Teams may pay absentee entry to gain the 2 points less than the teams who fished and zeroed for any tournament they can't fish. The absentee entry will count towards classic requirements & must be done in advance of the tournament. Points awarded will be calculated as a team and listed as such in standings. In the event a team splits, the points will stay with the registered boater

\*\*\* Anglers may replace a partner 1 time during a season. Partner change will not be allowed after the 6th tournament of the season. All partner changes will be addressed on a case by case basis. Board reserves the right to make final decision.

\*\*\* Teams need to maintain good attendance in this trail, any team who misses 2 events without pre pay or contact with tournament director will not be allowed to finish the season events. Board reserves the right to make final decision.

\*\*\* No new teams will be allowed to join after the registration meeting. There will be no walk up teams joining trail at the ramp. Board reserves the right to make final decision.

\*\*\* Any angler who conducts himself in a UN sportsman like manner, or who conducts himself in a manner that is detrimental to the sport of bass fishing may be disqualified or banned from competition. This will be at the discretion of the tournament board.

\*\*\* All anglers are to practice safe boating, life vest must be worn while boat is on plane, anglers are to obey all navigational signs, and any angler who receives any citation while on the water may be disqualified for the day's tournament. Board reserves the right to make final decision.

\*\*\* The use of drugs or alcohol during official tournament hours will result in disqualification. Alcohol may be consumed only after posted weigh-in time has passed.

**\*\*\* Any protest for disqualification must be presented to the tournament director with physical proof. (pictures or video) within 5 minutes of weigh in; any violation up for protest must be viewed by Board members to be valid. you must have physical proof of grievance hear say will not be accepted. Tournament board will review all protests and rule accordingly. Decision of the tournament Board is final.**

\*\*\* Disqualification may occur before start, during, or immediately following the event. Proper notification must follow guidelines of protest..... However, point penalty may be assessed for any team found in violation of rules and regulations during said tournament.

\*\*\* Anglers of the Year, in the case of a points tie for AOY, the tie breakers will go as followed. 1st which team had the heaviest bag for the season. If that happens to be a tie then 2nd which team caught the most alive fish throughout the season. If that happens to be a tie then 3rd a coin toss will determine the winner.

\*\*\* Invitational Classic will be held in May. Teams have 3 options to be eligible for the Classic. 1st, fish all 8 tournaments, 2nd, finish in the top 20 in points, 3rd, pre pay absentee entry for any tournaments missed prior to the event which will account for attendance points even if you cant make it . **Also if for some reason your partner can't make the Classic you can fish with another qualified Central Florida Bass Hunters member of the season in question to make a team after board approval. The Board needs to know about this change before the date of the Classic to be held. There will be no non member approved to stand in for the classic. If you can not find a member of our trail who has fished the year in question. You will either have to fish alone or just don't come. All consideration for hardship excuse will require a phone call to Louis DeSimone, 407-417-3464 prior to start of event.** \*\*\*Qualified members will fish the no entry fee Classic at end of season. Big Bass pot for two days will be \$20.00 per boat. Big Fish pot will go to LARGEST fish of the two days... Classic will be a two day tournament with the highest weight total declared the winner. Ties will be broken by largest stringer of the two days.

\*\*\* Classic Boat Launch order will be determined by finishing order in Angler of The Year standings for day one on day two the last two teams of aoy will switch in the calling of numbers.

\*\*\*Two Day Classic to be held anywhere the Board picks!!!

\*\*\*Remember, this is not our full time jobs. We all love to compete in bass tournaments and want something better for the weekend warriors. Enjoy your time together this season with all the Anglers.