

KERMAN BASS CLUB BY-LAWS

The Kerman Bass Club was formed to promote family fun in bass fishing. Through Club sponsored fishing events, the organization seeks to inform and educate it's members, family and guests on fishing enjoyment and wildlife conservation.

I. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Limited to 60 members.
- B. Guests are welcomed and encouraged to seek membership.
- C. New members selected by vote of current members attending regular meeting.
- D. Club Fees: Collected annually, due at December meeting.
 1. \$40.00 Club dues, includes insurance payment.
 2. Insurance based on amount of premium equally shared by active members.
- E. Failure to pay Club Fees by January 1 may result in termination of Club membership.
- F. Club Fees will be prorated for new members joining after March 31:
Jan.- Mar. 100%, Apr.- Jun. 75%, Jul.- Sep. 50%, Oct.- Dec. 0%.
- G. Members may either have a boat or ride with a boater and share expenses.
- H. Check website at www.kermanbass.com for meeting & tournament dates.
- I. Annual attendance requirements:
 1. Each member shall attend a minimum of 5 Club meetings and/or compete in a minimum of 5 Club tournaments.
 2. Participation in a special event will count as 5 points.
 3. Failure to meet the minimum attendance requirements will result in the member's ineligibility to complete in the Annual Awards or the The Fish-Off.

II. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Nominated by Club members present at the November meeting.
- B. Selected by vote of Club members present at the December meeting.
- C. New officers seated at the January meeting.
- D. Mid-year vacancies filled by appointment of the President.
- E. Officer positions shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure, Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, and Newsletter Editor.

III. MEETINGS

- A. Time: 7:00 p.m.
- B. Location: Round Table Pizza, Kerman, CA.
- C. Date: Monday preceding scheduled tournament. Exception on holidays,(check website).
- D. Purpose of meetings:
 1. Collect tournament fees and dues.
 - a. Pay at meeting or contact **Jon Smith (treasurer)** to make arrangements for payment.(Must have payment before tournament day).
 2. Discuss fishing at the location of upcoming tournament.
 - a. Determine launch site.

- b. Determine weigh-in time and location.
3. Select blast-off time and draw for position.
4. Introduction of potential members and guests.
5. Award payouts for previous tournament. The winners from the previous tournament will share their fishing experiences.
6. Plan for upcoming events and topics of general interest to the Club.
7. Raffle drawing for prizes.
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IV. TOURNAMENTS

- A. Entry Fee: \$20.00.
 1. \$11.00 goes to tournament prize awards.
 2. \$7.00 Club operating expenses and annual awards.
 3. \$2.00 goes to pay special event fees, as required.
- B. Options Fees: \$15.00
 1. \$10.00 for top three.
 2. \$5.00 for biggest bass (paid out to top two places).
- C. Tournament Prize Money Payout: 100% of the \$11.00 for tournament prize awards.
 1. 1 to 9 participants pays 1 place: First - 100%.
 2. 10 to 14 participants pays 2 places: First - 60%, Second - 40%.
 3. 15 to 19 participants pays 3 places: First - 50%, Second - 30%, and Third - 20%.
 4. 20 to 24 participants pays 4 places: First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, and Fourth - 10%.
 5. 25 or more participants pays 5 places: First - 30%, Second - 25%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 15%, and Fifth - 10%.
- D. Options Payout.
 1. Top 3: 50% to first, 30% to second, 20% to third place.
 2. Biggest Bass: 60% for biggest bass, 40% for second biggest bass.
- E. Wildcard Payout: Club pays \$5.00 to the angler catching the largest fish other than a bass. If no wildcard is caught the money prize will rollover to the next tournament.
- F. Tournament Points System: Accumulated annual points to determine the top fifteen anglers and angler of the year awards.
 1. Points earned based on placement in Club tournaments.
 - a. First Place: 60 points.
 - b. Second Place through last place, weighing in fish, shall receive progressively lower points in one point increments.
 - c. Weighing in no fish: 10 points less than lowest position weighing in fish.
 2. Attendance at Club meeting: 3 point.
 3. Participation at special event: 5 points.
- G. Drawing for Blast-Off Position
 1. Only one draw per boater.
 2. Members not attending meeting may be included in drawing for blast-off position if they pay their entry fee prior to or at meeting.
 3. Last position calls blast-off order at tournament.

- a. Last name drawn at meeting or
- b. Last non-drawing participant arriving at launch ramp.

V. TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Blast-off time and location, as determined by vote of members at the meeting, will be at safe light and under safe boating conditions as determined by the tournament director.
2. Weigh-in time and location will be determined by vote of members at the meeting and held in compliance with lake rules and regulations.
3. Life vests are required for each person on the boat. They must be worn at blast-off, whenever boat is on plane, and when coming in to weigh-in. During the tournament life jackets may not be stowed and shall remain within reach at all times.
4. Live wells shall be empty and checked by a Club officer prior to blast-off.
5. Bass must measure 13" or more. Each boat shall carry a measuring board. Weighing in short fish will result in a one pound deduction from total weight. Big fish weight will not be penalized.
6. Fish will be measured in the following manner:
 - a. Mouth open with lower lip touching on a hanging board.
 - b. Swing tail of fish. It must touch or cross 13" line.
 - c. Tournament director's decision on short fish is final.
7. Presentation of more than allowed limit of fish at weigh-in will result in disqualification.
8. Boat must be on lake within one hour after blast-off to qualify for weigh-in. Any late starter must check in with any Club member prior to fishing.
9. No fishing prior to blast-off. No fishing or culling of fish after weigh-in time.
10. All live fish caught during a tournament are to be released after weigh-in. Each member is responsible for the care and health of his catch up until release.
11. A progressive weight deduction shall be subtracted from total weight for dead fish presented at weigh-in, as follows:
 - a. One dead fish - 0.20 pound deduction.
 - b. Two dead fish - 0.40 pound deduction.
 - c. Three dead fish - 0.80 pound deduction.
 - d. Four dead fish – 1.60 pound deduction.
 - e. Five dead fish – 3.20 pound deduction.
12. Arriving late to weigh-in will result in a 1.00 pound per minute deduction from total weight. More than 5 minutes late will result in disqualification.
13. No live or cut bait. Artificial lures and cured bait (pork) only. Only one fishing rod may be put into use during tournaments.
14. No fishing within 100 feet of the launch , weigh-in areas or fueling stations.

15. No fishing within 50 feet of other tournament boats without permission of other boats.
16. All fish shall be caught and landed from boat.
17. Damage of any nature to a contestant's equipment, tackle or boat during a tournament is the responsibility of the individual.
18. Fishing partners shall mutually agree prior to tournament on a basis for sharing expenses of operating and maintaining the boat. It is suggested that the non-boater should assume one-half or more of the cost of fuel, oil and launch fees for the tournament. Boater shall offer non-boater equal time fishing from front of boat.
20. Boats may be taken out of the water prior to weigh-in, but anglers should remain in the vicinity of their boat in the weigh-in area.
21. Team tournaments will be by draw. Exception: family members under the age of **18** that wish to fish with parent or grandparent.
22. Membership allows additional family members to fish along with a Club member. A guest may fish only one tournament per year (must get permission from board at meeting). A guest must fish on a Club member's boat only. Tournament fees are the same for members and their guests.
23. Family members and guests are not eligible for annual awards. Record of points awarded to family members and guests will be kept in the event that they become members of the Club at a later date.
24. All boats must have an aerated or recirculating live well.
25. Protests against any tournament contestant, not complying with the Club By-Laws or tournament rules, should be brought to the attention of a Club officer and/or the tournament director prior to the conclusion of weigh-in.
26. Any member whose activity or conduct is not conducive to the betterment of the Club may be removed from the Club by a majority vote of the membership.
27. Contestants will follow the rules of the particular body of water on which the tournament is held, along with the rules and regulations of the California Department of Fish and Game, and the United States Coast Guard.
28. No alcoholic beverages allowed on boat during the tournament prior to weigh-in. Illicit drugs are forbidden.
29. Tournament lakes may be changed by the board due to unforeseeable circumstances. Tournament dates may only be changed by 100% agreement of all members present at a regularly scheduled Club meeting.
30. The Club will fish 12 tournaments per year, from January through December. The best 10 tournaments total points score will determine the final standings for the Angler of the Year awards.
31. Failure to abide by these rules may result in disqualification from the tournament.

VI. ANNUAL AWARDS

- A. Based on total points accumulated January through December throwing out the lowest scoring tournaments:
 - 1. Winners must meet minimum attendance requirements.
 - 2. First Place - Angler of the Year - \$150.00 and name on perpetual plaque.
 - 3. Second Place - \$100.00
 - 4. Third Place - \$50.00
 - 5. Biggest fish of the year - \$25.00 gift certificate and plaque.
 - 6. Big fish will be the tie breaker.
- B. Top Fifteen Fish-Off
 - 1. The 15 members with the highest total of accumulated annual points after throw outs are invited to participate.
 - 2. Participants must meet minimum attendance requirements.
 - 3. Location will be determined by vote of the top fifteen members at the Club meeting following the December tournament.
 - 4. Date of the fish-off will be 3rd Saturday in February.
 - 5. Only the top fifteen members are allowed to participate in the fish-off, if any the top fifteen can not attend, no substitutions will be allowed.
 - 6. Awards Top Fifteen Fish-Off based on total weight.
 - 7. Payouts will be based on \$1.00 per person, per tournament, for the entire year.
 - 8. . Payout below is approximate.
 - a. First Place - \$200.00 and plaque.
 - b. Second Place - \$100.00 and plaque.
 - c. Third Place - \$50.00 and plaque.
- C. Wild Card Entry To Fish-Off
 - a. The member with the highest points who has fished all tournaments, but fails to make the Fish-Off is also invited to participate.

VII. ALL RULES WILL BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED BY THE OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE KERMAN BASS CLUB.