



RULES & REGULATIONS

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WELCOME

On behalf of the Sangchris Bass Club, Inc. (SBC), I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to participate in our open tournaments.

All of our tournaments are “buddy tournaments” and are open to anyone who wishes to participate. The SBC has 8 qualifying tournaments and a FALL CLASSIC tournament each year. The entry fee for each qualifying tournament is \$50 and \$5 big bass per member team, or \$70 and \$5 big bass per non-member team.

The Sangchris Bass Club, Inc. events are non-profit, with all tournaments having an 80% payback of entry fees in cash and trophies, 15% is allocated to the FALL CLASSIC tournament fund, and 5% utilized to offset club expenses such as postage, advertising, miscellaneous supplies, operating expenses, and for charitable donations. After all club expenses are paid; all remaining funds in excess of \$100 will be transferred to the FALL CLASSIC fund.

Only member teams are eligible to accumulate “Pounds and Points” and qualify for the FALL CLASSIC tournament at the end each season. There is no grace period given for the accumulation of “Pounds and Points” for any tournament. That is, you must be a member team prior to the start of any qualifying tournament to accumulate “Pounds and Points” for that tournament.

Each member receives an SBC Newsletter following each qualifying tournament. The newsletter will highlight the tournament results and provide an updated “Pounds and Points” standing sheet to enable each member to verify their standings throughout the year. The newsletter is available by mail or on our Web site at sangchrisbassclub.com.

Remember, only SBC members can qualify for the Annual FALL CLASSIC tournament. To join the Sangchris Bass Club, simply complete the membership application and return it to me along with the \$50 team membership fee. All checks should be made payable to the SANGCHRIS BASS CLUB.

We look forward to seeing your name in the standing as our new season begins.

Sincerely,

Rod Cooke
Secretary/Treasurer
Sangchris Bass Club

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TOURNAMENT JUDGES - INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

At the request of the Sangchris Bass Club Tournament Officials, the Tournament Judges - Investigating Committee will be asked to resolve issues that may affect the outcome of a Sangchris Bass Club tournament. The judges will base their decisions upon the rules and regulations of the Sangchris Bass Club. Their decision is final and may not be contested.

Only when the three judges and/or alternate judges are unable to reach a common decision, will the tournament director be called upon to make a final decision. However, the tournament director may be asked to clarify a rule before any decisions are made by the tournament judges - investigating committee.

Tournament Judges

Larry Kuchar • Jack Lewis • Brad Peters

Alternate Judges

Dennis Loveall • Mike Zanotti

MEMBERSHIP FEES

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

The annual Sangchris Bass Club Membership fee is \$50 per member team.

SPONSORSHIP FEE

The annual sponsorship fee is \$30.00

This fee is usually obtained by a member team from a local business although, many teams choose to sponsor themselves. Sponsorship fees are used to offset club expenses such as postage, advertising, miscellaneous supplies, operating expenses, and charitable donations.

Sponsorship fees must be paid in full prior to the first Qualifying Tournament of each calendar year.

TOURNAMENT FEES

Qualifying Tournaments

	Entry Fee	Big Bass (optional)
Member Team	\$50.00	\$5.00
Member Team using an alternate partner who is not an SBC member.	\$60.00	\$5.00
Non-Member Team	\$70.00	\$5.00
Split Team	\$60.00	\$5.00

Fundraiser Tournaments

All Teams	\$35.00	\$5.00
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TEAM DEFINITIONS

MEMBER TEAM

A member team will consist of the two (2) contestants whose names appear on the “Application for Team Membership” form, who have paid in full the \$50 team membership dues, and who have been voted on and accepted by the Sangchris Bass Club.

NON-MEMBER TEAM

A non-member team is one who has not completed the “Application for Membership” form who has not paid the \$50 team membership dues, and who has not been voted on or accepted by the Sangchris Bass Club Committee.

SPLIT TEAM

A split team is one that consists of one contestant being a SBC member and the other being a Non-SBC member. A split team CANNOT accumulate any “Pounds and Points” and CANNOT qualify for the FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT. This does not apply to a member team using an alternate partner whose “Pounds and Points” will be awarded to the regular member team.

TEAM RULES

Member Teams

Once a member team has been established, the two (2) contestants are required to compete together as a team in order to accumulate “Pounds and Points” for that team.

If either contestant of an established member team decides to form a new member team, the original team’s “Pounds and Points” will be frozen at their current values. The original team will cease to compete. The resulting new member team(s) must pay a \$50 team membership application fee in order to establish themselves as a new member team.

If at any time both regular partners of a member team are competing in a tournament in separate boats with different partners, both regular team members will be considered team captains of separate teams and any “Pounds and Points” accumulated in that tournament will be awarded as separate teams and the regular member team will not receive any “Pounds and Points” for that tournament.

TEAM RULES (cont.)

Alternate Partners

In the event that one of the established partners of a member team is absent, an alternate partner be used. Any “Pounds and Points” that are accumulated with an alternate partner will be awarded to the regular member team.

A member team may compete with an alternate partner two (2) times during the regular tournament season. The member team is also allowed to compete in as many tournaments as needed with a single team member fishing by themselves.

In extreme situations such as a prolonged or terminal medical conditions or death, it may be necessary for the Sangchris Bass Club Tournament Officials to recommend an amendment to the alternate partner team rule.

AWARDING OF POUNDS & POINTS

Who Is Eligible

Only member teams are eligible to accumulate “Pounds and Points” and qualify for the FALL CLASSIC tournament at the end each season. There is no grace period given for the accumulation of “Pounds and Points” for any tournament. That is, you must be a member team prior to the start of any qualifying tournament to accumulate “Pounds and Points” for that tournament.

NO “Pounds and Points” will be carried over if a new team is formed for any reason.

How Pounds Are Awarded

Pounds are awarded based upon the total weight of a member team’s catch at the official weigh-in of each qualifying tournament. Tournament totals are then combined to calculate each member team’s yearly total which in turn determines their placement in the official Pounds standings.

How Points Are Awarded

A maximum of 100 points will be awarded to a member team based upon their total weight in pounds for each qualifying tournament. Teams who do not weigh-in fish at a tournament will be awarded 25 points for participating.

Points for member teams will be awarded as follows:

1st place - 100 points, 2nd place - 99 points, 3rd Place - 98 points, and so on, down to the last team to weigh in fish. In the event of a tie in pounds, both member teams will

receive the points for the higher of the two positions and no one will receive the points for the next lower position. The total prize money for the tied position and the next lower position will be split equally between the tied teams. No team can accumulate "Pounds and Points" for more than one finishing place in a tournament.

QUALIFYING FOR THE FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

After completion of the 8 qualifying tournaments for the year, a two-day FALL CLASSIC tournament will be held. Member teams must compete in a minimum of six (6) qualifying tournaments in order to be eligible to qualify.

In order to qualify for the FALL CLASSIC tournament held each year, you must finish in the top twenty (20) places of either the Pounds or Points standings or have won a qualifying tournament during the course of the current year.*

*In order to qualify for the FALL CLASSIC by winning a qualifying tournament, the member team must have competed in all 8 qualifying tournaments during the current year.

FALL CLASSIC Specific Tournament Rules

Should any team that has qualified for the FALL CLASSIC tournament elect not to participate, the field will simply be reduced. That is, a replacement team will not be appointed.

Absolutely no alternate partners will be allowed to fish in the FALL CLASSIC tournament. No exceptions.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The decisions of the Sangchris Bass Club Tournament Judges and Officials are final.

Participation

1. The Sangchris Bass Club, Inc., Tournament Committee reserves the right of approval of all team membership applications and/or any team wishing to participate in any SBC tournaments. A reason need not be given for the denial of any applicant or participant.
2. The Sangchris Bass Club, Inc., will not be responsible or liable for injuries, accidents, losses or unlawful acts pertaining to or committed by any tournament participant.
3. All teams wishing to participate in a SBC tournament must have at least one team member present, registered, checked in and livewell(s) checked at least thirty (30) minutes prior to start of a tournament. The second team member must arrive by tournament take off time. If the second member has not arrived by take off time, then the team member who checked in with the boat must fish by themselves.
4. If a pre-registered team does not arrive, check-in or and have their livewell checked at least thirty (30) minutes prior to start of a tournament they will not be allowed to compete in that day's tournament. Their entry fee may be credited to the next qualifying tournament at the discretion of the tournament committee. This courtesy will be extended one (1) time per year.
5. Draw for starting position of pre-paid entry teams will be the morning of the tournament as each prepaid team arrives. The Secretary/Treasurer, Rod Cooke, must receive prepaid entries on or before the Friday prior to each tournament.
6. Any contestant caught cheating will be disqualified and banned from future Sangchris Bass Club tournaments.
7. Protests must be filed with a tournament official within 30 minutes after the weigh-in is complete.
8. There will be no refund of entry fees to any team disqualified for any reason.

Safety

9. All boats must meet both State and Department of Conservation equipment and safety regulations.

10. All State Department of Conservation and posted lake regulations must be obeyed.
11. Life jackets must be worn during take-off. It is highly recommended that they be worn any time the gas engine is in operation.
12. The SBC Tournament Officials can delay start of a tournament due to inclement weather or hazardous conditions. Should this event occur, a vote will be taken of the members present as to a change in tournament weigh-in time.
13. Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages may be consumed during a tournament. NO alcoholic beverages may be in the boat during tournament hours.

General

14. Only artificial baits are allowed.
15. An aerated livewell or some type of suitable aerated container is required and must be in proper working condition to insure that the fish are not harmed.
16. Trolling is not allowed.
17. No fish may be put or kept on a stringer during a tournament.
18. Any team fishing in waters that are either posted or declared by tournament officials as "Off Limits", will be disqualified.
19. Tournament participants must remain in their boats at all times during a tournament except in the case of a physical emergency.
20. The only persons allowed in a boat during the tournament are the two (2) tournament participants.
21. Cell phones and other communication devices are to be used only in case of emergency during tournament hours.
22. No team may fish within 100 feet of an anchored boat.
23. No boat fishing in a tournament may be locked, (touching), with another boat during tournament hours.

Weigh-in

24. As of April 1, 2008 the Sangchris Lake State Park limit for largemouth bass will change. The new limit for a single angler is one (1) fish over 15 inches in length and two (2) fish under 15 inches in length.*

* All fish under 15 inches be at least 12 inches in length in SBC Tournaments.

25. Late weigh-in penalty: One (1) pound per minute up to five (5) minutes. After five (5) minutes, all weight (fish) will be disallowed. The minimum 25 points for competing will be awarded to a member team if the team checks in within 30 minutes after the tournament weigh in time.
26. Tournament participants have the option of trailering their boat only after they have declared their catch with the check-in crew at the end of the tournament. It is highly recommended that boats with overflow aeration systems and/or fish of questionable length limit stay in the water.
27. All fish will be measured in a horizontal position, mouth closed, using a "GATOR GOLDEN RULE" tournament board.
28. Any team weighing in a short fish will be disqualified. Any fish in question of being legal length will be examined.
29. The tournament officials must examine all dead fish before being accepted at the weigh-in. The tournament officials will have the right to disqualify any fish, dead or alive that appears to have been mishandled, abused, or questionable in any manner.
30. Each dead fish will have one (1) pound deducted from the team's total weight. The dead fish penalty will not be assessed for the Big Bass Award except in the case of a tie, where a live fish will win.
31. All bass must be released immediately after weigh-in except for a trophy bass that is to be mounted.