

IDAHO BASSMASTERS 2023

CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES

As of 6/25/2023

SPORTSMANSHIP: Any contestant, who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or violates state fish and game regulations will be disqualified. Good sportsmanship shall also be shown to non-tournament fishermen/women.

SAFETY: Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be always observed by all contestants. Everyone fishing the tournament must have a life vest and other safety equipment as specified by the Coast Guard. Life vests must be worn when the combustion engine is running. Motor bands are required at all club-sponsored tournaments.

AGE: Adults will be considered as anyone sixteen (16) or older at the beginning of the fishing season. If a youth participant begins the season and is fifteen years old at that time, they will be considered fifteen (15) for the entire season. All boats entered in a club tournament must be operated by a current member or associate member of the club, eighteen (18) years of age or older.

TACKLE: Only artificial lures may be used. No prepared live bait other than pork type strips or rinds are permitted. Only rods and reels are permitted. Only one rod may be in use at any time. Electrical and mechanical devices such as fish finders and thermometers are permitted. Landing nets are permitted. A live well or suitable substitute is required. No underwater cameras are allowed.

FISHING WATERS: All club tournaments will be known as no-touch tournaments. All fishing must be done from a boat. All contestants must leave and return to the starting point by boat. Boats cannot be trailered from one fishing location to another during tournament hours.

FISHING HOURS: Fishing hours will be determined at the pre-tournament meeting. Any club member(s) wanting to fish but is/are unable to be there at the start of the tournament, can fish the tournament once they find a club member on the lake and that club member conducts a live well check. Those who do not do this are not eligible to compete in the tournament.

OFF-LIMITS (NO FISHING): There is an off-limits period for each club event and championship that begins at midnight, the Wednesday prior to

the club event or championship and only applies to that specific body of water the next club tournament or championship is to be held at or on. Any club member caught fishing during the off-limits period will be disqualified for the event and will not be refunded their entry fees for that tournament.

PENALTIES: Contestants who have not checked in at the official checkpoint on time will be penalized eight (8) ounces for every minute they are late. An officer of the club will be responsible for keeping the official time and assess any penalties. Lateness will be excused for boat and motor troubles, although this must be verified by another contestant. Any Team/Boat weighing in a fish smaller than twelve (12) inches will be disqualified. Culling is not permitted in weigh-in area. For each dead fish, an eight (8) ounce penalty will be deducted from the contestant's total weight. Any Team/Boat weighing in more than the determined limit for the tournament will be disqualified. Culling dead fish is not allowed. The limit will be five (5) fish per Team/Boat unless otherwise stated at the pre-tournament meeting. To qualify for big fish, the fish to be weight must be alive.

GUESTS: A guest may participate in an IBM Club Tournament only if they partner with a current and in good standings member of IBM. No all-guest teams will be allowed to participate in IBM Club Tournaments. There is a limit of one tournament, per guest, per year. Guests wishing to fish additional tournaments must become a member of the club by 8:00 PM the Wednesday prior to the next tournament the angler would like to fish. This rule does not apply to any "OPEN" event IBM may host. All "OPEN" events are open to the public, and you do not need to be a member of IBM to participate.

SCORING: Scoring will be determined by total weight of each Team/Boat catch for that event. In the case of a tie, the biggest fish will determine the winner. If there is a tie for big fish as well, first (1st) and second (2nd) place funded will be added together and split 50/50. In case of a tie for big fish, the heaviest total weight of all five (5) fish will determine the winner. A year end big fish award will be made for big fish caught during a club tournament.

POINT SYSTEM: Each team will be awarded points based on where they place in the tournament. Point system is as follows: 300 points for first (1st) place, 295 points for second (2nd) place, 290 points for third (3rd) place and so on. Any team not catching one twelve (12) inch fish (skunked) will be awarded half the points of the last catching place.

Points for the club tournaments will be cumulative for the season. The team at the end of the year with the most points, after one tournament throw-outs and one meeting throw-out, will be the Team of the Year (TOY). The youth angler at the end of the year with the most points, after one tournament throw-outs will be the Youth Angler of the Year (YAOY). Meeting points are not awarded for youth anglers. Each team will also earn fifteen (10) points towards team of the year if one or both members attend any regular monthly meeting.

Amendment added 6/25/23 after club board vote concerning no show teams. Please see additional rules at the end of this document.

SNOW BOWL: The top five teams in points upon completion of the club championship event, will be designated as the club team that will represent IBM in the annual Snow Bowl tournament. If a top five team is unable to participate, the next team in order of points will then be offered the opportunity to represent IBM at the Snow Bowl.

CHALLENGES: Challenges will be conducted in the following manner:

1. Notify an officer of the club of his/her concern within fifteen (15) minutes of the official weight-in time.
2. The Tournament Director will decide as to the challenge and issue a final ruling before any payouts occur.
3. The decision that is made by the Tournament Director is final.

FEES AND PAYOUTS:

Entry fee for each tournament will be \$100.00 per Team/Boat.

- \$20.00 of this entry fee will go towards the championship tournament pot at the end of the year.
- \$3.00 goes towards club fees.
- \$3.00 goes towards the end of the year big fish award. (Not species specific, ie Largemouth or Smallmouth) and is paid 100% to the heaviest weighed fish during a scheduled club tournament.
- \$5.00 goes towards Angler of the Year (AOY) that is paid at the end of the year.
- \$59 goes towards top three teams (payout details below).
- \$10 goes towards Big Fish of the tournament.

Payouts are as follows: First (1st) place = 50%, Second (2nd) place = 30%, Third (3rd) place = 20% of total entry fees (# of contestants multiplied by \$59) and will be paid out at the ramp after all weigh-ins have concluded and any challenges are settled.

Big Fish: Payout is 100% (# of contestants multiplied by \$10) to the team/boat with the biggest weighed fish. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the team with the largest overall weight. If still tied, winner will be determined by the second biggest weight fish per team/boat.

No Wake Zones: All contestants/teams will obey all no wake zones. If a contestant/team is observed blatantly violating the no wake zone rule, the contestant/team will be disqualified. The contestant/team must be completely off pad and maintaining a speed as to not cause their boat or vessel to create any wake at the beginning of the no wake zone, as marked by buoys. No wake zones will be covered during the pre-tournament meeting. Please ask a tournament official if you do not know where the no wake zones are.

Illegal Drug use: Illegal Drug use during club events is not allowed. This includes but not limited to tournaments, meetings, fundraisers, banquets, etc. A club event starts once more than one club member arrives for the event. A club event is considered complete once all official business is complete and members depart the location. Any violation of this rule will result in the contestant/team being disqualified from that event and the contestant/team will no longer be associated with Idaho Bassmasters. No refunds will be given for entry fees or membership fees.

No-puncture Cull Tags: Idaho Bassmasters has voted to become a no-puncture cull tag club. During all Idaho Bassmasters tournaments, contestants/teams will only use a non-puncturing cull tag to determine which fish to cull. If a contestant/team is found to be using a puncturing style cull tag, they will be disqualified. This is to assist in the conservation of our fisheries for future use.

ADDITIONAL RULES:

- Club dues are payable up to one (1) week prior to an event (same as TBF). (Please see IBM Bylaws, Article III, Section 3)
- Tournaments entry fees may be paid any time prior to an event. (May be paid at the ramp the day of the tournament, cash only)
- Bag limit (Five (5) fish per Team/Boat) (Youth is two (2) fish per angler)

- Youth entry fees and rules are further defined in IBM Youth Tournament Rules.
- Members who volunteer to share a technique at club meetings receive ten (10) bonus points towards Team of the Year (TOY) standings.
- No cost raffle at each meeting for first out drawing. (MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO BE IN FIRST OUT DRAWING). Winner receives a first (1st) out, ten (10) minute head start at the next tournament.
- Board Member Positions will be voted on semi-annually and board members will serve a two-year term.
- (Added 6/25/23, board member vote passed unanimously) Any team that has paid their entry fee for a club tournament, was entered into the random order out draw and is a no-show for that event will be awarded 100 Team of the Year points for that event and still count as participation towards qualifying for the club championship tournament.

Notes: These tournament rules remain in effect until amended or a newer revision is drafted and approved by current club board members. Revised March 7, 2023, by Andrew M. Myers after club vote took place at the March club meeting concerning points tracking for meetings. Approved by board members Lance Pitcher, Jarrod Kelsey, John Jenkins and Andrew Myers on March 7, 2023.