

West Valley BassMasters of Tracy

Rules of Conduct

1. Tracy Perko's will be the meeting place on the second Wednesday of every month. Meeting times start at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise notified.

2. Members must be present at the meeting or call an officer prior to the meeting's tournament draw if you plan to fish the following tournament.

3. Club fees will be \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars and no cents). A minimum of \$100 must be paid within the first 30 days of the fiscal year. The balance of dues to be paid by the end of the first fiscal quarter. Members not paid up in full within the first 120 days of the fiscal year are not allowed to fish club events until dues are paid in full. Dues go toward club membership, BASS insurance and Cal. Fed fees.

Each member is responsible for their own BASS membership dues and must present BASS card or proof of current membership status at time of membership sign up. No member can fish without current BASS membership or must have eminent membership pending.

4. Tournament fees are included in the annual dues.

5. Cash pay out as follows;

FIRST PLACE-----\$50.00 per team
SECOND PLACE-----\$30.00 per team
THIRD PLACE-----\$20.00 per team

6. Trophy awards will be as follows;

FIRST PLACE (2)
SECOND PLACE (2)
THIRD PLACE (2)
FOURTH PLACE TO RECEIVE RAFFLE TICKETS (5 Each, boater and non-boater)
BIG FISH (1)
Five Pound Club (One per plaque)

7. If you are going to be late for a scheduled blast off because of an emergency or not be able to fish, you must call tournament director or an officer at launch site to make arrangements for your draw partner. Eligibility for late member to fish will be voted on by members dockside before blast off.

8. Blast off will be at safe light to be determined by tournament director unless otherwise designated as a "night or special event". Sunrise times will be posted in each newsletter. Running light must be working and remain on until first stop.

9. If you are caught speeding through a posted (5) mile per hour zone or behaving in an otherwise inappropriate manner, your club membership will be reviewed by the board directors. Boat traffic must stay to the right, not to cut left hand corners.

10. Each member must wear a Coast guard approved life jacket whenever the main motor is running.

Non-boaters must provide their own Coast Guard approved life jacket.

11. Boat drivers must have kill switch attached whenever main motor is running.

12. No alcohol may be consumed until after weigh-in. Don't forget you still have to drive home after tournament. Only prescription drugs are permitted during a tournament. First offense is a warning. Second offense is disqualification. Third offense will be removal of membership.

13. No fishing within off limit area of host marina. Tournament director will set the boundaries of off limit area at time of blast off.

14. All boats must have a working live well. Home made live wells must be approved by tournament director.

15. No fishing with-in 50 yards of another participant. No fishing with in 100 yards of participant with anchor down. First arriving team has control over this rule.

16. No fishing with in 50 feet of a working gas pump.

17. Fish limit is 5 per team. All fish must be 13 inches on a flat board. Open mouth and swish the tail. Tournament director has final say in measuring fish. Any fish over 5 pounds must be kept in a separate weigh-in bag.

18. Culling may be done outside off limit area. Only 5 fish are allowed per team in boat during tournament. Culling must be done with your 6th keeper.

19. Penalties are as follows;

- **FISH UNDER 13 INCHES-----SMALL FISH PLUS LARGEST FISH AS DETMINED BY T.D.**
- **LATE TO WEIGH-IN-----ONE POUND PER MINUTE/ DSQ AFTER 15 MINUTES**
- **10 POUND FISH CAUGHT AND KEPT FOR ANY REASON, 8 OUNCES.**
- **DEAD FISH----.25 POUND**

20. Participants may not leave boat to land fish. Members may only leave boat in case of emergency. No boat will be left unattended.

21. Draw rules;

- No singles unless sign ups are uneven. Observers/ family members will not pay (one tournament only) Participants must be 16 years or older.
- Tournament guest/participants will pay \$25.00 for each tournament fished. Guest may only fish one tournament with inviting member thereafter will go into draw. Paid members wishing to fish will not be bumped in favor of a paying guest.
- Guests / observers must sign up at meeting for draw purposes
- Participants may only fish together twice in a scheduled year.

22. Immediate relatives of any club members in the military or off to school will be allowed to fish tournaments under the following criteria;

- No more than 50% of listed tournaments for the year
- Be eligible as per B.A.S.S. rules and regulations.
- May only fish one tournament with relative after which goes into draw.
- Be registered at meeting prior to tournament for draw purposes.

23. Non-boater responsibilities;

- Pay launch fees (most launches are \$10.00)
- Pay a maximum of an additional Twenty-five dollars to boater to help with gas, oil and travel expenses.
- This is boater option as per mileage traveled.
- On long distance tournaments, non-boaters will minimum fee as determined by the T.D to the boater to help with travel expenses.

24. Members must attend 75% of club meetings per year to be eligible for any Executive Board position in club. Must be a paid member for no less than one year before nominations will be considered.

25. Members are expected to abide by rules of conduct consistent with proper B.A.S.S. fishing etiquette.

26. All boat owners must provide proof of boat insurance.

These by-laws are provided to all paid members, voted on and approved by a majority

THESE RULES SUPERSEDE ALL OTHER RULE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AND ALL MEMBERS MUST ABIDE BY ABOVE RULES TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB FUNCTIONS.

Activities past weigh-in are not part of the official club function and West Valley Bassmasters is not responsible for individuals after the last fish is weighed.

Please sign the bottom half of this page and return it to one of the officers.
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I have read these rules and have signed below;

PLEASE PRINT NAME HERE: _____

PLEASE SIGN NAME HERE: _____

DATE: _____