



# SCBA TOURNAMENT RULES 2026

1. All state, federal and local laws shall always apply. Five (5) fish limit per team in all tournaments. All fish must be 14" inches in length with mouth closed and tail pinched.
2. Only largemouth and Kentucky (Spotted) Bass are allowed by casting artificial lures (No Live Bait) in the boat during club tournaments. All fishing must be done from a boat.
3. The tournament director or director must be notified in writing within 15 minutes after weigh-in of any infractions noted by any member during the tournament. The tournament director will make the final decision in all matters concerning the tournaments.
4. **Sign up for the tournaments is on Tuesday before the tournament.** Full entry fee must be submitted. There will be no off limits prior to the tournaments except for the classic. Weigh in will be announced by the tournament director at the meeting prior to the event.
5. **A late penalty of 1lb will be deducted for each minute late up to 15 minutes.** If you are more than 15 minutes late, your team will be disqualified. **There will be a 1/2lb (.50) penalty deducted for each dead fish.** No white gill fish will be weighed. A one (1) pound penalty for each short fish will be deducted from your total weight, plus the loss of the short fish. Only 5 fish may be brought to the scales. If more than 5 fish are brought to the scales, the team will be disqualified from the event, and zero points will be awarded.
6. Each person is required to always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket when the big motor is engaged. Passengers under 13 years of age must wear an approved life jacket while the vessel is underway. Underway means not at anchor, made fast to the shore, or aground. (Per TPWD)
7. Fishing is permitted any place on the designated lake except within 50 yards of another boat that is anchored or tied. Each angler is cautioned to use good sportsmanship and not crowd another boat.

8. Team partners are chosen for the year, any changes in partners will have to be approved by the Board of Directors and could result in loss of all points for the team.
  - a. A team must consist of either:  
  
**2 adults, or 1 adult and 1 or 2 youth anglers** (17 years of age or younger at club acceptance)
9. If you have mechanical problems, etc., you may get in another boat and take your fish to weigh-in by the designated weigh-in time.
10. There will be six (6) qualifying tournaments for the year. **You must FISH 5 of the 6 tournaments and sell \$500 worth of raffle tickets per team to qualify for the Championship.**
11. The top five (5) tournaments per team will be used to determine the Team of The Year after the last qualifying tournament has been fished.

## **12. TRAILERING IS NOT ALLOWED**

All boats must leave the official check point by boat in the order designated at the meeting. We will draw boat take off numbers at the meeting prior to the tournaments. Contestants may launch their boat at any ramp other than the designated take-off location, but all contestants must come through the official check-point location before leaving to fish. In the event of severe weather, we will make every effort to provide alternate take-off instructions by the preceding Thursday at 7pm, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. In the event of unforeseen circumstances or weather, the tournament director may decide to trailer the morning of the tournament.

13. The entry fee for each event is \$150 per team and payback is 90%. \$10 of each participant's entry is held out for the Norris Askew Championship and \$10 is held out for the big bass pot. **Big bass will pay one place per event and will also add (5) points to the team's points standings.**
14. There will be no meeting points or points for extracurricular club functions. The tournament points will be based on 100 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 99 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 98 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, etc. A team that weighs no fish will receive (1) point less than the last team weighed.
15. An indemnity/membership form must be filled out completely and turned in to be eligible for membership