

North Country BronzeBacks Tournament Rules and Procedures

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

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Club Tournament Committee will consist of the Vice President, Tournament Director, and two members appointed by the Officers. The committee is responsible for preparing a yearly tournament schedule, and assisting the Tournament Director at Tournaments.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

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Club tournament schedule will be prepared by the tournament director with the assistance of the tournament committee, then submitted to the officers to be voted on.

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A tentative tournament schedule will be worked on by the committee at the November meeting, submitted to the tournament director for permit acquisition.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION or POSTPONEMENT:

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Tournament cancellation can only be done by the tournament director with approval of the president.

13.1

A tournament may be cancelled, postponed or started later than scheduled due to weather or mishap. This determination is made by the tournament director with approval of the president.

TOURNAMENT PROCEEDURES:

14.0

Tournaments will begin at a scheduled start time (7:00 AM), unless another time has been determined prior to the tournament date. All members must be made aware of the time change prior to the date of the tournament.

14.1

All boats and members will be at the tournament site within fifteen (15) minutes of the official starting time. (However, most are at the ramp 1/2 hour or more before start time, which is highly recommended.)

14.2

All tournaments will be started by a numbered draw, which will take place before launching. Anglers will weigh in at the end of the tournament, in the same sequence.

14.3

The highest number pulled in tournament starting draw, will be the official starter for that tournament.

14.4

The starter will signal the first boat to depart, wait ten (10) seconds, and then signal the next boat to depart, and so on. There will be a ten (10) second wait between all departing boats.

14.5

All boats MUST have a functioning aerated live well. A fish type bubbler is acceptable, the aerator must circulate and aerate and replace old with fresh water in your live well/cooler. All live wells will be checked by the starter boat. Any boat with a non-functioning live well will automatically be disqualified by the tournament director or committee member.

14.6

All live wells will be checked by the starter boat. All live wells will be open and in operation as you pass the starter boat. After the starter boat gives you the "OK", you may then proceed.

14.7

There will be a "No Wake" zone from the launch to approximately fifteen (15) yards beyond the starting boat. This does not over ride a mandated "No Wake" zone

14.8

The boat that drew the number one (1) starting position will be the official check in boat

14.9

All club tournaments end at a time which has been approved by the tournament director. You must check in with the official check in boat by tournament end time, or you will lose one (1) pound of weight per minute late. You will be disqualified if you check in more than fifteen (15) minutes late.

14.10

Tournaments will not begin without all members present. (*who are known to be present and fishing the tournament*)

14.11

No boat shall fish within 150 feet of any anchored boat, or 75 feet of another fishing tournament vessel. An anchored boat is defined as having the anchor in the water and the trolling motor out of the water.

14.12

A non-club member is not allowed to fish from a club member's boat during a tournament, except during a "buddy" (open) tournament, or approved by the tournament director. Any member caught with a non-member on his boat *fishing*, while participating in a regular club tournament shall be disqualified and be subject to removal from the club.

14.13

Only artificial baits may be used at our tournaments. Pork is allowed. Any club member in possession of any live or dead bait will be disqualified by the tournament director.

14.14

All Tournaments will follow state fish limits.

BOATS AND BOAT SAFETY:

15.0

Boat must have proper state registration

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Boat trailer must be properly registered.

15.2

All boats must have proper safety equipment.

15.3

All tournament contestants must have the proper fishing license for any state a tournament is fished in.

15.4

Boat must meet all Coast Guard requirements for a boat of its size.

15.5

All members who are boaters are required to present proof of a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance to cover the boat, prior to the use of that boat in any club tournament, and thereafter by the April meeting of each new year.

15.6

Any infraction of sections 15.1 through 15.5 will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

15.7

Boaters can have permanent non-boaters; all other non-boaters will be placed in a draw to be matched up with a boater.

15.8

Members who are boaters may fish as a non-boater, if enough boats are entered in the tournament, but, may not opt out of the non-boater draw if they enter a tournament as a boater.

15.9

Boaters with permanent non-boaters will be entered in any draw that takes place at the tournament site if their non-boater is a no-show.

15.10

Any infraction of the state boating and fishing laws is grounds for disqualification.

15.11

No controlled drugs and/or alcohol are to be present in your boat during a club tournament.

15.12

If caught with controlled drugs and/or alcohol during a tournament it will be recommended that violators be removed from the club.

15.13

If a member is on prescription drugs and is fishing a club tournament, it is the responsibility of that member to notify the tournament director in case of medical emergency that may arise during a tournament so that medical help can be summoned.

15.14

Cell phone use is discouraged during the tournament. A list of members with cell phones will be available for every member for safety reasons. If a cell phone or a communicating device is used to locate, or inform members of fish locations, or to give someone an unfair advantage, that person will be disqualified.

15.15

All members are required to wear their life vests when operating combustion motor

GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES:**16.0**

All members are expected to show good sportsmanship at all tournaments. All members fishing in club tournaments shall be courteous towards all people on the water.

16.1

Any person coming to the weigh-in with dying fish will weigh in first.

16.2

Weigh-ins will be by number drawn at the beginning of the tournament. Example: If you have #1 and left ramp first at the start of the tournament, then you will weigh in first, and so on.

16.3

All fish will be kept in the live well until it is that members turn to weigh-in.

16.4

Any member fishing at tournaments end and who is en route to the check in will be disqualified immediately. ALL fishing must stop at tournament end time.

16.5

Anyone wishing to continue fishing after tournament end time will first notify the tournament director, and then they may continue to go back out and fish. This is so that we do not have to send two (2) boats to search for you at tournament's end time.

16.6

When a participant has caught a max fish amount, per state law, and catches one more legal fish (12 inches in length unless otherwise pre-determined by club), he must stop fishing and cull (release) the smallest fish. There will be NO culling of dead fish.

16.7

No competitor's boat will be tied to any other boat for any reason other than an emergency.

16.8

Trotting is allowed only with the electric motor.

16.9

There will be only one line per person in the water at all times.

16.10

The use of landing nets is allowed in all club tournaments, unless otherwise pre-determined by the tournament committee.

PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE:**17.0**

There is no cutoff date for pre-tournament fishing, unless otherwise determined and discussed before practice begins.

OFFICIAL END OF TOURNAMENT:**18.0**

A tournament will be declared official once tournament places/points have been given out. No protests will be accepted after that time.

LEAVING WATER EARLY:**19.0**

A member who has begun a tournament, but decides to leave the tournament site due to weather, illness, mechanical problem, or emergency, must first check out with another participating member, favorably the tournament director, and he/she will be eligible for participation points.

19.1

A member may choose to leave the water on their own, but must first check out with another boat and participating member of the tournament.

19.2

Once a boat has left the water during a tournament it may not re-enter the water. A boat is out of the water if it is on the trailer, car-topped, or loaded into or on a truck. This rule is waived in case of emergency or boat problems.

19.3

A boat is not considered out of the water if it is beached on shore. The boat in question must check in with another boat. The only two (2) reasons for being beached are to go to the bathroom or in case of any emergency.

LATE ARRIVALS:

20.0

If a tournament has started when you arrive you must check in with another boater (preferably a member of the tournament committee) to verify the time you began and to have your live well checked, before you start fishing. You will not be allowed to make up lost time.

TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN:

21.0

All boats must be checked in with the check in boat at the tournaments end time. You must be in sight of the weigh in sight, not around the bend, and a tournament official must be able to see, and identify, your boat. See "tournament procedure" section 14.9 for more information.

LATE ARRIVALS:

21.1

Anyone arriving late to the check-in due to mechanical breakdown will not be penalized. Example: If you are towing another participant's boat and arrive late, neither boat will be penalized

21.2

If a tournament official does not see you near the boat ramp and one (1) minute past tournament end time, two (2) boats will be dispatched to look for you. The weigh-in will proceed according to plan. A protest will automatically be filed. When all 3 boats arrive they will be allowed to weigh in their catches. An investigation will follow as to why you were late and a determination will be made by the members of the board of directors that are present at that tournament. The protest will be resolved at the boat ramp. Once the places/points and are given out the tournament is official.

21.3

A late penalty of one (1) pound per minute late may be assessed. Anyone arriving more than 15 minutes late is disqualified unless a determination of just cause is made by the tournament director.

WEIGH-IN:

22.0

Any club member or participant bringing a dead fish shall be penalized four (4) ounces (or .25 pound) per dead fish. If the fish is moving while on the scale and later dies while being put back into the water, that member or participant will not be penalized. If you bring a dead fish you are planning on mounting, to the scales, you will be penalized for the dead fish. The official weigh master will be the sole person to determine if the fish is dead or alive.

22.1

All legal fish caught by a club member or participant will be weighed and measured.

22.2

A courtesy check of the length of one (1) bass will be made if requested before submitting your catch for weigh-in. Any short fish (less than 12 inches long) weighed in will result in a one (1) pound penalty per short fish.

22.3

Club member or participant's largest fish will be weighed and measured for the Big Bass Award.

22.4

Any member, who attempts to weigh in a fish that he did not catch legally, will be disqualified immediately.

22.5

Any member who gives another member or participant a fish to weigh in shall be disqualified immediately.

22.6

In case of a tie by two or more members or participants, the tie will be broken by the following

- A. Whoever caught the most fish
- B. If a tie still exists, the weight of the largest fish caught by each contestant.
- C. If a tie still exists, the length of each members lunker fish shall be used
- D. If a tie still exists, the anglers involved will split the points and purses for two positions.

22.7

The weigh master, his assistants, the score keeper, and the person getting his/her fish weighed should be the only people close to the scale.

22.8

The weight determined by the weigh master is the "official" weight.

22.9

If the weigh master needs assistance he will ask his assistant or a member of the tournament committee.

22.10

A member may not weigh in his own fish for an official weight.

22.11

Persons involved in a weigh-in may ask for a re-weigh by a tournament committee official.

PROTESTS:

23.0

All protests will be registered with the tournament director before the weigh-in begins. An investigation will follow with a determination at the ramp. All protests will be resolved at the ramp.

DISQUALIFICATION:

24.0

If the tournament director or the tournament committee disqualifies a member at a tournament, that member has a right to appeal. In the case of an appeal that member will meet with the tournament committee and the members involved at the ramp to try to find a resolve for the matter. If there is a problem with the tournament committee not being able to find a resolve, we will have a club majority vote, less the member(s) involved in the matter. All matters will be resolved at the ramp.

24.1

Disqualification means loss of all points and prizes.

TOURNAMENT POINT SCORING:

25.0

All tournaments will be determined by weight, unless it is a approved paper tournament by the tournament director. All tournaments shall be worth 100 points for first place, with a 5 point decrease to fifth place, 3 point decrease from sixth through tenth, and a 2 point decrease from eleventh through sixteenth. All participants who actively fished the event, but did not weigh in fish will receive 50 points for participation.

Points System Chart

1-	100	-
2-	95	--
3-	90	--- 5 point decrease from 1 st through 5 th .
4-	85	--
5-	80	-
6-	77	-
7-	74	--
8-	71	--- 3 point decrease from 6 th through 10 th .
9-	68	--
10-	65	-
11-	63	-
12-	61	--
13-	59	--- 2 point decrease from 11 th through 16 th .
14-	57	--
15-	55	-
16-	53	-

No Fish Weighed In - 50

BANQUET:

26.0

A annual banquet will be held each year, unless voted out by 2/3 of active members. Money in the clubs account can be used towards the banquet, upon members vote. Place and time to be determined by club members.

AWARDS

27.0

The following awards will be given out each year.

- A. Winner of each regular tournament will be awarded a trophy or plaque. Fun tournaments excluded.
- B. **Angler of the Year.** Angler of the year will be club member with highest number of points for the year. If a tie exists it will then go to most weight, then number of tournament wins, and then number of fish. If a tie still exists there will be co-anglers of the year. A.O.Y will receive a plaque or trophy and \$100.00 cash award.

In case of a tie by two or more members for Angler of the Year, the tie will be broken by the following;

- A. **Whoever caught the most weight.**
- B. **Whoever caught the most fish.**
- C. **If a tie still exists, the weight of the largest fish caught by each contestant**

- C. **Big Bass.** Big Bass will be club member who has the highest weighing bass for the season. If a tie exists it will then go to length. Big Bass will receive a plaque or trophy and \$50.00 tackle pack or cash.

These and all rules and procedures of the BronzeBack Bass Club may be revised at any time to help alleviate any problems that may arise. In the event that a rule's intent is not clear due to a typographical error, the typo will be cured and the rule made clear again.