

# TULSA BASS ANGLERS REGULATIONS

**1. Rules:** The following rules will be interpreted by the Tournament Director and/or Rules Committee and all decisions are final. We reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone.

**2. Eligibility:** Participation is open only to members of TBA/Tulsa Bass Anglers Team Trail, who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. Entrants under the age of eighteen (18) must also submit signature of his or her parent or legal guardian on the Membership Form. All participants must sign a membership form prior to fishing any TULSA BASS ANGLERS events. **Membership Fee - \$40 per team (Cash Only and Payable at the Ramp, morning of the tournament).**

**3. Fees:** All Entry Fees (**Cash Only**) will be accepted at the tournament ramp only. Fees are \$100 per team for regular season events and \$150 per team for the Classic. Entry Forms are available at Bayer Marine in Tulsa, Okie Bait & Tackle in Broken Arrow, or on the [tbastratos.com](http://tbastratos.com) website.

**4. Morning Take-off:** There will be no official take-off the morning of the tournament. Teams may launch their boat from any ramp provided the ramp is accessible by water from the tournament site. **A team may only launch their boat one time.** No team is to start fishing until the official start time for said tournament. It is strongly recommended that teams do not leave their chosen launch site until safe-light conditions exist. It is each team's responsibility to know their team number and the official time. The official time will be posted on [tbastratos.com](http://tbastratos.com) website. Official time will be established per U.S. Cellular time (satellite time).

**5. Check-in:** Boats with recirculating livewells may return and trailer before weighing. Boats without recirculating livewells must return by water and weigh first before being allowed to trailer. There will be a designated check-in area at the weigh-in site. It is the responsibility of each team to get checked in prior to weighing their fish. If a team does not check-in prior to weighing their fish they will be considered late and their fish will not be weighed.

**6. Scoring:** 5 fish limit, 14 inch minimum (lake regulations have precedent) measured on a Golden Rule flat board in a relaxed manner with mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together, swept in any manner necessary to hit the minimum mark. Only largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass will be counted. Total weight per team will determine placing. Ties will be broken by number of fish. Any bass not within legal limits will result in a one (1) pound penalty deduction and loss of illegal fish. Frozen or iced fish presented for weigh-in will result in immediate disqualification. Any dead fish will be weighed upon discretion of tournament officials. There will be a one (1) pound penalty deduction for each dead fish weighed. All rulings are final. All fish must be caught during tournament hours.

**7. Scoring For Tenkiller:** Same as rule 6 above with the following exceptions: 16" minimum length for largemouth and smallmouth. 12" minimum length for spotted bass. **Spotted bass submitted for weigh-in must possess characteristics of a spotted bass as well as the "tooth patch".**

**8. Big Bass:** Big Bass will only be weighed if requested by contestant. It is the contestant's responsibility to determine which fish will be submitted for big bass. Only one fish per team will be weighed for big bass.

**9. Tackle and Equipment:** Only artificial lures and pork-style baits may be used. No trolling or snagging, and fish must be caught on rod and reel in a sporting manner with only one (1) line per angler in the water at a time.

**10. Permitted Fishing Locations:** Fishing from boat only, cannot leave boat in order to enter shallow areas or to retrieve a hooked fish. Fishing is confined to waters specified in the tournament. No fishing within fifty (50) yards of another contestants anchored boat with trolling motor in the up stowed position, without permission of the first boat to arrive. Partners must remain in sight of each other during tournament hours. This rule does not apply in case of a required bathroom break. In case of an emergency or mechanical failure, one or both contestants may return to weigh-in by means of another boat and must immediately notify the tournament director.

**11. Boat & Motor Requirements:** No pontoon boats allowed. Any brand boat with a minimum length of sixteen (16) feet, and powered by a minimum of forty (40) horsepower, any brand engine. Working aerated livewells are required.

**12. Safety & Sportsmanship:** Lifejackets and kill switches must be worn and hooked up any time the boat is on plane. Safe boating and fishing practice must be observed at all time. Please respect other anglers and treat them as you would want to be treated in return.

**13. Fishing Alone:** Contestants may fish alone without a partner, but must pay the full entry fee and will be subject to the polygraph test.

**14. Money Ties:** In the case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the greater number of fish. If a tie still exists, the two (2) or more positions will be added together, divided by the number of ties, with the amount of payback awarded equally.

**15. Polygraph:** By signature on the Membership Form, contestants agree to a polygraph test by a qualified examiner. Refusal to or failure of a polygraph test will result in disqualification and banishment from all future TBA/Tulsa Bass Anglers Team Trail events. First, second, third, and Big Bass winners must be present at the conclusion of weigh-in for polygraph testing unless prior arrangements have been approved by the tournament director. Any contestants not present for the requested polygraph including a random pick of a lower money winner, will not receive winnings until test has been administered, which will be provided and administered at the next scheduled tournament. Any contestants requiring any other arrangement for a polygraph will be administered a test at the contestant's own expense of \$250.

**16. Substitutions:** Each team is allowed to have a one person substitute. Substitute may be used in Classic, provided they subbed for the team, prior the the Classic event.

**17. Protest:** Any protest must be in writing and submitted to the tournament directors within ten (10) minutes of conclusion of weigh-in.

**18. Alcoholic Beverages:** No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed during tournament hours or before a polygraph test is administered.

**19. Weigh-in:** The official weigh-in time will be 3:00 pm for all tournaments. Any changes will be posted on [tbastratos.com](http://tbastratos.com) website, no later than the Saturday prior to said tournament. It is the contestant's responsibility to check the website for any changes that have been made. All teams must check-in at the designated check-in location prior to weighing their fish. Teams must use tournament supplied bags to bring their fish to the scales. Please put ample amount of water in bags to help insure the survival of the fish.

**20. Late Penalty:** One (1) pound per minute up to ten (10) minutes will be deducted, then disqualification. No excuses or exceptions.

**21. Culling Fish:** No team may maintain more than six (6) fish in the livewell at any time. Teams must cull down to the tournament limit of five (5) fish before returning to the weigh-in site. Failure to follow this rule is disqualification from said tournament and will forfeit any points and/or monies that might have been awarded.

**22. Restricting or Seeding Bass:** Restricting bass by any method, which disallows its natural movement or travel throughout the entire impoundment is prohibited. Seeding bass from any other impoundment to the tournament impoundment is prohibited.

**23. Bridges:** All bridges are no wake. Failure to follow this rule is disqualification from said tournament and forfeiture of any points and /or monies that might have been awarded.

**24. Points System:** Team with the most points accrued from both regular season events and the Classic will determine Anglers of the Year. In the event of a tie, the team with the most total weight for the year will win. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st Place=300, 2nd Place=298, 3rd Place=296, etc. Each place will drop by 2 points. Any team that does not weigh fish will receive ten (10) points less than the last place team that weighed fish. Teams not participating in the tournament will receive zero (0) points for that tournament.

**25. Classic:** A team must participate in both regular season events to qualify for the Classic. Each team will be allowed a one time qualifying exception for a no show provided the team paid their entry prior to the entry deadline assuring that the teams entry fee is included in the tournament payout. Classic Lake will be declared off-limits beginning at 12:00 am, June 14th and throughout the the week up until June 19th tournament day launch.

**26. The Tournament Directors and Rules Committee reserve the right to:** Refuse entry to anyone and to postpone, reschedule, or cancel any tournament due to unsafe conditions, (extremely high water or any other conditions deemed by the committee as dangerous). If a tournament is postponed, rescheduled, or cancelled, a message will be posted on [tbastratos.com](http://tbastratos.com) website as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of each team to check the website for updated information and/or changes.