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RULES & REGULATIONS

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WELCOME

On behalf of the Sangchris Bass Club (SBC), I would like to welcome you and offer the opportunity to join us in our annual tournaments at Sangchris Lake State Park. The SBC has 6 qualifying tournaments and a FALL CLASSIC tournament each year.

The Sangchris Bass Club events are non-profit, with all tournaments having an 80% payback of entry fees in cash and awards, 15% is allocated to the FALL CLASSIC tournament fund, and 5% utilized to offset club expenses such as postage, advertising, miscellaneous supplies, operating expenses, and for charitable donations. After all club expenses are paid; all remaining funds in excess of \$100 will be transferred to the FALL CLASSIC fund.

Teams can qualify for the FALL CLASSIC tournament held at the end each season. Teams must compete and/or pay for all 6 qualifying tournaments during each tournament season to qualify.

Points standings during the course of each year will be available on our Web site at sangchrisbassclub.com.

To join the Sangchris Bass Club, simply complete the participant application and return it to me along with the \$50 team participation fee (\$25 each member). All checks should be made payable to the SANGCHRIS BASS CLUB.

We look forward to seeing as our new season begins. Sincerely,

Kimberly Sapetti
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS / RULES COMMITTEE

At the request of the Sangchris Bass Club Tournament Officials, the Board of Directors / Rules Committee will be asked to resolve issues that may affect the outcome of a Sangchris Bass Club tournament. These officials will base their decisions upon the rules and regulations of the Sangchris Bass Club. Their decision is final and may not be contested.

Only when all of the officials of the Board of Directors / Rules Committee are unable to reach a common decision, will the tournament director be called upon to make a final decision. However, the tournament director may be asked to clarify a rule before any decisions are made by the Board of Directors / Rules committee.

Board of Directors / Rules Committee

Bob Tucker, Joe Bigley, Mike Tuchmann, Mike Bretscher, Mike Miller

PARTICIPATION FEES

ANNUAL PARTICIPATION FEE

The annual Sangchris Bass Club participation fee is \$50 per team. Alternate partners participating must pay \$25.

TOURNAMENT FEES

Qualifying Tournament	\$120.00 (\$10 will be allocated for Big Bass Pot)
Fundraiser - Team Tournament	\$60 per team (\$5 will be allocated for Big Bass Pot)
Fundraiser - Singles Tournament	\$60 per participant (\$5 will be allocated for Big Bass Pot*)

*\$10 will be allocated towards Big Bass Pot if Singles Fundraiser is a 2 day event.

TEAM RULES

Teams

Once a team has been established, the two (2) contestants are required to compete together as a team in order to accumulate “Points” for that team.

If either contestant of an established team decides to form a new team, the original team’s “Points” will be frozen at their current values. The original team will cease to compete. The resulting new team(s) must pay a \$50 participation fee in order to establish themselves as a new member team.

Alternate Partners

In the event that one of the established partners of a team is absent, an alternate partner be used. Any “Points” that are accumulated with an alternate partner will be awarded to the regular member team. Alternate partners are required to pay a one-time, \$25 participation fee before competing.

A team may compete with an alternate partner four (4) times during the regular tournament season including the FALL CLASSIC. The team is also allowed to compete in as many tournaments as needed with a single team member fishing by themselves.

In extreme situations such as a prolonged or terminal medical conditions or death, it may be necessary for the Sangchris Bass Club Tournament Officials to recommend an amendment to the alternate partner team rule.

Bye Tournament

A team may pay the appropriate tournament fee for ONE or ALL qualifying tournaments during the course of the year for which they are unable to attend. By doing so, the tournament will be counted as one of the six necessary attended tournaments to qualify for the Fall Classic. A team WILL NOT accrue any points for using a bye tournament.

AWARDING OF POUNDS & POINTS

Who Is Eligible

All teams are eligible to accumulate "Points" toward the annual Points Standings.

NO "Points" will be carried over if a new team is formed for any reason.

How Points Are Awarded

A maximum of 100 points will be awarded to a team based upon their total weight in pounds for each qualifying tournament. Teams who do not weigh-in fish at a tournament will be awarded 25 points for participating. A team WILL NOT accrue any points for using a bye tournament.

Points will be awarded as follows:

1st place - 100 points, 2nd place - 99 points, 3rd Place - 98 points, and so on, down to the last team to weigh in fish. In the event of a tie in weight, both teams will receive the points for the higher of the two positions and no one will receive the points for the next lower position. The total prize money for the tied position and the next lower position will be split equally between the tied teams. No team can accumulate "Points" for more than one finishing place in a tournament.

QUALIFYING FOR THE FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

After completion of the 6 qualifying tournaments for the year, a two-day FALL CLASSIC tournament will be held. Member teams must compete and/or pay for all six (6) qualifying tournaments in order to be eligible to qualify.

FALL CLASSIC Specific Tournament Rules

Should any team that has qualified for the FALL CLASSIC tournament elect not to participate, the field will simply be reduced. That is, a replacement team will not be appointed.

Alternate partners are allowed to fish in the FALL CLASSIC tournament.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The decisions of the Sangchris Bass Club Tournament Judges and Officials are final.

1.0 - Participation

1.1- The Sangchris Bass Club, Board of Directors / Rules Committee reserves the right of approval of all team membership applications and/or any team wishing to participate in any SBC tournaments. A reason need not be given for the denial of any applicant of participant.

1.2 - The Sangchris Bass Club, will not be responsible or liable for injuries, accidents, losses or unlawful acts pertaining to or committed by any tournament participant.

1.3 - All teams wishing to participate in a SBC tournament must have at least one team member present, registered, checked in and livewell(s) checked at least thirty (30) minutes prior to start of a tournament. The second team member must arrive by tournament take off time. If the second member has not arrived by take off time, then the team member who checked in with the boat must fish by themselves.

1.4 - If a pre-registered team does not arrive, check-in or and have their livewell checked at least thirty (30) minutes prior to start of a tournament they will not be allowed to compete in that day's tournament. Their entry fee may be credited to the next qualifying tournament at the discretion of the tournament committee. This courtesy will be extended one (1) time per year.

1.5 - Draw for starting position of pre-paid entry teams will be the morning of the tournament as each prepaid team arrives. The Secretary/Treasurer, Kim Sapetti, must receive prepaid entries on or before the Friday prior to each tournament.

1.6 - Any contestant caught cheating will be disqualified and banned from future Sangchris Bass Club tournaments.

1.7 - Protests must be filed with a tournament official within 30 minutes after the weigh-in is complete.

1.8 - There will be no refund of entry fees to any team disqualified for any reason.

2.0 - Safety

2.1 - All boats must meet both State and Department of Conservation equipment and safety regulations.

2.2 - All State Department of Conservation and posted lake regulations must be obeyed.

2.3 - Life jackets must be worn during take-off. It is highly recommended that they be worn any time the gas engine is in operation.

2.4 - The SBC Tournament Officials can delay start of a tournament due to inclement weather or hazardous conditions. Should this event occur, a vote will be taken of the members present as to a change in tournament weigh-in time.

2.5 - Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages may be consumed during a tournament. NO alcoholic beverages may be in the boat during tournament hours.

3.0 - General

3.1 - Only artificial baits are allowed.

3.2 - An aerated live well or some type of suitable aerated container is required and must be in proper working condition to insure that the fish are not harmed.

3.3 - Trolling is not allowed.

3.4 - No fish may be put or kept on a stringer during a tournament.

3.5 - Any team fishing in waters that are either posted or declared by tournament officials as "Off Limits", will be disqualified.

3.6 - Tournament participants must remain in their boats at all times during a tournament except in the case of a physical emergency.

3.7 - The only persons allowed in a boat during the tournament are the two (2) tournament participants.

3.8 - No team may fish within 100 feet of an anchored boat.

3.9 - No boat fishing in a tournament may be locked, (touching), with another boat during tournament hours.

3.10 - The Alabama Rig and all variations of are NOT ALLOWED.

4.0 - Weigh-in

4.1 - The Sangchris Bass Club team limit consists of 5 fish over 15 inches in length. Teams may carry 6 fish during the course of the day, however they must arrive at the check-in point with only 5 fish.

4.2 - Late weigh-in penalty: One (1) pound per minute up to five (5) minutes. After five (5) minutes, all weight (fish) will be disallowed. The minimum 25 points for competing will be awarded to a member team if the team checks in within 30 minutes after the tournament weigh in time.

4.3 - Tournament participants have the option of trailering their boat only after they have declared their catch with the check-in crew at the end of the tournament. It is highly recommended that boats with overflow aeration systems and/or fish of questionable length limit stay in the water.

4.4 - All fish will be measured in a horizontal position, mouth closed, using a "GATOR GOLDEN RULE" tournament board.

4.5 - Any team weighing in a short fish will be disqualified. Any fish in question of being legal length will be examined.

4.6 - The tournament officials must examine all dead fish before being accepted at the weigh-in. The tournament officials will have the right to disqualify any fish, dead or alive that appears to have been mishandled, abused, or questionable in any manner.

4.7 - Each dead fish will have one (1) pound deducted from the team's total weight. The dead fish penalty will not be assessed for the Big Bass Award except in the case of a tie, where a live fish will win.

4.8 - All bass must be released immediately after weigh-in except for a trophy bass that is to be mounted.