

Interpretation and enforcement of the following rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. In the event of a rule violation, the tournament director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate.

1. There is a one-time yearly membership fee of \$35.00 per person, includes B.A.S.S. Team membership and subscription to BASS Times. This must also be paid by all subs.
2. Entry fee is \$110.00 per boat, includes Big Bass pot, fishing team or single. Payback is based on paid entries. The Classic fund will receive \$20.00 per entry. The payback schedule is posted on the web site. We will pay back 1 spot for every 5 boats.
3. Entries will be received as a team entry or single entry. If you enter to fish singly, you must do so for all 5 Classic qualifiers to retain your points. If you enter as a team, you will be allowed to use one **sub per season per team**, or you may fish alone. Everyone must check in prior to the pre tournament meeting. You must decide on your team or single classification on your first entry.
4. There will be a 5 fish limit of bass, largemouth or smallmouth, whether you are fishing as a team or singly. Fish must be 14" or longer, mouth closed. Short fish are thrown back along with your biggest fish. Dead fish are penalized 4 ounces (.250 in hundredths). You must cull down to 5 fish before moving with your combustion motor.
5. Total weight determines the winning team. We will use Big Bass as a **tiebreaker** for total weight, and total weight as a **tiebreaker** for Big Bass.
6. **Lake Michigan will be closed for Classic Qualifiers. Off limits** will be set at the pre tournament meeting. You may not fish within 50 yards of a competitor's boat if it is anchored (trolling motor up and anchor or shallow water anchor down), without the anchored boats permission.
7. We will use a **100-point system**. First = 100 points, second = 99 points, etc. Total points as the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> Classic qualifier will determine the final standings. We will average the entrants in the 5 classic qualifiers and the top **30%** will be invited to the classic. Any boat that fished team or single in all 5 Classic qualifiers will go into a drawing for the wildcard team to attend the Classic. The #1 team of the year will draw that boat #. Teams will be awarded **10 Bonus Points** per tournament fished.
8. The **Classic** location will be announced at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> qualifier. This body of water will be **off limits** at 3 PM the Saturday prior to the Classic date.
9. Anglers must practice a high level of **sportsmanship**, safety and courtesy during tournament hours. Participants will refrain from the use of alcohol and or drugs during the course of the tournament event. This prohibition does not extend to the use of prescribed medications for ongoing medical issues. This is an automatic disqualification.
10. Any violation of **Federal, State or Local Laws** is an automatic disqualification. Observation of **no wake zones** and having proper safety equipment are your responsibility. **NO WAKE NO PASS**
11. At least one member of each team must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Each team member or single angler must **complete and sign** the entry form and pay the entry fee.
12. **Big Bass** will be paid back 100%. 60% to first place and 40% to second place.
13. Approved **life vests** must be worn while moving with the combustion engine.
14. **Kill switches** must be used when the combustion engine is running.
15. Only one rod & reel (8 ft. Maximum length) may be used at a time. **Artificial lures** only - except pork strips. No trolling.
16. The **horsepower** of the outboard motor must not exceed the boat (bia) rating. All boats shall have the required Coast Guard safety equipment, functional kill switch, live well with aeration system.
17. You must leave and return to the **tournament site by boat**. If you break down, one person from the team may return in another contestant's boat with the fish to be weighed in.
18. **MANDATORY** - all boats must **check in** at the end of each tournament. It is your responsibility to find the check in person. You must check in by **3:00 P.M.**, first flight, **3:15 P.M.** second flight, not after you load up or while you are weighing in even if you have no fish to weigh. If you do not check in on time, you are disqualified for that event. **Do not bring up fish to be weighed until called for.**
19. Any **PROTEST** must be made within **10 minutes** of the scales closing.