General Tournament Rules

- 1) Live well check Each participating team is responsible for having their live wells checked by a tournament official and receiving a sticker on their engine, prior to fishing any tournament.
- 2) Artificial baits only are allowed to be used during Tournaments(with the exception of pork chunks or strips)
- 3) Largemouth bass only There will be a fourteen(14) inch size limit on fish, as mandated by the State of Florida. Penalty on short fish will be a disqualification of your catch. In addition, only 1 fish of twenty-two(22) inches or more(per contestant) may be weighed as per the State of Florida. PENALTY FOR BRINGING IN MORE TWENTY-TWO(22) INCH FISH THAN IS ALLOWED, WILL BE DISQUALIFICATION.
- 4) Dead fish will be penalized Three tenths(.3) of a pound will be deducted from total weight for each dead fish. For the big bass pot <u>only</u>, the total weight of your big fish will be used to determine the overall big bass winner.
- 5) Weigh-in time(s) and official time will be announced prior to the start of the tournament. A penalty of one(1) pound per minute will be deducted(starting with your big bass) for every minute you are late past "official" weigh-in time. If your boat breaks down, you or your partner can transport your fish to weigh-in via another boat. One member of the team must stay with the boat at all times.
- 6) Tournaments with 10 boats or less pay-back (2)two places, 1ST 60% 2ND 40%
- 7) Tournaments with more than 10 boats pay-back (3)three places, 1ST 50% 2ND 30% 3RD 20%
- 8) In the case of a tie The team with the most fish breaks the tie. If the tied teams have the same number of fish, the total moneys allotted for the tied finishing places will be combined and split evenly between all teams involved in the tie.
- 9) No gas engine trolling, one(1) pole per angler in use at a time.
- 10) Fifty(50) yard limit from boat with anchor down and trolling motor up
- 11) If a team is unable to obtain an alternate for tournament, either team member or an alternate may fish alone.
- 12) No boats are allowed to have more than a limit of fish on board their boat upon arrival at the weigh-in site. **NO CULLING AT THE RAMP**. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of your catch.
- 13) Coast Guard approved life preservers must be worn when your boat is on plane.
- 14) Tournament Director and his partner fish for free.
- 15) All boats not weighing in will tie for last place.
- 16) Violation of any of these rules may result in a disqualification.
- 17) Any protest must be made with the tournament committee no more than thirty(30) minutes after the final team has weighed in.
- 18) Boat numbers will be assigned based on receipt of entry fee the morning of the tournament.