

Legacy Bass Club Rules - 2017

Dues & Fees

- Membership Fee - \$30 / Person (One – Time fee due at the beginning of each season)
- Tournament Fee - \$70 / Team / Tournament
- Over 8 Pound Big Bass Side Pot - \$5 / Person (Optional)

Official Rules

1. **All final decisions are the sole decision of the Legacy Bass Club board.** They make the decisions and have the final say.
2. Members will at all time conduct themselves in a way that would express the Christian values of the club. No alcohol, drugs, cussing, lying, cheating, no bad sportsmanship, etc.
3. All entry fees must be paid prior to the tournament. Fees are due at or before the Thursday meeting; however, special arrangements can be made *prior* to the meeting by texting/calling Michael Gist (Treasury) at (817) 846 – 4883. If you and/or your partner cannot make the meeting due to work/travel, we will utilize an App (most likely Venmo) that will allow you to pay all fees. No exceptions will be made.
4. The lake will be voted on the Thursday the week before the tournament. The lake will be off limits beginning at 12:01 am Monday morning until the first cast time on Saturday. In the event that Lake Waco is voted, all bass club members will be allowed to fish the weekly Wednesday night tournament. The lake will be off limits before and after the conclusion of the Wednesday tournament.
5. While the combustion engine is on plane a life jacket and kill switch must be worn and all other Coast Guard regulations must be followed.
6. Only one rod and reel may be used at a time and only artificial baits may be used. There is no trolling allowed.
7. No fishing in restricted access areas. No fishing within 50 yards of an anchored boat or 25 yards of a boat using the electric motor without that boat's permission.
8. Anglers may keep 5 fish per team in a five fish tournament and 3 in a three fish tournament. These fish must be a minimum of 14 inches unless the state restrictions are greater and can consist of black/largemouth bass, Kentucky spotted bass or smallmouth bass. A short fish will result in immediate disqualification of all fish by that team. Each dead fish will have an 8 ounce deduction for that team.

9. Contestants may cull as many times as needed during tournament hours. No culling of any kind is allowed at the weigh-in site, and no culling of dead fish is allowed.

10. During the 2017 Tournament year, you will be allowed to launch at any boat ramp; however, your first cast cannot be made until the designated start time. The board will announce the designated start time at the Thursday meeting and will communicate that information through email following the meeting for those that could not attend. Any team caught in violation of this rule will be immediately disqualified from the tournament and will forfeit all fees paid for that tournament. Start times will vary depending on safe light.

Weigh-in will be at 3:00 PM unless otherwise changed by the Board. The weigh-in location will be set at the Thursday meeting. Any teams that fail to be in the sight of the ramp will be penalized a ½ pound for every minute they are late. After 10 minutes the team will be disqualified from weighing their fish.

Tournament leadership has the right to change start times and weigh-in times due to weather or safety precautions as they deem necessary.

11. All boats being fished from must have an adequate live well system capable of keeping a limit of fish alive and in good condition to ensure live release of as many fish as possible.

12. The leadership of the bass club has the right to refuse membership to anyone who has been disqualified from a tournament in the past for any rule(s) violation. Any protest should be privately brought to a board member within 15 minutes of final weigh in.

13. Points will be earned at the rate of 100 pts for 1st, 90pts for 2nd, 89pts for 3rd, and so on. Total weight of the team's fish will be added to their place points for a total of number of points for that tournament. Angler of the Year (AOY) points will be tracked beginning in February through the road trip to determine the top team. The AOY team will receive a prize concluding the season.

14. Payout will be based on the entry taken in. 5% of the entry will go to Legacy Outfitters as a charitable donation. 5% will be big bass. This leaves 90% which will split as follows, depending on the number of teams participating.

1 to 5 teams pays 100% for 1st

6 to 10 teams pays (2) places: 60% / 40%

11 to 15 teams pays (3) places: 50% / 30% / 20%

16 to 20 teams pays (4) places: 50% / 25% / 15% / 10%

21+ teams pays (5) places: 50% / 20% / 15% / 10% / 5%

15. Winnings from the previous tournament will be paid out at the Thursday meeting prior to the next tournament. If you cannot attend the Thursday meeting, please contact David Ridley or Michael Gist to collect your winnings.

16. A team may have a guest fish a tournament with them in place of a team member for two tournaments a season. This can keep a team member from having to fish alone and allows us also

to introduce more people to the Legacy Bass Club. You will still receive your full points for the tournament even though you are fishing with a guest. The same guest can fish both tournaments.

17. If a new team would like to participate in the big bass side pot a "catch-up" amount will need to be paid prior to the first tournament to be eligible to win the prize. As of the end of the 2016 season (11) tournaments had elapsed with no team weighing in a bass in excess of 8 lbs. Therefore, each team would need to pay a \$110 "catch-up" fee in addition to the \$5/person for the first tournament of the 2017 season. Any teams that fished the 2016 season that did not pay for a previous tournament will be allowed to make a "catch-up" payment to satisfy any past due balance.

In the event more than one team catches a fish over 8 lbs in the same week, the bigger fish will be the winner of the full pot.

18. As a Christian based club we strongly encourage that all members attend the Legacy Outfitters monthly meetings.

Schedule

Date: _____ Lake:

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| January 21 st | Lake Fairfield |
| February 4 th | TBD |
| March 11 th | TBD |
| April 15 th | TBD |
| May 6 th | TBD |
| June 3 rd | TBD |
| June 17 ^{th**} | Lake Waco – Alton Jones Classic |
| July 15 th | TBD |

September 30th – October 1st Road Trip

** This tournament is optional and will not count towards the AOY standings. The Legacy Bass Club hosts this tournament each year and would love to see you there. Legacy Bass Club members are encouraged to help with different aspects of helping put on the event and your participation is welcomed.

Current Board Members

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| President | David Ridley III |
| Vice President | Jared Talbert |
| Treasury | Michael Gist |
| Board Member | John Zanter |
| Board Member | Shaun Shows |
| Board Member | Chris Carson |
| Board Member | Michael George |