

Emerald Bass Club, Inc.
2009 Adult Tournament Rules

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Any contestant (Subject to paragraph 10) who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or State fishing laws may be disqualified from that tournament. A continuing disregard for these rules will be grounds for expulsion from the Emerald Bass Club. Courtesy and good sportsmanship shall be directed towards non-tournament fisherman and other persons who may be on or near the water during the period of the tournament as well as other tournament participants.
2. **PARTICIPATION, ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULING:** Participation in Emerald Bass Club tournaments is open to club members and guests subject to the following:
 - A. Scheduled participants shall have priority over non-scheduled participants.
 - B. All boats used in EBC tournaments will carry a maximum of two persons unless otherwise designated by the Tournament Captain, boat owner and the third party.
 - C. All participants must meet the age requirements for membership in the Emerald Bass Club.
 - D. A maximum of three tournaments per year may be pick events. These shall include the November tournament and any others as approved by the membership. All other tournaments shall be draw events.
 - E. The tournament committee, subject to approval of the membership, shall schedule 9 tournaments between February 1 and October 31. The final event shall be held at Tenmile Lakes on the first weekend in November.
 - F. Participation shall not exceed limitation imposed by state regulation or the tournament committee.
3. **SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all contestants. Whenever the gasoline engine is in operation, all contestants must be wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation device and an operational safety kill switch must be properly attached to the driver.
4. **BOATS:** All boats used in EBC tournaments must have all safety equipment specified by the Oregon State Marine Board. All boats must have and use an acceptable livewell equipped with an operation aerator and/or circulating pump.
5. **TACKLE:** Only artificial lures may be used. No prepared or live bait other than pork rinds or strips are permitted. Only rods and reels may be used, and only one rod may be used at a time. Landing nets are permitted and spare rigged rods may be carried in the boat. Electronic equipment may be used to navigate and locate fish or structure.
6. **PERMITTED FISHING WATERS:** No fishing will be allowed within 50 yards of another boat that was first anchored and tied in that area. No contestant will be allowed to move in on a boat that is working a given area, whether they be drifting or using an electric motor. Any deviation of the 50 yard rule is at the discretion of the participants involved. All fish must be hooked and landed from a boat. All contestants must leave and return to the starting point by boat. Boats may not be trailered from one fishing area to another during tournament hours.
7. **FISHING HOURS:** Hours will be announced prior to the tournament date to give contestants sufficient notification and also be announced at the meeting prior to the tournament. Contestants must check in and out at the official check point.
8. **PREFISHING:** All scheduled tournament waters shall be off-limits to participants from the Tuesday preceding the tournament until tournament ooze off. The prefishing ban may be lifted for a specific event upon recommendation of the tournament committee and approval of the general membership.
9. **PENALTIES:** Contestants who have not checked in at the weigh-in site on time shall be penalized one pound for each minute they are late, and will be disqualified after 20 minutes for that day of fishing only. Any contestant weighing in a fish under the minimum length will be penalized by subtracting one pound for each violation from the total weight of legal fish. Any contestant weighing in a dead fish will be penalized by subtracting ½ pound for each violation from the total weight of legal fish. The dead fish penalty does not affect big fish award. Should a number of fish in excess of a tournament limit be brought to weigh-in, the culling of excess fish shall be in descending order of size as determined by the Tournament Captain.
10. **COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS:** Protests must be submitted to the Tournament Captain within 30 minutes of the completion of weigh-in each day. The decision of the Tournament Captain in conjunction with any tournament committee members present shall be final.
11. **DAMAGES:** Damages to any person or equipment during an EBC event will be the responsibility of the person or persons at fault.
12. **EXPENSES:** It shall be the responsibility of the fishing partners to mutually agree on a basis for sharing expenses. As a guideline, the tournament committee shall make a recommendation of non-boater fee for each draw tournament.
13. **TIES:** In the event of a tie for any tournament, big fish by weight or measure board point value will determine the winner. In the event of any other tie, for example Angler of the Year award, all applicable prize moneys and/or points shall be divided equally among participants.
14. **SCORING AND LIMITS:** Event scoring will be determined by either total weight or total measure board point value.

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- A. Limits: Scoring method, daily limit, minimum size, and other restrictions for each event will be determined by the Tournament Captain.
 - B. Scoring: Points, used to determine Angler of the Year, will be awarded to EBC members only. New members will be awarded points earned prior to eligibility for membership upon completion of membership requirements. Scoring will begin at ten points for first place, descending one point per position to a maximum of ten places. Teams finishing out of the top ten or failing to weigh fish will not qualify for placement points. Each qualifying team member will receive total placement points earned by the team. One point shall be awarded to the angler catching the largest fish in each event. Participating EBC members will receive one additional point per event.
15. DRAWING: The drawing for tournament partners shall be conducted at the club meeting preceding the event. It is the member's or guest's responsibility to place their name in the draw, make arrangements to meet their partner and to notify both their partner and the Tournament Captain as early as possible should they be unable to participate. Each name placed in the draw must be designated as either a boater or a non-boater. Once the teams have been paired, no changes to the boater/non-boater designation are allowed unless initiated by the Tournament Captain. Should the number of non-boaters exceed the number of boaters in the draw, EBC non-boater members shall have priority over guests. All non-boaters submitting their name for draw will have priority over late entry non-boaters. Entries will close the Tuesday immediately preceding the tournament. The Tournament Captain may, at their discretion, accept entries to provide partners for persons submitting timely entries after the deadline. The methods used to pair partners after the drawing shall be determined by the Tournament Captain. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 section B, such methods may include the assignment of 3-person teams. No one will draw the same partner two tournaments in a row.
16. LATE START: In order to let the club know you are on the water, late arrivals to an EBC Tournament must check in with another participating team before starting to fish. The check in procedure will include a livewell check and payment of all fees due for that tournament.
17. TOURNAMENT CAPTAIN GUIDELINES: The Tournament Captain's decision will be final in regard to any changes made necessary by unforeseen conditions at the tournament site. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, weather, unsafe boating conditions, ability to launch and disputes with locals.
- A. Conduct the drawing for partners at the meeting preceding a draw tournament.
 - B. Collect tournament fees prior to the commencement of fishing and distribute prize money after the event.
 - C. Make sure contestants meet eligibility requirements.
 - D. Conduct safety and livewell checks and pre-tournament meeting at the tournament site.
 - E. Start the tournament at the designated time except when safety concerns warrant delay.
 - F. Weigh, measure and record the catch at the end of the tournament and impose any necessary penalties.
 - G. Rule in conjunction with any tournament committee members on all protests and complaints timely filed.
 - H. Return all records and equipment to the Activities Officer.
18. ENTRY FEES: EBC tournament entry fees shall be \$5.00 for all participants and must be paid in full prior to the commencement of fishing. The Emerald Bass Club will retain \$4.00 from each entry. The remaining \$1.00 will be awarded to the person catching the largest fish by weight or measure board point value.
19. TOURNAMENT AWARDS: A plaque shall be awarded to each member of the first, second and third place teams and to the person catching the largest fish in each event.
20. DETERMINING ANGLER OF THE YEAR: Each EBC member's score will be determined by adding all participation point to points, other than participation points, accumulated in eight (best 8 out of 10) tournaments. The point system for each tournament is described in paragraph 14 section B.
21. TROPHIES: Trophies shall be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet as follows:
- A. Angler of the Year.
 - B. Big Fish – to the EBC member catching the largest fish in an EBC Tournament.
 - C. Big Fish (non tournament) – to the EBC member catching the largest fish (with no live bait) outside of an EBC Tournament.
 - D. Additional trophies may be presented at the discretion of the banquet committee.
22. JUNIOR ANGLER PROGRAM: Junior Angler functions will be determined by the Youth Activity Director.
23. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL: No participant shall consume alcoholic beverages during scheduled tournament hours. The use of controlled substances (illegal drugs) shall be banned at all times.
24. CELL PHONES: General use of cell phones shall not be prohibited by participant during a club event. However, cell phones shall not be used to transfer fishing information between participants during a tournament.