

## **Fort Defiance Bass Anglers**

### **Tournament Rules and Regulations.**

1. All state fish and game, and boating laws will be complied with.
2. No alcohol or illegal drugs in the boat during tournament hours.
3. Anyone caught cheating will be dismissed from the Fort Defiance Bass Anglers and will forfeit any money paid to the club
4. Anyone caught intentionally breaking any state fish or game laws by either a state game protector or another club member will be disqualified pending any appeal.
5. Anyone caught and prosecuted for any water safety laws will be disqualified pending any appeal.
6. Any disagreement not covered by the rules will be dealt with by the Rules Committee.
7. You must be a club member to participate in club tournaments. Non-members may fish with a member with prior approval of the Tournament Committee. Non-members may not fish more than 2 tournaments per year as a guest. This rule does not apply to minor children of members.
8. Tournament fees will be paid prior to the tournament date. No money except for the tournament big bass pot will be paid the day of the tournament.
9. The tournament committee will be responsible for locating suitable launch sites directions to the sites.
10. Any tournament postponements due to severe weather, launch site problems, etc. will be ruled on by the officers and tournament committee.
11. Boats may be checked for illegal fish , live bait, and safety equipment prior to the start of the tournament.
12. All participants must start at the designated time except for emergencies or preapproved late start. If starting late you must check in with a tournament participant upon arrival and before fishing.
13. All participants are required to attend the prelaunch meeting. All boats must start from the same launch ramp or ramps as designated by the tournament committee.
14. All participants must be back at the designated launch ramp for weigh in at the designated time or all points and weight will be lost for the day.
15. All tournaments will be started per state law or as the tournament committee designates due to prevailing conditions, either ooze-off or blast-off.
16. Tournament sites are off limits from midnight Sunday to the day of the tournament. This rule may be waived by the rules committee for multiday tournaments.
17. Night tournaments shall have the limitations of being between 7:00 PM and 9:AM.
18. Tournament committee may designate a paper tournament with rules and weigh-in procedures handed out prior to the tournament start.
19. All special tournaments points will not be counted as yearend points or weight.
20. Regular tournaments will be within a 150 mile radius of Defiance, Ohio.
21. Life jackets must be worn when the gasoline motor is running.
22. All bass must be Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.
23. Don't kill your catch. Culling of dead or dying fish is prohibited. Any disposal of dead fish will be the responsibility of the angler who caught the fish.
24. All boats will respect other tournament boats fishing locations.
25. Artificial bait only.
26. Only one line in the water at a time. No trolling.
27. Bass must be 14 inches long to count unless otherwise specified by the tournament committee or state laws that require a longer length. Any short fish turned in will be penalized 16 ounces. A courtesy bump board will be

available prior to weigh-in. There will be a 2 ounce Bonus for each live fish. There will be a 8 ounce Penalty for any dead fish. Bonuses and penalties will not be counted toward year end weight. A five fish limit will apply in all tournaments unless state laws require a lower limit.

28. Finish position in all tournaments will be determined by weight plus any bonus ounces and minus penalty ounces. Weight plus any bonus ounces and minus penalty ounces equals Tourney Weight. Year end points will be awarded as a 50 point system. 1<sup>st</sup> =50 Points, 2<sup>nd</sup> =49 Points, 3<sup>rd</sup> =48 Points, etc.
29. In the event of a tie in Tourney Weight all points and money will be divided equally between tied contestants. Example: A two way tie for first. Adding points for first and second place equals 99 points / 2 = 49.5 points for each contestant. Prize money for first and second is added together and divided by 2.
30. All boats must go past the start boat before fishing.
31. In all FDFA scheduled regular tournaments 80% of the tournament fees are paid back to the top 4 participants in the following percentages.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 40%
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 25%
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 20%
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place - 15%

In the event less than 4 anglers catch fish, the remainder of the money is distributed equally between the other places. In the event no fish are caught the prize money is deposited into the club treasury.

The optional \$5 per man double-up pot will be collected with the regular tournament fees and 100% will be paid back to the top 3 places anglers entered in this pot in the following percentages.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - 50%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 30%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 20%

32. Anglers must fish at least half of the tournament to receive any points or money.
33. Must have prior approval of the tournament committee to leave early.
34. A member in good standing must fish at least three tournaments to be eligible for the year end top 10. Top six are eligible to fish the Interstate Club Challenge.
35. Any protest against any member or boat must be made to the tournament before the weigh-in is complete. This protest will then be forwarded to rules committee to take action on. In the event of a protest all fish be weighed pending the review of the rules committee.