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**Tournament Rules of
FLORIDA TRAILS BASSMASTERS
Orlando, Florida**
(November 1, 2012 – October 31, 2013)

A. GENERAL

1. The rules of this club will remain unchanged, except for special tournaments conducted by Florida Trails Bassmasters. **Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee.**
2. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualifications, forfeiture of prizes and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. It is also the Tournament Directors decision to recommend action by the Board of Directors, which may decree probation, suspension, or dismissal from the club. **All protests must be in writing no later than 15 minutes after the last fish is weighed-in. The decision of the Tournament Director and tournament officials shall be final in all matters.**
3. All anglers are expected to obey all applicable Florida Boating or Fishing and Wildlife Statutes or Rules. Violation of such rules may result in your disqualification from tournaments and being banned from future participation in Florida Trails Bassmasters. All local, state, and federal laws supersede all Florida Trails Bassmasters Tournament Rules and By-laws should there be a conflict.
4. None of these rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any angler's boat any time during the day of the tournament.
5. Each angler agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of these Tournament Rules. The failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these rules, or false verification will be cause for disqualification from tournaments and will go before the Board of Directors, which may decree probation, suspension, or dismissal from the club.
6. Tournament rules may be amended at any general membership meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present, provided written notice of the proposed rule change has been presented to the Tournament Director and his committee for review and

32 the general membership has had at least one regular meeting prior to the vote to review
33 the proposed change.
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35 **B. SPORTSMANSHIP**

- 36 1. Anglers of Florida Trails Bassmaster's Tournaments are expected to follow high
37 standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these
38 fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for the Board of Directors to
39 decree probation, suspension, or dismissal from the club.
- 40 2. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and
41 angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of
42 an angler which reflects unfavorably upon the club's efforts to promote fisheries
43 conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for the Board of Directors to
44 decree probation, suspension, or dismissal from the club.
- 45 3. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a
46 licensed physician) by any angler during a tournament will not be tolerated and shall be
47 cause for automatic disqualification from all tournaments and will go before the Board of
48 Directors, which may decree probation, suspension, or dismissal from the club.
- 49 4. No alcoholic beverages, illegal stimulants, depressants, or otherwise, shall be allowed in
50 the boats during tournaments. Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a
51 felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude or other conduct reflecting unfavorably
52 upon the club's efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship and compliance with tournament
53 rules shall be grounds for disqualification from all tournaments and will go before the
54 Board of Directors, which may decree probation, suspension, or dismissal from the club.
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56 **C. SAFETY**

- 57 1. Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament anglers.
- 58 2. During each tournament, anglers are required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest-type
59 life preserver, which must be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating. This
60 preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that
61 condition until the angler reaches his fishing location and combustion engine is shut off.
62 **Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.**
- 63 3. The Tournament Director has the right to delay or cancel the start of an official
64 tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of
65 the anglers. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad
66 weather.
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68 **D. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 69 1. **Anglers and Guests:** Participation in Florida Trails Bassmaster's Tournaments is open to
70 its membership in good standing and their guests. Guests are entitled to fish any regular
71 club tournament as long as space is available; the members of Florida Trails Bassmasters
72 always have priority to fish tournaments over guest. Guest will fish with the club member
73 that introduced them to the club, if possible.
- 74 2. **Non-boater Guest:** In the event a guest that is a non-boater wants to fish a tournament,
75 the guest may be paired with a boater, as long as space is available. The same applies for
76 a guest of a non-boater already in the club. It is recommended but not required that non-
77 boaters with a guest introduce their guest to a boater in the club and inquire if the guest

78 can fish with the boater during the tournament. The Tournament Director should be made
79 aware of any such arrangement before the draw is done and space is available.

- 80 3. **Boater Guest:** Guests with boats are entitled to fish and use their boat. A guest boater
81 will be paired with a non-boater after all club boaters are paired and as long as a non-
82 boater is available. A non-boater may voluntarily agree to fish with the guest boater. If it
83 can be determined in advance that a non-boater will be paired with a guest boater, they
84 will be placed in the draw for boat position otherwise guest boaters will be entitled to fish
85 alone and will be the last to launch.
- 86 4. All guests, regardless of boater or non-boater status, may only fish for the big fish and
87 total boat weight pots.
- 88 5. Tournaments are open to members who are 16 years of age or older and who are active
89 members of Florida Trails Bassmasters.
- 90 6. Members must fish as a non-boater until the age of 18. Proof of age to the satisfaction of
91 tournament officials is the responsibility of the potential angler.
- 92 7. Any angler who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is handicapped in such
93 manner as to unfairly hinder another angler or endanger the safety and well-being of
94 another angler or himself shall not be eligible.

95 96 **E. REGULAR TOURNAMENT FEES**

- 97 1. The cost for a tournament is \$20.00 per person, regardless of the number of days a
98 tournament may last.
- 99 2. All entry fees must be paid prior to take-off on tournament morning, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 100 3. If an angler cannot or chooses not to fish a tournament for which an entry fee has been
101 paid, the entry fee is not refundable.
- 102 4. All side pots are optional fees and are not part of the tournament fee.
 - 103 a. An optional big bass side pot of \$5.00 per person is available to those members
104 who wish to participate.

105 106 **F. PAIRING OF CONTESTANTS**

- 107 1. This is a draw format club, which means a boater and non-boater will be assigned to each
108 boat. No more than two anglers will ever be drawn to fish out of a single boat during a
109 tournament.
- 110 2. Pairings will be made at the regular monthly meetings of the club which is to take place
111 prior to the tournament.
- 112 3. Each member must register in person with the Tournament Director or his representative
113 to participate in tournaments each month. A member that wishes to fish and will not be
114 present at the club meeting is responsible to contact the Tournament Director **by the**
115 **Thursday night at 8:00 PM** prior to the tournament blast-off time and may only fish as
116 long as space is available.
- 117 4. Non-boaters present at the club meeting will be paired with boaters first and then those
118 non-boaters who wish to fish but are not present at the club meeting will be placed with
119 boaters until there are no more boaters available. A non-boater that is not present at the
120 meeting is not guaranteed to fish and is NOT entitled to receive points for showing up to
121 fish the tournament. At the point when there are no non-boaters available, remaining
122 boaters will be permitted to fish alone, if so desired. Boaters that are not paired with non-
123 boaters will be paired first at the following meeting. Boaters who do not wish to fish
124 alone may switch to a non-boater status if they choose to do so and will still retain their

125 priority pairing the following month. If a non-boater is present at the club meeting and
126 there is a shortage of boaters, and a boater is not found by the Thursday night at 8:00 PM
127 prior to the tournament blast-off time, the non-boater will be entitled to those points for
128 showing up to fish the tournament and catching 1-fish (last place for fish caught). The
129 non-boater will also be guaranteed to fish the next month.

- 130 5. No two anglers may be drawn as partners in consecutive month's tournaments. This also
131 includes boaters that choose to fish together (i.e., no back-to-back draws).
- 132 6. No two anglers may fish as partners more than twice during the tournament year.
- 133 7. After all boaters and non-boaters have been paired together at least once during the
134 tournament year, either angler drawn as partners during a draw has the option of having
135 his name placed back in the draw for a different partner. Either angler must let the
136 Tournament Director know immediately at the time of the pairing his desire to be re-
137 drawn. Requests prior to the draw to not be drawn with another angler will not be
138 accepted, nor will requests for a different partner after the draw is finished.
- 139 8. Pairings made during club meetings may not be changed without approval of the
140 Tournament Director.
- 141 9. Partners shall decide between themselves such matters as meeting time, life jackets,
142 transportation, etc.
- 143 10. In the case of an emergency, and an angler is unable to fish a tournament, the angler is
144 required to notify the Tournament Director and the assigned partner. All anglers are
145 required to be present for the start of each tournament. Only those with excusable delays
146 and have coordinated with the Tournament Director are eligible to fish once the
147 tournament begins.
- 148 11. If by mutual agreement, both anglers in a boat wish to leave prior to weigh-in, they may
149 do so as long as they notify someone else in the tournament. In the event a boater chooses
150 to leaves a tournament early, the non-boater will be reimbursed his entry fee by the
151 boater. Failure to reimburse the non-boater his entry fee will result in the club paying the
152 fee and the boater will not be permitted to fish another club tournament until the fee is
153 paid back to the club. If the non-boater can be put with another boater who is not already,
154 paired with a partner, the non-boater may switch boats. For the purpose of this rule only,
155 "Early" will be considered anything less than 6.5 hours from time of blastoff.
- 156 12. Any angler who, in the judgment of the officials, operated the boat in such a manner as to
157 unfairly handicap his partner shall be disqualified.
- 158 13. It is the responsibility of the two partners to hold a full discussion, prior to morning
159 departure as to the schedule of boat operations. Although boat owners are granted first
160 choice, this schedule must permit each angler equal time to fish from the front of the boat
161 and to operate the trolling motor, so as to afford each angler the opportunity to fish his
162 selected waters an equal number of hours, if so desired. Distance traveled to fishing
163 locations must be considered in order not to deprive either angler fishing time while
164 traveling to and from fishing waters. If an angler waives any of the above rights, he shall
165 retain the right to select the fishing waters for one-half the tournament day.
- 166 14. The non-boater must pay operating expenses of not less than \$20.00 per day, minimum.
167 In the event the non-boater fails to pay the expense, the offending angler's debt may be
168 turned over to the Treasurer for collection. Failure to pay the Treasurer will make the
169 angler ineligible to fish any further tournaments until the debt is settled.
- 170 15. Anglers must not depart the boat to land fish.

- 171 16. Both anglers must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. In such an
172 emergency, an angler or anglers may be removed from their boat, to a boat operated by
173 another angler, for immediate return to the weigh-in site. Should one angler elect to stay
174 behind with the boat to await rescue, the returning angler may transport the catch of the
175 partner remaining with the boat to the weigh-in-site, along with his own catch, under the
176 scrutiny of the rescue boat occupants. The angler who remains with his boat for rescue,
177 waives right to protest his weight should this election be made. All anglers involved in
178 the rescue must cease fishing at this point, and a tournament official must verify their
179 catch in order to be counted in the tournament. If after the emergency situation is
180 resolved by tournament officials and enough time is left for the anglers to resume fishing,
181 a restart will be allowed and the anglers will continue and their catch will be counted.
182 This applies only to dire emergency situations. Failure to render assistance, when
183 requested in an emergency situation is cause for immediate disqualification.
- 184 17. Each angler is responsible for keeping his fish separate from his partner's.
- 185 18. Tournament Committee: a tournament committee for each tournament will be comprised
186 of the Tournament Director, or his designee, and three members drawn at random from
187 the members scheduled to fish that month's event. The members chosen to make up the
188 committee will help the tournament director, or his designee, with any rule violations in
189 question, pre-release boat inspections, end of day check-in, weigh in, and any other
190 requests required by the tournament director or his designee.

191 **G. BOAT AND MOTOR**

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- 193 1. Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment.
 - 194 2. For the safety of all anglers, all boats must be equipped with some type of operable
195 ignition kill switch. This ignition kill device must be attached to the driver's body
196 anytime the combustion engine is operating.
 - 197 3. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the
198 driver's seat in full control of the boat.
 - 199 4. An electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering. However, trolling as a
200 method of fishing is prohibited with the combustion engine.
 - 201 5. All bladder tanks and any other type of auxiliary gas tanks that are not installed by the
202 boat manufacturer are prohibited. Additional gas tanks that are factory options and
203 installed by a manufacturer's authorized dealer are legal. Boats that do not have factory
204 installed gas tanks are restricted to a maximum of 18 gallons of gasoline in tanks that
205 meet U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Gas tanks must be properly secured or strapped in a
206 boat.
 - 207 6. During the tournament, no portable gas tanks or containers capable of holding gasoline
208 can be placed anywhere on the tournament waters or shoreline, for use by any tournament
209 angler.
 - 210 7. No "barges" or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted.
 - 211 8. Tournament boats will be capable of reaching all tournament waters and return in a
212 reasonable time as not to handicap any angler. The Tournament Director will have the
213 sole responsibility to determine adequacy.
 - 214 9. No boat over 40 hp equipped with "stick steering" or "tiller steering" shall be permitted
215 to be used during the tournament by any angler. The definition of "stick steering" and
216 "tiller steering" shall be made by the Tournament Director.

- 217 10. An angler signing up as a “Boater” will be expected to make that boat and motor
218 available for tournament use by himself/herself and his daily partner. No boats with less
219 than a 40 hp motor will be permitted to fish tournaments.
- 220 11. Each boat must have a functional bilge pump and livewell space, properly aerated to
221 adequately maintain alive, a limit catch of bass by both anglers using the boat. The
222 Tournament Director shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration
223 and capacity is “proper and adequate.”
- 224 12. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Anglers must leave and
225 return to official checkpoint by boat.
- 226 13. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited, except by the direction of
227 tournament officials.
- 228 14. All angling must be done from the boat.
- 229 15. Boats with platforms are discouraged but not prohibited. Platforms on any boats being
230 used during a tournament shall not be used and are off limits for any reason.
- 231 16. No air boats may be used to fish tournaments.
- 232 17. No boats less than 16 feet may be used in tournaments.
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234 **H. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 235 1. During all tournaments held by Florida Trails Bassmasters, no angler may operate a boat
236 unless that angler has submitted documented proof of a minimum of \$300,000 boating
237 liability insurance to the Tournament Director. This documented proof must show an
238 effective date and expiration date and must be received by the Tournament Director
239 before participating in tournaments.
- 240 2. If you use a boat other than your own, you must submit an insurance certificate, including
241 a rider naming you as insured for that boat.
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243 **I. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT**

- 244 1. Only artificial lures may be used. No “live bait” or “prepared bait” will be permitted, with
245 exception of pork strips, rinds, etc.
- 246 2. Only one casting, spin-casting or spinning rod and reel may be used at any one time. All
247 other types are prohibited. Other rigs as specified above may be in the boat ready for use,
248 however, only one is permitted in use at any given time.
- 249 3. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of
250 snatching or snagging fish on spawning beds will have their day’s catch disqualified.
251 When visually fishing for bedding bass, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth to be
252 counted as a legal fish.
- 253 4. During tournaments, an angler may not use a CB radio, a VHF marine band radio,
254 cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or
255 catching fish. Anglers are permitted to transmit by radio or cellular phone during
256 tournaments, only in the event of an emergency.
- 257 5. Anyone guilty of any of the above infractions, will have their weight disqualified for that
258 tournament.
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260 **J. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS**

- 261 1. Selecting tournament sites will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director and his
262 committee. A list of tournament sites will be distributed to the membership prior to each
263 new year. The Board of Directors will select the tournament dates for the entire year in

- 264 advance, including the Classic Date. Lake selections can be changed due to unforeseen
265 circumstances at least two months in advance and by majority approval of the
266 membership.
- 267 2. Only that water open to all public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Fishing
268 on the tournament waters is permitted anywhere except:
- 269 (a.) Within 50-yards of any marina gas pump.
270 (b.) Within 50-yards (150-feet) of another angler's boat which is first anchored or
271 secured in a fix position. No such boat shall permit selected anglers to fish within
272 the 100-yard circle claimed by him/her to the exclusion of any other angler.
273 (c.) Any water within these boundaries posted off-limits or NO Fishing by state or
274 federal agencies will be off limits.
275 (d.) The live bass release area established by the Tournament Director will be off
276 limits and will be announced at the tournament briefing.
277 (e.) Any waters closed to public fishing will be closed to tournament anglers.
- 278 3. No angler may buy or barter a fishing location from any other angler for use during any
279 competition day.
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281 **K. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT**

- 282 1. At each pairings meeting, the Tournament Director will announce the blast off time,
283 otherwise tournament hours are safe daylight until 3:00 PM for one day tournaments, and
284 safe daylight until 3:00 PM on Saturday and safe daylight until 2:00 PM on Sunday for a
285 two day tournaments. Tournament hours can be increased or decreased by the tournament
286 director.
- 287 2. There shall be only one official checkpoint for check-out in the morning, and check-in in
288 the afternoon and this point shall be designated at the tournament briefing.
- 289 3. At the time of blast off, all anglers and their boats shall be in full conformance with all
290 rules set forth by the Tournament Director.
- 291 4. At check-in, all boats shall identify themselves by boat number and angler's names then
292 proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area.
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294 **L. WEIGH-IN AND FISH CARE DURING TOURNAMENTS**

- 295 1. No culling of dead fish is permitted.
296 2. Fish must not be kept on a stringer at any time during the tournament.
297 3. Tournament standing, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the
298 weight of each angler's catch in total pounds during tournaments.
299 4. Only Largemouth Bass will be weighed.
300 5. The limit shall be five (5) bass. Any angler bringing in more than five (5) bass will be
301 penalized that days catch and only be entitled to those points for showing up to fish the
302 tournament.
303 6. Anglers will at no time have in their possession, in the live well, more than the
304 tournament limit of fish.
305 7. Tournament official length for bass shall be 14 inches, unless state limit is under 14
306 inches, in which case the state limit will prevail, or tournament officials provide state
307 exemption cards for fish shorter than 14 inches. Only bass as described above which
308 measure 14 inches or more in length on an "Official Golden Rule" with mouth closed
309 will be weighed. **Short fish shall result in loss of that fish and 1 pound off total**

310 **weight. Anglers with only 1-fish will lose that fish and 1-point from overall points**
311 **for the year. No courtesy measurements will be permitted at the weigh-in station.**

- 312 8. Each angler must present his catch to the weigh-in official.
- 313 9. **Don't kill your catch.** Each angler is expected to keep his bass alive by use of a properly
314 aerated livewell. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or
315 otherwise altered will not be weighed.
- 316 10. Dead fish will be determined at the scales by the Tournament Director or the designated
317 weigh-in official. For the purpose of this rule only, a "Dead Fish" will be considered any
318 fish that is not moving. For each legal dead fish presented at weigh-in, the angler will be
319 penalized a quarter of a pound of weight. The Tournament Director and/or his designated
320 appointees shall have the sole authority for assessing penalty points.
- 321 11. If a dead fish is the big bass of the tournament, penalty points do not apply toward the
322 side pot for the big bass.
- 323 12. Anglers will be penalized 1 pound for each minute they are late at the weigh-in site. After
324 15 minutes the anglers will be disqualified.
- 325 13. Do not bring fish to the weigh-in area until asked to do so by Tournament Officials.
- 326 14. TIES: In case of a tie, the following tiebreakers will be used in order.
- 327 1. The angler with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the tournament.
- 328 2. The angler with largest number of legal LIVE fish weighed in during the
329 tournament.
- 330 3. The angler with the single largest fish.

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332 **M. REGULAR TOURNAMENT PAYBACK AND AWARDS**

- 333 1. One place will be paid in tournaments with 2 - 4 anglers; two places will be paid in
334 tournaments with 5 – 10 anglers; three places will be paid in tournaments with 11 – 30
335 anglers; and for every ten anglers beyond thirty in a tournament, an additional place will
336 be paid. Paybacks will be based on Attachment A - Tournament Scheduled Payback.
- 337 2. Plaques will only be awarded for First Place and Big Bass in tournaments with 11 or
338 more anglers. The Tournament Director must be notified at the weigh-in if the angler
339 would rather receive a plaque and have the cost of the plaque deducted from their
340 winnings.
- 341 3. Any angler that has the big bass of the tournament but did not participate in the side pot
342 for big bass will only be entitled to the big bass plaque. Anglers that participate in the
343 side pot for the big bass will be entitled to the monies for the largest bass caught among
344 the participants in the side pot. The payback for the big bass will be determined based on
345 Attachment B – Big Bass Payback.
- 346 4. All monies will be distributed at the next club meeting following the tournament.

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348 **N. POINTS SYSTEM**

- 349 1. The tournament year will consist of 12-tournaments – 11 regular tournaments and a year-
350 end, one day Classic Tournament.
- 351 2. Points will only be determined by totaling points from 9 of the eleven regular
352 tournaments. Points do not apply to the Classic Tournament.
- 353 3. The following points system will be applied during the tournament year.
- 354 (a.) 200 points will be awarded to first place and each subsequent place will decrease by
355 2 points. (See points table example below.)
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Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	200	6	190	11	180	16	170
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(b.) Anglers who fish a tournament but do not catch any fish will be awarded 20 points less than the last person who weighs in a fish for that tournament.

(c.) 5 Points will be awarded to the angler with the biggest bass of each tournament.

4. In the event there is a tie for total points at the end of the tournament year, the angler with the most tournament wins shall prevail. Should there still be a tie, then the angler that had the most finishes in the Top 3 of each tournament during the tournament year shall prevail, should a tie still exist, then the angler that caught the most fish during the year shall prevail; and finally if a tie shall still exist, then the angler that has the most weight shall prevail.

O. QUALIFYING FOR THE CLASSIC PAYBACKS

1. All members of the club may fish the Year-End Classic Tournament if they choose to do so, however only the anglers that have fished at least six tournaments and attended six club meetings during the year will qualify and be eligible to fish for the Year-End Classic Tournament Paybacks. All non-qualified anglers will be fishing for the fun of it or self imposed side pots.
2. The Year-End Classic will be a one-day event and will be held on a body of water selected by the tournament committee.
3. There will be no entry fees for the Classic Tournament.
4. An angler that qualifies for the Classic may not invite a guest to fish with them during the Classic Tournament.
5. Any angler that wants to fish the Classic Tournament must register in person with the Tournament Director or his representative to participate. An angler that is qualified for the Classic but is not going to be present at the club meeting must notify the Tournament Director before the club meeting and disclose their intentions to fish so they may retain priority to fish over anglers that are not qualified to fish. All other anglers that wish to fish and are not present at the club meeting are responsible for contacting the Tournament Director by the Thursday night at 8:00 PM prior to the tournament blast-off time and may only fish as long as space is available.
6. Pairings for the Classic Tournament will be made at the last regular meeting of the club, which is to take place prior to the Classic Tournament. Blast off order will be based on Angler-Of-The-Year order.
7. The pairings for the Classic Tournament will be as follows:
 - (a.) No more than two anglers will be drawn to fish out of a single boat during the Classic Tournament. Anglers that qualify for the Classic Tournament will be paired first. Anglers that have qualified and are present at the club meeting will get first priority and then those anglers not present will be paired. A qualified boater and

- 396 non-boater will be assigned to each boat until there are no more qualified anglers
397 available.
- 398 (b.) If there are more Classic qualified boaters than non-boaters, boaters will be paired
399 with a non-boater that has not qualified for the Classic Tournament after there are
400 no more Classic qualified non-boaters available. A Classic qualified boater may fish
401 alone when a non-boater is not available.
- 402 (c.) If there are more Classic qualified non-boaters than boaters, non-boaters will be
403 paired with a boater that has not qualified for the Classic Tournament after there are
404 no more Classic qualified boaters available. A Classic qualified non-boater may
405 seek out a member of the club that is a boater and has not qualified for the Classic
406 to carry them around when a boater is not available.
- 407 (d.) When anglers that have qualified for the Classic are paired with anglers that are not
408 qualified, the angler that is qualified for the Classic has the choice of where to fish
409 and is not required to share part of the day or boat operation with the non-qualified
410 angler if they choose not to do so.
- 411 (e.) Once all anglers that have qualified for the Classic are paired, normal pairing rules
412 apply for the remaining anglers that wish to fish in the Classic Tournament as long
413 as space is available.
- 414 (f.) All non-boaters are responsible for paying the boater a minimum of **\$20.00** per day
415 for expenses as stated in Tournament Rule F-14.
- 416 8. Five places will be paid at the Classic. First place will receive 35% of the designated
417 Classic Fund, second place will receive 30% of the designated Classic Fund, third place
418 will receive 20% of the designated Classic Fund, fourth place will receive 10% of the
419 designated Classic Fund, and fifth place will receive 5% of the designated Classic Fund.
420 Payback for the Classic will not exceed the accumulated amount in the Classic Fund
421 unless voted by the general membership.
- 422 9. The payback for the big bass caught during the Classic Tournament will be determined
423 by the amount of monies in the Big Bass Classic Fund at the end of the year. To be
424 eligible for the Big Bass Classic Fund, an angler must have participated in at least 6 side
425 pots for the big bass during the year. **The big bass of the Classic may not be caught by an**
426 **angler who did not qualify for the Big Bass Classic Fund.**
- 427 10. Rules for weighing fish at the Classic Tournament will apply as stated in Tournament
428 Rule **L. WEIGH-IN AND FISH CARE DURING TOURNAMENTS.**
- 429 11. Plaques will be paid for by the club and awarded for First Place and the Big Bass of the
430 Classic Tournament.
- 431 12. All monies will be distributed at the Year End Classic Banquet following the tournament.
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433 **P. MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS AND RECORDS**

434 The following plaques will be paid for by the club.

435 1. **Angler of the Year (AOY)**

436 The Angler of the Year will be the angler with most points based on the point system
437 described under Tournament Rule **N – POINT SYSTEM**. The Angler of the Year may
438 fish as a boater and/or non-boater.

439 2. **Co-Angler of the Year (C-AOY)**

440 The Co-Angler of the Year will be the non-boater with most points based on the point
441 system described under Tournament Rule **N – POINT SYSTEM**. An angler that goes as
442 a boater and non-boater during a tournament year may only count the tournaments fished

443 as a non-boater to qualify for this award, NO EXCEPTIONS. In other words, any angler
444 has a boat but typically goes as a non-boater and is asked to use his boat for a
445 tournament, and he chooses to do so, then he does not get to count his points toward the
446 Co-Angler of the Year but he will still get to count the points toward the Angler of the
447 Year. The Co-Angler of the Year may also be the Angler of the Year.

448 3. **Rookie of the Year (ROY)**

449 The following qualifies a member as a “Rookie” for the current year.

450 a. Any new member that joins in November is a rookie for that year.

451 b. A new member that joins in December is a rookie for that year and must drop the
452 November tournament.

453 c. Any member that joined during the previous tournament year starting in January will
454 be a Rookie the following year. The Rookie of the Year will be the angler with most
455 points based on the point system described under Tournament Rule N – **POINT**
456 **SYSTEM**. The Angler of the Year may fish as a boater and/or non-boater. The
457 Rookie of the Year may win the Angler of the Year award.

458 4. **Master Angler of the Year (MAOY)**

459 The Master Angler of the Year will be the angler with most points based on the point
460 system described under Tournament Rule N – **POINT SYSTEM** and is 55 years of age
461 or older as of November 1 each year. The Master Angler of the Year may fish as a boater
462 and/or non-boater. The Master Angler of the Year may also be the Angler of the Year.

463 5. **Big Bass of the Year Award**

464 Each year the angler catching the biggest bass during the regular tournament season will
465 be recognized. This excludes any big bass caught during the Classic tournament. The
466 payback for the big bass of the year will be determined by the amount of monies in the
467 Year-End Big Bass Fund at the end of the year.

Change Record:

Voted in date:	Section:	Change From:
8/3/2010	E	The cost for a tournament is \$15.00 per person.
8/3/2010	N	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The tournament year will consist of 12-tournaments – 11 regular tournaments and a year-end, one day Classic Tournament. 2. Points will only be determined for the eleven regular tournaments. Points do not apply to the Classic Tournament. 3. The following points system will be applied during the tournament year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a.) 6-Points will be awarded to the angler with the heaviest weight of each tournament. (b.) 5-Points will be awarded to the angler with the second heaviest weight of each tournament. (c.) 4-Points will be awarded to the angler with the third heaviest weight of each tournament. (d.) 3-Points will be awarded to the angler with the biggest bass of each tournament. (e.) 2-Points will be awarded to each angler for fishing the tournament regardless if they caught a fish or not. (f.) 1-Point will be awarded to anglers for participating in club meetings and any special events such as Youth or Conservation programs held by the club during the year. Points for special events will be determined by the Tournament Director. (g.) Catch points will be applied to the number of fish an angler weighs-in during each tournament. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An angler that weighs 5-fish will receive 5-points. 2. An angler that weighs 4-fish will receive 4-points. 3. An angler that weighs 3-fish will receive 3-points. 4. An angler that weighs 2-fish will receive 2-points. 5. An angler that weighs 1-fish will receive 1-point.
8/3/2010	F	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. ... A non-boater that is not present at the meeting is not guaranteed to fish and is NOT entitled to receive points for showing up to fish the tournament and catching 1-fish (3-points). ... If a non-boater is present at the club meeting and there is a shortage of boaters, and a boater is not found at least 24-hours prior to the tournament

		blast-off time, the non-boater will be entitled to those points for showing up to fish the tournament and catching 1-fish (3-points).
8/3/2010	L	5. Any angler bringing in more than five (5) bass will be penalized that days catch and only be entitled to those points for showing up to fish the tournament (2-points).
8/3/2010	O	6. Pairings for the Classic Tournament will be made at the last regular meeting of the club, which is to take place prior to the Classic Tournament.
8/3/2010	O	11. Plaques will be awarded for First Place and the Big Bass of the Classic Tournament.
8/3/2010	P	Added: The following plaques will be paid for by the club.
9/7/2010	K	1. At each pairings meeting, the Tournament Director will announce the blast off time, otherwise tournament hours are safe daylight until 3:00 P.M. Tournament hours can be increased or decreased by the tournament director.
9/7/2010	N	2. Points will only be determined for the eleven regular tournaments. Points do not apply to the Classic Tournament.
10/4/2011	N	2. Points will only be determined by totaling points from 8 of the eleven regular tournaments. Points do not apply to the Classic Tournament.
10/4/2011	O	9. ... The big bass of the Classic may be caught by an angler who did not qualify for the Big Bass Classic Fund.
10/2/2012	F	3&4. ... Tournament Director at least 24-hours prior...
10/2/2012	F	14. ... not less than \$15.00...
10/2/2012	F	18. Added
10/2/2012	K	1. ... will announce the weigh-in time, the tournament runs for 8 hours from safe daylight or launch time.
10/2/2012	O	O. QUALIFYING FOR THE CLASSIC AND CLASSIC PAYBACKS
10/2/2012	O	1. ... All other anglers will be fishing...
10/2/2012	O	5. ... the Tournament Director at least 24-hours prior to ...
10/2/2012	O	7. ... minimum of \$20.00 per day, ...

Attachment A - Tournament Scheduled Payback

Number Anglers	Entry Fee	Total Entry	Club Portion	Total Payout	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
					2-4 Anglers (100%)				
2	\$20	\$40	\$0	\$40	\$40				
3	\$20	\$60	\$0	\$60	\$60				
4	\$20	\$80	\$0	\$80	\$80				
					5-10 Anglers (60%)	5-10 Anglers (40%)			
5	\$20	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$60	\$40			
6	\$20	\$120	\$0	\$120	\$72	\$48			
7	\$20	\$140	\$5	\$135	\$81	\$54			
8	\$20	\$160	\$5	\$155	\$93	\$62			
9	\$20	\$180	\$10	\$170	\$102	\$68			
10	\$20	\$200	\$10	\$190	\$114	\$76			

							11-30 Anglers (45%)	11-30 Anglers (35%)	11-30 Anglers (20%)
11	\$20	\$220		\$20		\$200	\$90	\$70	\$40
12	\$20	\$240		\$20		\$220	\$99	\$77	\$44
13	\$20	\$260		\$30		\$230	\$104	\$81	\$46
14	\$20	\$280		\$30		\$250	\$113	\$88	\$50
15	\$20	\$300		\$35		\$265	\$119	\$93	\$53
16	\$20	\$320		\$40		\$280	\$126	\$98	\$56
17	\$20	\$340		\$40		\$300	\$135	\$105	\$60
18	\$20	\$360		\$45		\$315	\$142	\$110	\$63
19	\$20	\$380		\$50		\$330	\$149	\$116	\$66
20	\$20	\$400		\$50		\$350	\$158	\$123	\$70
21	\$20	\$420		\$55		\$365	\$164	\$128	\$73
22	\$20	\$440		\$55		\$385	\$173	\$135	\$77
23	\$20	\$460		\$55		\$405	\$182	\$142	\$81
24	\$20	\$480		\$55		\$425	\$191	\$149	\$85
25	\$20	\$500		\$55		\$445	\$200	\$156	\$89
26	\$20	\$520		\$65		\$455	\$205	\$159	\$91
27	\$20	\$540		\$70		\$470	\$212	\$165	\$94
28	\$20	\$560		\$70		\$490	\$221	\$172	\$98
29	\$20	\$580		\$70		\$510	\$230	\$179	\$102
30	\$20	\$600		\$70		\$530	\$239	\$186	\$106

								31-40 Anglers (40%)	31-40 Anglers (30%)	31-40 Anglers (20%)	31-40 Anglers (10%)
31	\$20	\$620		\$70		\$550		\$220	\$165	\$110	\$55
32	\$20	\$640		\$70		\$570		\$228	\$171	\$114	\$57
33	\$20	\$660		\$70		\$590		\$236	\$177	\$118	\$59
34	\$20	\$680		\$70		\$610		\$244	\$183	\$122	\$61
35	\$20	\$700		\$70		\$630		\$252	\$189	\$126	\$63
36	\$20	\$720		\$70		\$650		\$260	\$195	\$130	\$65
37	\$20	\$740		\$70		\$670		\$268	\$201	\$134	\$67
38	\$20	\$760		\$70		\$690		\$276	\$207	\$138	\$69
39	\$20	\$780		\$70		\$710		\$284	\$213	\$142	\$71
40	\$20	\$800		\$70		\$730		\$292	\$219	\$146	\$73

							41-50 Anglers (35%)	41-50 Anglers (30%)	41-50 Anglers (20%)	41-50 Anglers (10%)	41-50 Anglers (5%)
41	\$20	\$820		\$70		\$750	\$263	\$225	\$150	\$75	\$38
42	\$20	\$840		\$70		\$770	\$270	\$231	\$154	\$77	\$39
43	\$20	\$860		\$70		\$790	\$277	\$237	\$158	\$79	\$40
44	\$20	\$880		\$70		\$810	\$284	\$243	\$162	\$81	\$41
45	\$20	\$900		\$70		\$830	\$291	\$249	\$166	\$83	\$42
46	\$20	\$920		\$70		\$850	\$298	\$255	\$170	\$85	\$43
47	\$20	\$940		\$70		\$870	\$305	\$261	\$174	\$87	\$44
48	\$20	\$960		\$70		\$890	\$312	\$267	\$178	\$89	\$45
49	\$20	\$980		\$70		\$910	\$319	\$273	\$182	\$91	\$46
50	\$20	\$1,000		\$70		\$930	\$326	\$279	\$186	\$93	\$47

**Florida Trails Bassmasters
Attachment B - Big Bass Payback
(Optional Pot)**

2012-2013 Big Bass Payback

Anglers	\$5.00 / Angler	Pay Out / Tournament	Year-End Big Bass Fund	Classic Big Bass Fund
1	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$0.50	\$0.50
2	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
3	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$1.50	\$1.50
4	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
5	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$2.50	\$2.50
6	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
7	\$35.00	\$28.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
8	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
9	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$4.50	\$4.50
10	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
11	\$55.00	\$44.00	\$5.50	\$5.50
12	\$60.00	\$48.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
13	\$65.00	\$52.00	\$6.50	\$6.50
14	\$70.00	\$56.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
15	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$7.50	\$7.50
16	\$80.00	\$64.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
17	\$85.00	\$68.00	\$8.50	\$8.50
18	\$90.00	\$72.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
19	\$95.00	\$76.00	\$9.50	\$9.50

20	\$100.00		\$80.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
21	\$105.00		\$84.00	\$10.50	\$10.50
22	\$110.00		\$88.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
23	\$115.00		\$92.00	\$11.50	\$11.50
24	\$120.00		\$96.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
25	\$125.00		\$100.00	\$12.50	\$12.50
26	\$130.00		\$104.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
27	\$135.00		\$108.00	\$13.50	\$13.50
28	\$140.00		\$112.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
29	\$145.00		\$116.00	\$14.50	\$14.50
30	\$150.00		\$120.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
31	\$155.00		\$124.00	\$15.50	\$15.50
32	\$160.00		\$128.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
33	\$165.00		\$132.00	\$16.50	\$16.50
34	\$170.00		\$136.00	\$17.00	\$17.00
35	\$175.00		\$140.00	\$17.50	\$17.50
36	\$180.00		\$144.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
37	\$185.00		\$148.00	\$18.50	\$18.50
38	\$190.00		\$152.00	\$19.00	\$19.00
39	\$195.00		\$156.00	\$19.50	\$19.50
40	\$200.00		\$160.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
41	\$205.00		\$164.00	\$20.50	\$20.50
42	\$210.00		\$168.00	\$21.00	\$21.00
43	\$215.00		\$172.00	\$21.50	\$21.50
44	\$220.00		\$176.00	\$22.00	\$22.00

45		\$225.00		\$180.00	\$22.50	\$22.50
46		\$230.00		\$184.00	\$23.00	\$23.00
47		\$235.00		\$188.00	\$23.50	\$23.50
48		\$240.00		\$192.00	\$24.00	\$24.00
49		\$245.00		\$196.00	\$24.50	\$24.50
50		\$250.00		\$200.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
51		\$255.00		\$204.00	\$25.50	\$25.50
52		\$260.00		\$208.00	\$26.00	\$26.00
53		\$265.00		\$212.00	\$26.50	\$26.50
54		\$270.00		\$216.00	\$27.00	\$27.00
55		\$275.00		\$220.00	\$27.50	\$27.50
56		\$280.00		\$224.00	\$28.00	\$28.00
57		\$285.00		\$228.00	\$28.50	\$28.50
58		\$290.00		\$232.00	\$29.00	\$29.00
59		\$295.00		\$236.00	\$29.50	\$29.50
60		\$300.00		\$240.00	\$30.00	\$30.00