Pecos Valley Bass Masters

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PECOS VALLEY BASSMASTERS TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. Two anglers per boat maximum with the both being a member of PVB.
- 2. At tournaments held in conjunction another club or Federation, PVB anglers will follow all the tournament hosts rules.
- 3. No live bait. Artificial bait only. Only one rod is allowed in use at one time. No trolling permitted.
- 4. Club limit for fish will be 14". Fish to be measured mouth-closed with tail swished on the Red Wil-E-Go Board. A courtesy board will be available. This rule shall be waived if fishing in conjunction with another tournament or where the length limit is greater than 14" because of local or state regulations.
- 5. The tournament limit will be five (5) fish, with culling after the fifth fish. If anyone is caught with more than the legal limit, culling will start with biggest fish working down until legal limit is reached. This rule shall be waived under the same conditions as above in Rule #4.
- 6. A .25 penalty for each dead fish weighed and a 1 pound penalty for short fish.
- 7. Only largemouth, small mouth, or Kentucky spotted bass will be accepted at weigh-in.
- 8. Every effort shall be made to keep fish alive. All fish become the property of PVB as soon as tournament committee member takes position of fish, to be released alive. Trophy fish may be reclaimed.
- 9. Contestants not in official weigh-in area on time will have a 1 lb deduction per minute late.
- 10. The winner of each tournament will be decided by the heaviest stringer. In case of a tie, the winner will be decided by most fish. In case of another tie, a flip coin will be used. Ties in the PVB Big Bass Pot will be split. All money winners will receive their winnings at the end of the tourney unless otherwise specified.
- 11. Any fish that appears to be mangled or mailed will not be weighed. No frozen, or ice fish will be weighed.
- 12. Life jackets must be work and zipped up while combustible engine is in operation. All boat owners must have liability insurance on the boats they utilize in the tournament.

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- 13.In case of breakdowns, other boats may bring in anglers and fish, but must be on time.
- 14. There shall be no fishing within the no-wake zones of any marina.
- 15. A live-well check on each boat will be conducted prior to each day's fishing.
- 16. At draw tournaments, each day's fishing expenses will be shared equally by the boater and non-boater.
- 17. Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times.
- 18. Sportsmanship, courtesy, ecology, and conservation are expected from each angler.
- 19. All local, state, and federal laws must be obeyed. Any contestants cited for infractions within the boundaries of the tournament lake shall be cause for disqualification.
- 20. A tournament weigh-in official will be appointed prior to each tournament. The official PVB Tournament Committee is comprised of the members of PVB's Executive Committee. All protest must be filed in writing with the tournament weigh-in official and tournament committee members present within 30 minutes after weigh-in.
- 21. PVB Tournament Committee will be final judge on all rules.
- 22. PVB will not be responsible for any personal injury, death, damaged, lost or stolen property, or accidents.
- 23. Failure to comply with any portion of the above rules will be grounds for disqualification.
- 24. Weather: In the event of foul weather, the majority vote of all entered anglers will dictate each days fishing. If no official fishing has taken place by 12:30 p.m. (local lake time) on Saturday, the tournament is cancelled. Tie votes will be broken by a vote of all tournament committee members present.
- *tournament rules may vary depending on the lake and tournament. Any changes to our normal rules will be communicated at least 5 days prior to the tournament. A rule change may occur in rare instances at the lake during a tournament if there is circumstance that requires a change and those fishing the tourney vote in favor of the change.