

KEVIN MINEO MEMORIAL NIGHT TOURNAMENT SERIES

Sponsored by the *SAN DIEGO COUNCIL OF BASS CLUBS*
GENERAL RULES

- 1. RESPONSIBILITY:** All general Tournament rules will apply to the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs Benefit Bass Tournament and contestants. It is your responsibility, as a participant, to read and comply with ALL written rules.
- 2. INSURANCE:** It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to carry and have proof of adequate public liability insurance covering them and their passenger. All contestants are required to sign a waiver absolving the Tournament Sponsors, Co-sponsors, The City of San Diego and the Tournament Officials from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in the tournament or related activities. Contestants are required to have in their possession and provide proof of insurance on demand by the Tournament Director.
- 3. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship and/or violates any of these rules will be disqualified and removed from the lake.
- 4. ELIGIBILITY:** Participants under the age of 16 years will not be allowed to participate. Anyone between the ages of 16 and 18 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older). Participants under the age of 18 MUST have the waiver Co-signed by their Parent or legal guardian.
- 5. PARTICIPATION:** Participation in the Tournament is limited to the first 100 persons (50 boats) who meet all of the qualifications and have paid the entry fee of \$110.00 per boat for 2 persons. [Please note, Tournament Officials reserve the right, but are not required, at their sole discretion to add an additional 10 persons (5 boats)]
- 6. LAUNCH:** Launch will be as close to dusk as possible at the ramp designated by Tournament Officials. The Tournament will end at a time to be announced but no less than 6 hours after its commencement. Late boats (for whatever reason) will be disqualified. All boats must be off the water and out of the parking area within 1 hour of the time the Tournament ends.'
- 7. LAUNCH SEQUENCE:** Starting position is determined by the receipt of the application and fee by the Tournament Director.
- 8. SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times by all contestants. Everyone participating in the Tournament must wear a life jacket anytime the main engine is running. Such floating devices must be worn properly and fastened at all times and when inspected at the check-out point. All boats must be equipped with an engine cutoff or emergency "kill" switch device.
- 9. BOAT SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** All boats must meet all Coast Guard regulations including Coast Guard approved running lights, that are operating and working at the time of the launch, a throw cushion in addition to the life jacket for each participant, an approved fire extinguisher, and an engine kill switch. Boats must have a visible light on at all times when on a spot. Glow sticks are not approved substitutes.
- 10. FISHING LICENSE:** Contestants must observe all state fish and game laws and have in their possession a valid state fishing license.
- 11. ALCOHOL/DRUGS:** No alcoholic beverages, depressant or stimulant drugs are allowed in the boats or to be consumed by participants. Participants may not be under the influence of same, between 12 noon Saturday and the time when each participant completes their weigh in. Violation of this rule or disorderly conduct (whether related to drugs or alcohol or not) will be grounds for immediate disqualification and removal from the lake. The contestant also may be disqualified from future Tournaments.
- 12. BOAT AND MOTOR:** The Tournament Officials reserve the right to prohibit any boat from participating if the boat is considered unsafe or the operator unqualified. Boats equipped with motor horsepower in excess of factory of BIA rating will not be allowed in the Tournament competition.
- 13. ENTRY TRANSFERS:** No entry fees, for any reason, may be transferred to another person without consent of the Tournament Officials. Entry transfers or adjustments to registration will be considered by Tournament Officials based on their ability to perform such transfer in a reasonable fashion and will in all likelihood not be considered later than 10 work days before the event. There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason except as set forth in Paragraph 36 below.
- 14. REGISTRATION:** Participation requires a prepayment of \$110.00 per boat in entry fees plus successful and complete completion and submission (by mail only) of the application form including all attachments required thereto. The first 50 completed application forms with accompanying appropriate entry fees received by mail will be allowed to compete. In the event a check is dishonored or insurance coverage cannot be verified or the application is not complete, that application shall be seen as not having been received at all. A standby list will be established for cancellations. The standby list will be in the ranking order received after the first 50 entries. The official acceptance will be in the order in which the envelopes are received and opened. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Tournament is not filled by mail 10 days prior to the Tournament, Tournament Officials reserve the right to accept applications after that point in time by other means at their discretion.
- 15. TOURNAMENT CHECK IN:** Official check in shall be in the designated area between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tournament Day.
- 16. WEIGH IN:** The weigh in will be performed at the conclusion of the Tournament at a location, which will be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. Only 3 fish may be weighed in per boat.
- 17. BOAT INSPECTION:** Tournament Officials will conduct a boat inspection. Officials will be checking for safety equipment, live bait, alcohol, flashlights, fishing license, empty live wells, etc. In the event of any violations the Tournament Officials reserve the right to disqualify such boat and boat participants immediately. Your confirmation card will be needed in order to present your boat for inspection.
- 18. BOAT OCCUPANTS:** Because the Tournament is being conducted at nighttime and is limited to the first 50 boats, the Tournament will require 2 participants per boat. This limit is a minimum and maximum number of participants per boat.

19. **PERMITTED FISHING METHODS:** Only artificial lures may be used. No prepared or live bait other than pork-rind strips are permitted. Only rods with reels are permitted. Rods may not exceed 8 feet in length. Only 1 rod may be used at a time. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional method.
20. **PERMITTED FISHING WATERS:** No fishing is allowed within designated off-limits areas. Contestants should maintain the distance of a long cast between boats. All fishing must be done from a boat. Shore fishing will not be allowed.
21. **CULLING:** This is a catch and release Tournament and only the 3 largest Tournament fish (which must exceed 10 pounds in order to be kept) will be allowed to be kept after the Tournament is concluded (1 per boat maximum). All other fish belong to the Tournament and will be returned to the lake immediately after being weighed. Tournament Officials will keep dead fish. Only 3 fish may be weighed in per boat, and during the Tournament itself, each boat may have in its possession only 3 fish at a given time. Fish must be at least 13 inches in length and will be measured on a Golden Rule Flat Board, mouth open, tail swung. Short fish penalty will be the loss of the fish measured, plus 1 pound of weight. Fish of any species other than bass must be released at once. The keeping of ~ fish is subject to D.F.G. approval being obtained. Dead fish will result in a ¼ of 1-pound (4 ounce) deduction per dead fish. No culling of dead fish is allowed.
22. **PENALTIES:** Contestants who violate these written rules, lake regulations or state laws will be disqualified and removed from the lake. Disqualification entails forfeiture of any entry fees or possible prizes.
23. **CHEATING:** Anyone caught cheating will be disqualified and removed from the lake. After disqualification for cheating, an independent investigation may be conducted by local law enforcement to determine the possibility of criminal prosecution. It is the intent of the Tournament Officials that cheaters be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
24. **OFFICIAL BOATS:** Tournament Officials may be on the lake during Tournament hours and may approach and observe any contestant at any time. Tournament Officials retain the right to inspect any boat at any time for possible infractions of these rules. Contestants are requested to cooperate with all reasonable requests from Tournament Officials.
25. **LIVEWELLS:** The Fish and Game permit for this Tournament requires adequate aerated live wells, which provide proper aeration to maintain fish in good condition.
26. **ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL:** The use of Cell Phones, CB radio's etc...for transmittal of information concerning aspects of the fishing during the Tournament is not allowed.
27. **SPEED RESTRICTIONS:** The speed limit during the entire Tournament will be 5 miles per hour. No wake is permitted. Any boat caught "up on plane" will be immediately disqualified.
28. **AWARDS:** Awards Voluntary option pools are available at Tournament sign in. The cost of the options are \$90.00 for the General pool; \$20.00 Big Fish pool; \$20.00 1st in Flight pool; \$20.00 1-2-3 pool. You can enter all the pools or choose which ones you want. Option pools must be paid in cash (no checks accepted). Option pool winners will be determined by the total weight of each team's 3 fish maximum stringer. The Big fish will be determined by the heaviest bass weighed in. All Option pools will be paid back 100%. You must enter the option pools to get any cash back.
 - General Options
 - 1st place 35% 2nd place 25% 3rd place 15% 4th thru 8th place 5%
 - Big Fish Option
 - 1st place 60% 2nd place 40%
 - Flight Option
 - 1st flight 50% 2nd flight 50%
 - 1-2-3 Option
 - 1st place 50% 2nd place 30% 3rd place 20%
29. **COMPLAINTS:** Complaints must be submitted in writing no later than 15 minutes after the end of the Tournament. Complaints must be submitted to a Tournament Official for acceptance.
30. **SPECIAL RULES:** The Tournament Officials may announce special rules when necessary. The special rules when announced will have the same force and effect as the written rules. Interpretation of all rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Officials. Whose decision will be final in all matters
31. **DAMAGES/CLAIMS:** The San Diego Council of Bass Clubs and the City of San Diego and their officials and any sponsoring organization are released and the Tournament participants waive all claims for injuries and/or damage incurred in connection with this Tournament event. All participants will be required to execute a waiver for the above release prior to being allowed to participate in the Tournament. This is a condition of your participation.
32. **BATHROOMS AND DOCKS:** The lake bathrooms may be lighted during Tournament hours of darkness for your convenience. Each bathroom may be identified with a flashing amber light for ease of recognition. Whether such bathrooms are lighted or not, pollution of the lake waters is a violation of lake regulations and violations are cause for disqualification.
33. **FLASHLIGHTS:** A workable light of some type is required for each boat. Although the specific type of light will not be specified, lights will be checked to ensure they provide sufficient illumination for safety purposes.
34. **SAFETY:** All participants are reminded that boating at night can be hazardous if proper precautions are not followed. Caution should be exercised for submerged obstacles. Caution should also be exercised in regards to reptiles and insects; there have been numerous sightings of rattlesnakes on the shorelines.
35. **ADDITIONAL BOATS:** The first 50 completed applications received shall constitute the Tournament field with the Tournament Officials having the right to add 5 additional boats at their discretion; this discretion will be exercised only in the interest of fairness and due to extenuating circumstances.
36. **CHANGE OF SITE:** In the opinion of Tournament Officials, if due to circumstances beyond their control, the Tournament site needs to be changed; Tournament Officials reserve the right to do so.
37. **CANCELLATION:** The Tournament Officials, in their discretion, reserve the right to cancel the Tournament if situations develop that they feel make it appropriate to do so. In the event of such cancellation, the only liability the Tournament Officials shall have is complete and full return and refund of all entry fees received.
38. **TOURNAMENT DINNER:** Included in your entry fee, a dinner will be served to all Tournament participants between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Tournament Day with guests welcome at \$5.00 per person.
39. **PURPOSE:** This Tournament is being held to benefit the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame Exhibit at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park in the City of San Diego, as well as other programs deemed appropriate by the Council.

40. ACCUMULATION OF POINTS: As an extra bonus the top three teams and Big Fish of the year will be awarded a trophy and a share of the prize fund. The prize fund is \$10.00 from each entry throughout the tournament series. The Prize Fund will be divided as follows: 1st place 45% ; 2nd place 25% ; 3rd place 15% and Big Fish 15%.

40.1 - Points will be awarded during each Night Tournament as follows:

5 Participation points will be given to every boater who participates.

55 Tournament Points to the first place boater

49 Tournament Points to the second place boater and so on down the line.

40.2 By way of example. The first place boater would receive 60 points, the 50th boater would receive 11 points. In order to receive points, other than Participation points, the boaters team must weigh in at least one legal fish at Tournaments end.

40.3 Ties in total weight will be broken by the big fish weighed in.

40.4 The points are accumulated by the boater, irrespective of the boater's choice of partner for any one of the Night Tournaments.

40.5 Once the top three teams and Big Fish are identified they will be notified by their information on the applications.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD FISHING!

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