

The Bass Classics of Santa Clara Valley Fish out Rules and Regulations

Article I-Sign-up

- A. Upon entering the club meeting, sign up for the next fish out. A member may sign up another member.**
- B. The Fish out Committee will pair members by draw, and pairings will be announced at the end of the meeting.**
- C. A prospective member must sign up for the next fish out at the meeting, and pay the treasurer a five-dollar (\$5.00) guest fee. Two non-members may not fish together.**
- D. To prevent prospective members from being bumped or drawn together, the fish out committee will alter the draw.**
- E. Partners will make arrangements prior to the fish out for transportation to and from the fish out site. Each partner shall be responsible for 50% of the cost of transportation, lodging, ramp fees, and boat expenses, but not including any expenses related to pre-fishing or early arrival to tournament site. Costs related to pre-fishing and / or early arrival to tournament site shall be born by the fishermen involved.**
- F. Fishing hours will be announced at the meeting prior to the fish out. If necessary, a fish out may be cancelled or shortened, by the fish out committee. Rescheduling of the fish out will be decided by club vote.**
- G. If two members are drawn together, and neither has access to a boat. The fish out committee will alter the draw to accommodate the members, if possible. Non-members will be paired last.**
- H. Any member may refuse a partner at the time of the draw. The refusing partner will have last starting position.**
- I. No members can fish together in consecutive draw fish outs, or more than six times in a calendar year.**
- J. If you are signed up by another member and you don't show up at the fish out, you must sign up yourself for the remainder of the year. If your partner can't find another partner, you will be responsible for half your partner's expenses.**
- K. Members may fish four times in one year without going through the draw, unrestricted by other fish out rules.**

II – Prospective Members

- A. Prospective members are eligible for fish out awards only, and no year end points.**
- B. Prospective members must fish with a different member each fish out.**

III - Guests

- A. Guests are ex-members and others who do not fish with the club on a regular basis. Each guests may only fish with the club 4 times per year, and pay a \$ 5.00 guest fee for each fish out to the treasurer. Guests are eligible for fish out awards only and no year end points.**
- B. Guests and prospective members may not use their own boats in a fish out until they become members. Ex-members of the Bass Classics can use their boats with the permission of the Fish out Committee.**

IV – Fish out Rules

- A. Safe boating conduct and all necessary precautions must be observed at all times.**
 - 1. Everyone must wear a Coast Guard approved life vest whenever the combustion engine is running.**
 - 2. Any boat used during club events shall be at least 12 feet in length, and have a minimum of a 20 H.P. engine, a kill switch, an electric trolling motor, a depth finder, and an aerated live well or an aerated 48 qt. ice chest.**
 - 3. When necessary, one or both partners may take their punch cards and equipment, get into another boat, and return to the dock.**
 - 4. If a member observes anyone in an emergency situation, or stranded, they must stop and offer assistance.**
- B. Members will not violate Fish and Game laws, lake rules, or display poor sportsmanship to anyone during fish out hours.**
- C. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may be in a member’s possession during fish out hours.**

Fish out Rules continued

- D. All Black Bass less than 13 inches in length shall be returned immediately to the water. All Black Bass 13 inches and longer will be measured on a wet, Fish out Committee approved board, mouth open, with the board at a 45 degree angle, and the tail swished. The measurement will be observed and verified by your partner. On your punch card you will mark the appropriate length. The fish will then be immediately returned to the water, unless it is injured and will die. The measurement board will be marked from 13-22 inches in 1/8th increments. All measurements will be rounded to the nearest 1/4 inch (if your fish measures 14 & 1/8th , then mark 14 & 1/4th on your card). All Black Bass (smallmouth, spotted bass, and largemouth) will be marked as largemouth's on the weigh slips. Any Black Bass larger than 22 inches can be marked as a 22-inch fish on your weigh slip, and you will receive the 6.72 lbs card weight. Or you can bring in your larger than 22 inch fish in to be weighed in which case you must take the actual weight of the fish.**
- At the weigh-in, you will enter your five best fish on your weigh slip and tally the weight up. Your partner must verify your weigh slip and double check the math then sign it. If you are fishing alone you must keep your fish until their length can be verified by the first club member you meet. That club member must verify your weigh slip at the end of the fish out. The results of the fish out will be announced by the weigh master.**
- Please turn in your weigh slips first when you get out of the water to speed up the weigh-in process.**
- E. If you are late to the ramp and the fish out has started, you must check in with any participant on the water before you start fishing.**
- F. Each member has the right to operate the trolling motor, unless unqualified, and to choose the fishing area for one half of each day.**
- G. Any damage to a boat, vehicle, or equipment, is the financial responsibility of the party at fault. The individuals involved will decide the responsibility between themselves.**
- H. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait is permitted.**
- I. No fishing will be permitted within the off limits area designated by the fish out committee. A member cannot move in on a boat, which is fishing or working an area with an electric motor, or has claimed that area by anchoring. It is permitted to courteously fish along with the other boat at a reasonable distance. All members must leave and return to the starting point by boat. All fish must be hooked and landed from the boat. A boat may not be trailered from one fishing location to another during fish out hours for the purpose of fishing, but may be trailered for safety at the end of the fish out.**

- J. No member may leave the starting area until the start is signaled. Boats will leave according to their start positions.**
- K. The fish out committee will be responsible for determining safe light for the blast off. Safe light is defined as ½ hour prior to sunrise. The fish out committee will not release participants prior to safe light.**
- L. All boats must be checked in at the fish out committee's designated area, at the cutoff time.**
- M. All protests must be presented to the fish out committee in writing within 15 minutes after the fish out is completed. All decisions of the fish out committee will be on an individual basis and will be final.**
- N. There will be no trolling with the combustion engine.**
- O. If you retain your fish, you must use the appropriate amount of catch and release in your live well.**

V- Penalties

- A. Members who have not checked in to the designated area at cut off time may be disqualified.**
- B. Failure to comply with any of the fish out rules and regulations during the fish out may result in disqualification.**

VI – Live Wells

- A. All boats must be equipped with live wells or at least 48 qt. ice chest filled with water to keep their fish alive. All fish holding equipment must be equipped with an aerator. All fish in the live well must be identified separately for each member.**

VII – Rods

- A. You may fish with one rod at a time.**

VIII – Awards

A. The following awards will be given for regular draw fish outs.

1. 1st big fish: Placard and 15% of the \$20.00 entry fees, less \$1.00 for each entry.
2. 2nd Big Fish: Placard and 10% of the \$20.00 entry fees, less \$1.00 for each entry.
3. 1st Place : Placard and 25% of the \$20.00 entry fees, less \$1.00 for each entry.
4. 2nd Place: Placard and 17% of the \$20.00 entry fees, less \$1.00 for each entry.
5. 3rd Place: Placard and 13% of the \$20.00 entry fees, less \$1.00 for each entry.
6. 4th Place: Placard and 11% of the \$20.00 entry fees, less \$1.00 for each entry.
7. 5th Place: Placard and 9% of the \$20.00 entry fees, less \$ 1.00 for each entry.
8. Heavy Boat: \$ 1.00 from every entry.

The same person cannot win both the big fish and the 2nd big fish money

IX - Draw Fish outs

A-1. Fish Out Schedule and Lake Selection Procedure

1. The fish out committee will provide a list of 2 lakes per month to the club at the August club meeting.
2. Each club member will have the month of August to make their choices by circling one lake per month as their favorite. The sheet with your favorites must be completed and turned in to the head of the fish out committee or their representative at the September club meeting.
3. Those sheets not turned in at the September club meeting will be considered late and will not be counted.
4. The list of lakes will be tallied from these lists by the fish out committee. The final list of lakes will be the lakes with the most circles.
5. The fish out committee will have the final right to decide a lake in the case of a tiebreaker, a danger at the particular lake, and travel or safety conditions.
6. The final Fish Out Schedule list will be submitted to permit requestor no later than the October club meeting.
7. The Fish Out Schedule will be announced at the End of Year Banquet.

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- A. There will be 12 regular draw fish outs per year. These fish outs may be 1 or 2 days events and are selected by the fish out committee.**

- B. Your weigh slip will be verified by the weigh master. During a two-day fish out your cards from each day will be added together to get your final weight. Any fish claimed by a member to be a personal trophy fish may be kept. Ties will be decided by the heaviest individual fish.**

- C. The results of the fish out will be awarded points on a 25-point scale and accumulated by each member for the year-end standings. The 25-point scale is as follows.**

1st Place : 25 points
2nd Place : 24 points
3rd Place : 23 points
4th Place : 22 points
5th Place : 21 points
and so on ...

Place points will be awarded for fish caught which are 13 inches or longer. There will be an additional 5 points for showing up awarded to each member.

- D. Your best ten fish outs of the year will be counted toward year end points.**