

## **S.R.V.B.C. TOURNAMENT RULES 2007**

SAFETY, HONESTY AND SPORTSMANSHIP ARE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE  
TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PENALIZE OR DISQUALIFY  
ANY CONTESTANT WHO VIOLATES RULES OR DISRUPTS THE HARMONY OF ANY  
TOURNAMENT.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

1. Any contestant, who displays poor sportsmanship, violates any rules, boating regulations, or Idaho Department of Fish and Game regulations during a tournament **WILL** be disqualified.

### **COMPLAINTS AND PROTEST**

1. Complaints or protest regarding any contestant must be submitted in writing to a tournament director within 30 minutes after weigh-in. Tournament director must be informed of such pending action prior to or during weigh-in.
2. Decisions by tournament officials **WILL BE FINAL** in all matters.

### **REGISTRATION**

1. Contestants may fill out applications and pay entry fees at the tournament site. When registering at the tournament site, cash or equivalent will be required.
2. Ooze-off positions will be determined by a draw. This draw will take place at the pre-tournament meeting preceding the tournament.

### **PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. Tournaments are open to all members of Snake River Valley Bass Club, or guests of Snake River Valley Bass Club, as long as one member is at least sixteen years of age. A guest of Snake River Valley Bass Club may fish one tournament in a life time without being a member. If this person wishes to fish a second club tournament they are required to join Snake River Valley Bass Club. All participants must hold a valid Idaho Department of Fish & Game fishing license. Boaters with children under sixteen years or a wife **DO NOT** have to participate in drawings at a draw tournament, they can fish together. Any person under the age of sixteen years of age can fish in any Snake River Valley Bass Club Tournament as long as a parent or guardian accompanies them.
2. Any person with any outstanding debts owed to Snake River Valley Bass Club of any type, **WILL NOT** be able to participate in any tournament or club function of Snake River Valley Bass Club of ANY kind, until indebtedness is paid in full.

## **SAFETY**

1. Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times. Unsafe operations will cause disqualification.
2. Contestants are required to wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver. This preserver must be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the competitor reaches his or her fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.
3. All local state and federal restrictions or requirements regarding boat size and/or horsepower rating must be complied with. Horsepower for tournament not to exceed boat manufacturers rating. **ALL BOATS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH SOME TYPE OF OPERABLE IGNITION KILL SWITCH.** This ignition-kill device must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating and in gear. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat.
4. In an emergency, mechanical breakdown, or when safety dictates, one or both anglers may take their catch and get into another participants boat to return to the official weigh-in area. They may NOT fish from the rescue boat.

## **TACKLE AND LIVE WELLS**

1. Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or "prepared bait" will be permitted, with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc.
2. Only casting, spin-casting or spinning rod (8-foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used. All other types prohibited.
3. Other rigs as specified above may be in boat ready for use. However, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time.
4. Trolling is not allowed.
5. Each boat must be equipped with an aerated live well or suitable substitute.
6. Catch and release nets (fish friendly) are allowed.

## **PERMITTED FISHING WATERS AND OFF-LIMITS**

1. All local restrictions, including low-lake areas and off-limit areas will be observed. Additional off-limit rules may be announced at the pre-tournament meeting.
2. All fishing must be done from the boat.
3. All contestants must leave and return to the weigh-in area by boat.
4. Boats may not be trailered from one fishing location to another during tournament hours.
5. Fishing on the tournament waters is permitted anywhere except: within 50 ft. of another competitor's boat which was first anchored or secured in a fixed position with the trolling motor out of the water without prior permission.

## **FISHING HOURS AND LIMITS**

1. Fishing hours will be announced at the pre-tournament meeting.
2. Contestants must check-out and check-in at the official weigh-in area and be **OFF PLANE** by the designated weigh-in time or will be considered late.
3. All live wells will be checked by a tournament official or his appointee prior to the day(s) of fishing.
4. Any team whose live well is not checked prior to fishing **WILL** be disqualified. (Unless you showed up late, you can still fish by reporting to any official for a live well check.
5. Each participant may weigh-in five fish of twelve inch minimum length. Fish will be measured; mouth closed on a **GOLDEN RULE**. Catch limits and length limits may change to comply with state or local regulations. **NO CULLING OF DEAD FISH ALLOWED**. All dead fish belong to the Department of Fish and Game. Each participant must weigh in all his or her fish.
6. No more than five fish per person in the live well. When the sixth fish is caught, you must immediately cull back to 5 fish before returning to fish.

## **PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Any contestant whose boat comes within reaching distance of another contestant's boat can be disqualified.
2. Any contestant beaching the boat or going on land during the tournament hours can be disqualified. (Except for emergencies or when using rest room facilities. The other contestant must stop fishing until the other contestant returns.)
3. Any contestant determined of cheating in any way **WILL** be disqualified, suspended from fishing two tournaments and suspended from voting for two club meetings.

4. Late penalty of .5 lb. per minute will be assessed for up to 15 minutes late.
5. Contestants arriving at the weigh-in area more than 15 minutes late can be disqualified for that days catch.
6. An automatic disqualification for any person who brings in a fish that is less than 12 inches in length.
7. A fish is considered alive if moving at weigh-in. A .5 lb. penalty will be assessed for each dead fish weighed in.
8. Culling at the weigh-in area is prohibited and WILL result in disqualification.
9. If the contestants catch exceeds the catch limit allowable for that tournament, the contestants largest fish will be removed and the contestant will be assessed additional 1 lb. penalty of the remaining fish.
10. Failure to fill out the Idaho Department of Fish and Game angler survey card and return it to the tournament officials can result in being disqualified.
11. No use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification.
12. In case that there is a tie big fish will determine the place you finish.

#### **OFFICAL BOAT**

1. Officials may be on the lake during the contest and may observe and approach any contestant at any time during the tournament. They may inspect a contestant's boat and live well at any time.

#### **DAMAGE**

1. Damage of any nature to a contestant's boat, equipment, or fishing tackle is the sole responsibility of the contestant.

#### **CONTESTANTS BOAT**

1. The contestants may use their own boat and motor, and/or may rent them at the tournament site. Such possible rental is the sole responsibility of the contestant.
2. To fish in any tournament boater must have CURRENT insurance with \$ 100,000.00 minimum liability. The tournament director must be provided with a copy of said insurance (WITH EXPERATION DATE). It is the boater's responsibility to provide proof of renewal. No participation will be allowed without this insurance being on file with the tournament director.

## **ENTRY FEES PAY OUTS AND PRIZES**

1. Entry fees payouts and prizes will be designated prior to each tournament. All Snake River Valley Bass Club entry fees are as follows:
  - A. Entry fee \$ 15.00, which \$ 8.00 will be returned to the contestants, \$ 4.00 to the conservation fund and \$ 3.00 to the club for payment of tournament permits.
  - B. \$ 5.00 for big fish, which is 100%, pays back to the contestant with the biggest fish who has entered.
  - C. Option pots are \$ 10.00, \$ 20.00 and \$ 50.00, which is 100% pay back to the contestants that have entered.
  - D. All payouts are paid one in five entries.

**ALL SNAKE RIVER VALLEY BASS CLUB TOURNAMENTS WILL HAVE THE SAME FEES ASSESSED.**

## **REFUNDS**

1. Refunds of entry fees and/or option pots will be at the discretion of the tournament director; however, no entry fees and/or option pots will be refunded after the start of the tournament.
2. Refunds are up to tournament director's discretion.

## **PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING**

1. A pre-tournament meeting will be held to inform contestants of:
  - A. Rules, limits, off-limits, etc.
  - B. Drawing for ooze-off and weigh-in questions.
  - C. Answer any questions.
  - D. Contestants entering the tournament after the meeting will be placed at the bottom of the starting position roster.

