

**By-Laws of Century Bassmasters**  
(as amended March 2009)

1. Guests: Guests in club tournaments may be of any age. Family members under 16 years of age and serious prospects for membership are welcome at any time, but with these exceptions, each member shall fish with a guest a maximum of three times in any calendar year. Guests may not include anyone who is a professional guide on tournament waters, a state or federal wildlife agency or employee, or any other person deemed an “expert” on tournament waters by the Tournament Director.

2. Tournament schedules: Tournament dates will be set for the following calendar year at the December meeting. Dates are set by a majority vote of the members present. Once a tournament date has been set, a 3/4 vote of the active membership is required to change the date of a tournament, except that in the case of inclement weather (such as high winds, flood, ice or snow) that pose a potentially serious safety threat to persons or equipment, a majority of the members of the executive committee, after conferring in person, by telephone, or email, may cancel a tournament. The executive committee shall use their best efforts to ensure that all members are notified of the cancellation by use of a roll-call. In the event of a cancellation, the tournament shall be made up on a schedule to be determined at a subsequent regular monthly club meeting by majority vote of the members present, or the members may vote not to make up the tournament.

3. Tournament Locations: The waters on which club tournaments will be fished shall be determined at a regular monthly club meeting at least one month before the tournament is to be held. The ramp site and tournament hours shall be set at the regular monthly meeting immediately preceding the tournament. There are two ways in which a tournament location can be changed:

a. by a majority vote of the members present at a regular monthly meeting.

b. for safety reasons. The majority of the executive committee may agree that the tournament location is potentially unsafe for persons or equipment, but that a safe location is available at the same time. In such case, if the executive committee agrees there is sufficient time for a roll-call vote of the membership prior to the tournament, then two alternative sites will be proposed by the executive committee and the members will vote to choose one. The results of the voting will be communicated to all members by use of a roll-call. If there is not time for a member vote, the executive committee shall choose an alternative location and communicate this to all members by use of a roll-call.

4. Club Meetings: Club meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Provided there is ample time to notify all members, the President may change the meeting date if no officers or only a small number of members could attend on the regular date. In the event of a change, the President shall ensure that all active members are notified.

5. Determination of Club Standings: The club uses a Points system, which operates as follows:

Each member of the winning team of a monthly tournament receives 30 points for his standing in the tournament (Standings Points). Second place receives 29, third receives 28, and so on, through all those who have caught fish. All other members who fish and do not have fish to weigh in shall receive 5 points less than the Standings Points earned by the member who has the lowest weight of those who catch fish. In case of ties, each team receives the whole number of points for that position (e.g. two boats tie for second, each member of the two teams gets 29 points, the next team members get 27 points each for fourth place).

In addition to Standings Points, points are awarded for number of fish caught (Numbers Points). Each fish caught is worth one point, and in the event the team catches a limit of bass, each team member receives a bonus point. Whereas Standing Points are awarded per tournament, Numbers Points are awarded for each day of competition. A team catching a five fish limit on each day of a two-day tournament would thus earn 12 Numbers Points for each team member, to be added to his Standings Points to determine his total points for the tournament.

At the end of the tournament year, the lowest two tournament scores (including zeroes for tournaments not fished) for each member are dropped, and the club member accumulating the highest number of points for the remaining ten tournaments is named the Bassmaster of the Year.

A member who fishes a club tournament but did not enter his name in the draw for that tournament shall not accumulate any points for that tournament, unless he was in the tournament because another participant withdrew after the draw, and the member took his place. Such member is still eligible to win side bets, and a trophy if he finishes first or catches the lunger of the year.

6. Prizes and Awards: Side bets are customarily made in conjunction with club tournaments. Teams may choose not to participate in the side bets. Each boat choosing to participate will put the same side bet money (\$20) into the pot, whether there are one or two anglers fishing in the boat. Prize money will then be awarded per boat: first place boat 50%, second place 30%, third place 20%. Boats wishing to participate in the big bass pot will put \$10 into the big bass pot, and the boat with the largest fish will win the big bass pot.

At the annual banquet held following the season, each member of a winning team will receive a plaque commemorating his win. Plaques will also be awarded for Tournament Lunger of the Year and for Bassmaster of the Year.

7. Inactive Members: Inactive Members(as defined in the Club Charter, Article V) may fish in club tournaments as a no-boater guests, but only active club members are eligible to compete for and earn points or a plaque. An Inactive Member who declares his intent to become active again prior to a tournament will be considered to be fishing as an Active Member, subject to his attending the next regular monthly meeting and paying dues so as to become an Active Member in good standing, including at least the dues for the month of the tournament. If he does not attend the meeting and pay the dues owed, the points he may have earned will be reallocated among the members as if he did not fish the tournament.

8. Discussion of Catch: An important goal of the club being to promote better bass fishing techniques and knowledge by all members, all members who catch fish in a club tournament should discuss their technique, lures, etc. at the weigh-in meeting.

9. Pairings: Pairings for club tournaments shall be by random drawing. The tournament director shall use all his best efforts to insure that no club member is paired with any other particular club member more than once each tournament year. After pairings have been established for a club tournament, no changes are permitted unless the member desiring the change gets agreement with his partner, and after attempting to get a replacement for his partner. The tournament director shall approve in advance of any such changes to pairings. Club members wishing to fish shall be given priority over any outside guests.

10. Executive Committee: The officers of the club shall together constitute the Executive Committee of the club. The Executive Committee shall meet as required to review possible postponement or cancellation or change of location of tournaments, and to take or recommend action to ensure the club continues to be responsive to its overall purpose and objectives. The Executive Committee also provides a means to address personal issues not appropriate for general meetings. Two or more members of the executive committee may call a meeting of the executive committee at any time to discuss any subject they deem to be of vital interest to the club.

11. Communication with the membership outside of meetings: Any vote by or notification to the membership other than at a regular monthly meeting may be accomplished by personal contact, by telephone, or by email. Members of the executive committee shall cooperate to ensure all best efforts are made to contact all active members, and the executive committee shall use a roll-call to verify all possible contacts have been made in a timely fashion.