

# **VENTURA COUNTY BASS CLUB**

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#### 1. Option Pool Categories.

- a. The option pool categories are:
  - i. Hog Hunter
  - ii. "(Winners Name) Jackpot "
  - iii. Heavy Stringer
  - iv. Off Species:
    - (1) Catfish
    - (2) Sunfish
    - (3) Other
- b. The angler that catches the largest single fish in each category will receive the cash award. The exception is Heavy Stringer, which will be awarded to the angler with the most weight in a maximum catch of Black Bass fish during an INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT.
- c. The fish must be caught during an official club point tournament.
- d. The largest fish is determined by weight only.
- e. Only the Heavy Stringer Award is guaranteed to be given out for fish caught during each calendar year. Hog Hunter, Jackpot, and Off Species are cumulative until won.
- f. If no member wins the award in the Hog Hunter, Jackpot, or Off Species category, the amount will be carried over to the next year. The amount will stay in the same category until it is won.
- g. In the case of a tie the option pool will be divided equally between all anglers involved in the tie.
- h. The weights will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- i. The Tournament Director will keep a current and accurate record of weights being considered for the pools.

- j. All fish being considered must be caught according to the official tournament rules.
- k. All awards will be presented at the annual Awards Banquet.
- l. Only club members may participate in the pools and awards. Any probationary member is eligible if he pays into the option pools. Only club members in good standing may collect an option pool. In the event a probationary member is not voted into the club but has paid into the option pool, his previous option pool deposit shall be refunded as he no longer can qualify to win or collect an option pool.
- m. A club member may enter the pools any time during the year but any fish caught before the pool was entered into is not eligible.

## 2. **Hog Hunter**

- a. The Hog Hunter category is paid to the angler that catches a Black Bass over seven (7) pounds during a point tournament during the calendar year.
- b. If several bass are caught over seven pounds, the angler with the largest bass for the year will be declared the winner.
- c. The only species of fish to be considered for the award are black bass, i.e., Large Mouth, Small Mouth, Spotted Bass, and Kentucky Bass.
- d. Stripped Bass are not true Black Bass and are not eligible for this award.

## 3. **Heavy Stringer**

- a. The Heavy Stringer award will go to the angler who weighs in the most Black Bass weight during a single tournament day which is not a mandatory draw tournament or an away team tournament as defined by Articles VII and VIII of the Tournament Rules.
- b. Only one legal limit of Black Bass will be weighted on each day.
- c. The California Department of Fish and Game determine the number of fish that constitutes a legal limit.
- d. The only species of Black Bass to be considered is: Large Mouth, Small Mouth, Spotted Bass, and Kentucky Bass. Any combination of these species is acceptable.

4. **(Winner's Name) Jackpot**

- a. (Winner's Name) Jackpot is awarded to the angler that catches the largest Black Bass two consecutive days in a row, during a single tournament. The award may have multiple winners in the same year.

5. **Off Species**

- a. The award for off species is to be divided equally to the anglers that caught the largest fish in each of the three subcategories.
- b. The subcategories are: Catfish, Sunfish, and Other.
- c. The species to be considered in the Sunfish subcategory: Blue Gill, Crappie, War Mouth Perch, and Red Eared Perch.
- d. The species to be considered in the Other subcategory are: Stripped Bass, Trout, Carp, Squaw Fish, White Bass, any other fish not mentioned above.
- e. A single fish is only eligible for one category.

6. **Payment Schedule**

- a. The cost to enter into the pools is determined by the Board of Directors.
- b. The Option Pool money is divided as:

<u>(Winner's Name) Jackpot</u>	=	35%
Hog Hunter	=	20%.
Heavy Stringer	=	20%
Off Species	=	25%

- c. The Club Treasurer is responsible for keeping a current and accurate record of the members participating in the pools.
- d. The Treasurer will keep a total of the amount in each pool and report it at each club meeting.
- e. Any moneys not dispersed in Hog Hunter, Jackpot, or Off Species category will be carried over to the same category for the next year.

## 7. Calculation of Awards

- a. **Hog Hunter.** The full amount in the Hog Hunter category will be paid every year to the winner. If no member wins the award, the amount will be carried over to the next year and remain in the category until it is won.
- b. **Heavy stringer.** The full amount in the Heavy Stringer category will be paid every year to the winner.
- c.           (Winner's Name)           Jackpot
  - i. All the residual money from the previous year's           (Winner's Name)           Jackpot and the proper percentage of the current year's money will be paid.
  - ii. The tournament director will note on which tournament the winning fish were caught.
  - iii. The remainder of the current money is left in the account and will be residual money until won again.
  - iv. This category may be awarded more than once per year. If this happens the angler is entitled to the moneys following the previous Jackpot award up to and including the tournament in which he caught the eligible fish.
  - v. The winner of this Jackpot must be a "Clear Winner" in that his fish may not be a "tie" with another fish. In addition, his fish must also clearly beat fish from non-members fishing the tournament and club members who are only in the option pools.
  - vi. Example:
    - (1) There are five (5) multi-day tournaments in a calendar year.
    - (2) The Jackpot fish (big fish 2 consecutive days in a row) were caught on the 3<sup>rd</sup> multi-day tournament of the year.
    - (3) Therefore, the Jackpot Award would equal 3/5ths of the current year's pool money, plus any residual amount left in the account from the time the award was last won.

- d. **Off Species.** The amount in the category will be divided equally between the winners of each subcategory. If there is a winner in each subcategory, the pot will be divided three ways. If only two subcategories are won, the pot is divided in half. If only one subcategory is won, that person receives all the money. If there are no winners the money is left in the category for the next year.