

HARRIS CHAIN BASSMASTER TOURNAMENT RULES

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1. No more than two (2) Fishermen permitted in each boat unless Tournament Director (TD) dictates otherwise.
2. Life jackets will be worn and the kill switch attached any time the outboard motor is running and in gear except during loading and unloading your boat during launch and recovery.
3. Culling of fish in not permitted at the weigh-in.
4. Culling of dead fish is not permitted at any time. Dead fish penalty is .25 (1/4) pound per dead fish.
5. Only artificial bait may be used. Rod length is limited to eight (8) feet. Trolling is not permitted. Participants may have only one (1) bait in the water at a time.
6. Fishing within 50 yards of a competitor's anchored (including using a Power Pole or equivalent) boat with trolling motor in the stowed position is not permitted.
7. Limits.
 - a. All tournaments will have a five (5) fish limit except June, July, August, and September which will have a three (3) fish limit.
 - b. Each fish presented for weigh-in must be at least twelve (12) inches in length on the Golden Rule as measured by the Weighmaster or his designee.
 - c. Only one (1) fish over sixteen (16) inches unless a waiver has been obtained, then all five (5) fish can be over sixteen (16) inches. Waivers will be distributed to all contestants prior to the launch.
 - d. If a fish is presented to the scales that is smaller than twelve (12) inches (determined by TD or Weighmaster), it and the largest fish in the limit will be disqualified.
 - e. All tournament anglers are governed by the Florida fishing regulations unless amended by FWC waivers. Any angler presenting more bass than allowed by Florida regulations will be disqualified. When 3 fish limit is applied, angler presenting more than 3 to the scales will have it and the largest fish disqualified.
8. A penalty of one (1) pound will be assessed for each minute a competitor is late. After ten (10) minutes, the late angler and co-angler if paired will be disqualified. No Exceptions.
9. Any boat designated as a release boat that is not available at weigh-in to release fish (unless otherwise excused by the TD) will be disqualified and no points awarded for participation.
10. Tournament participants will keep their fish in the live well until called by the TD to come to the scales. The TD may call the contestants in pairs to the scales in the order of boat number drawn. The fish will be transported to the scales in plastic bags with enough water to cover the fish. The fish will be removed from the bags for weighing and returned immediately after completion of the weighing-in. The fish will then be transported back to the release boat (if required) in the same bag. At no time should the fish be out of water for more than one minute.
11. The interpretation of these rules shall be at the discretion of the Harris Chain Bassmasters officials: Tournament Director, President, and Vice President.