White Oak Shores Bass Club

BYLAWS

TOURNAMENT RULES

(February 11, 2017) (Amended 10/14/17) (Amended 10/28/18)(Amended 1/31/20)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Jack Hammons

Vice President

Mike Poteete

Secretary

Ron Morris

Treasurer

Ron Morris

Tournament Director

Ron Morris

Weighmaster

Jim Castaneda

Webmaster

Ron Morris

NAME

This organization shall be called the White Oak Shores Bass Club.

(WOSBC).

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the WOSBC shall be to meet, hold area tournaments and help members of WOS Owner’s Association and their guests become better fishermen and fisherwomen. The bass club shall attempt to (1) increase the enjoyment of bass fishing, (2) promote fellowship among its members and (3) make bass fishing a more productive sport through conservation and sportsmanship.

PROVISION FOR MEMBERSHIP

In order to become a member of the WOSBC, a person must be a property owner of White Oak Shores Owner’s Association. Eligible members will include spouses, life-partners and children 16 years and under and will be subject to just one membership fee. Members must pay a yearly fee of $25 due upon sign-up. If a property owner joins after August 31 of any year they can pay a pro-rated fee of $10 to fish the remainder of that current year. Guests may not become a member of the WOSBC, but will be eligible for all awards except the Classic Championship. Guests cannot fish alone. (Amendment 1: Guests that fished with us in 2017 are eligible to become members)

(Amendment 2: Any guest fishing in any year becomes eligible to join the White Oak Shores Bass Club the following year.”)

(Amendment 3: A: Membership will be available to anyone outside of WOS as long as a current member vouches for them as being a good addition to our club. If an outsider that we do not know wants to join, then they must fish as a guest at one tournament before they can join. Their guest appearance will NOT count towards the championship.

Removal of Membership

If an owner sells his/her property during a tournament year, they forfeit their membership and no money will be returned to them. However, they may continue to fish as a guest.

Members can be removed from WOSBC for actions detrimental to the club. These include, but are not limited to the following:

Cheating—altering the length, weight of a fish; staking fish caught prior to a tournament, sharing fish

Excessive rules violations—

Any action that causes dishonor and/or disgrace to the club or its members

All decisions will be by vote of the BOD.

OFFICERS

Officers shall include the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Weigh-Master, Webmaster and Past-President.

Duties of Officers

President

Presides over all meetings and directs all official business of the Club.

Supervises all club functions, appoints all committee functions, except the functions of the Tournament Director. Responsible for all entertainment functions of the Club. Obtaining guest speakers and programs that will interest and enlighten the club to all facets of the Club’s purpose.

Vice-President

Assists in the functions and duties of the President and presides in the

absence of the President and performs other duties that may be assigned by the President. VP shall preside over all committees except the Tournament Director.

Secretary

To keep an authentic record of the proceedings of the Club. To call the roll of members when necessary to do so. To call the meeting to order in the absence of the President and the Vice president. To prepare the minutes for approval of the membership. To preserve all records and other documents except those assigned to other functions. To authenticate all records by the signature of the secretary.

Treasurer

Official custodian of the Club’s funds and disbursing officer of the Club. Responsible for maintaining an accurate financial record, paying all bills, warrants and requirements after payment is authorized by the BOD. Treasurer shall gather and hold all monies collected from membership and disburse tournament fees according to this document. Duties shall also include reporting the financial condition to the club at each meeting, preparing an annual report at the end of the year and filing all applicable Internal Revenue Service forms required for non-profit corporations (if the club ever becomes incorporated). A receipt or voucher must accompany all expenditures.

Tournament Director

Appoint a tournament committee and directly supervise all functions of that committee. Provide the membership with tournament information

concerning the Club’s monthly tournaments. TD has final say to eligibility of any fish that is brought to the scales. TD can disqualify any participant for rules violations. TD shall work with the Weighmaster to ensure a smooth weigh-in process. TD shall establish dates and start/finish times for the tournaments and keep records of each tournament and present to the Webmaster for posting on association website. ([www.whiteoakshores.net](http://www.whiteoakshores.net))

Weighmaster

Weighs and measures all fish that are brought to the scales. Is responsible for ensuring all fish meet state and local rules. Any fish presented to the weighmaster will be considered “accepted” and shall become record. If a fish does not meet rules consideration, then the proper penalty shall be enforced. A courtesy measurement may be performed by each angler and will not be considered “accepted” until given to weighmaster. The “Check-it-Stick” will be the official measuring tool.

Webmaster

The Webmaster shall take all information from all committees, BOD minutes, schedules and tournament results and post to the association website. The Webmaster shall post this document to the website also.

Past President

The president leaving office shall remain on the BOD for a period of one (1) year to ensure a smooth transition for the office of President and shall be a non-voting board member.

Elections

Election of officers shall be done in an annual meeting to be held after each tournament season. This will typically be in December of each year. A nomination committee shall be gathered in November and come up with names for election. These nominees will be written on a ballot and presented to the membership for vote. Nominations can be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. Officers shall be voted in by a simple majority (one over half of those voting). Ties shall be broken by the VP. Only members can vote.

Changes to this document shall be presented to the membership in November each year and voted on at the annual meeting. A simple majority can change any piece of this document (one over half of those voting). Ties shall be broken by the VP.

Methods of voting: Voting can be done by attendance at the annual meeting, by proxy or by absentee. Absentee and proxy votes must be presented either via email or regular mail.

Terms of office: The terms of office shall follow the schedule below.

All newly elected officers shall preside for a term of one (1) year.

In order to keep continuity, officers selected at the initial meeting will preside for the first year with the exception of the President, Treasurer and Tournament Director which shall preside for the first two (2) years. Terms begin on January 1 of each year. Should any office be vacated during the year a substitute may be selected by the BOD and shall fulfill the remainder of the departing officer’s term.

Meetings

Meetings shall be conducted occasionally and will be at the discretion of the President. There shall be one annual meeting to be held in the month of December each year to conduct club business. Membership may decide to hold an awards banquet at this time.

Fees

Money received from membership shall be retained for the Classic Championship. The entry fees for each regular tournament shall be $30 with $5 being kept for Classic Championship and year-end awards. Non-member tournament fees will be $25. There will be a 100% payback optional $5 fee for those wishing to join the big bass award at each tournament (one place). All money collected for big bass pot will be awarded to the contestant that paid the fee and weighs in the largest legal bass for that tournament. The winners of each tournament will receive money according to the following schedule.

Up to 7 contestants—60-40% split (2 places); 7+ contestants--- 50-30-20% split (3 places).

Optional Calcutta fee of $2 shall be collected for each tournament. This will continue until a contestant catches a legal bass 6 pounds or greater. Only contestants that are paid up-to-date prior to the tournament start will be eligible.

Classic Championship—eligible members will pay $30 entry with 100% payback optional $5 big bass pot (one place). Payout for tournament will be 50-30-20% split. (3 places). (Amendment 2: Membership may vote at time of Championship to alter payout)

(Amendment 3: B: Payout to the championship. If 8 or less members are eligible and fish the club championship, then all money available for payout will be split accordingly on a graduated scale as determined by the tournament director. If nine or more are eligible, then only the top 6 tournament finishers will be awarded any payout. The payout will follow this scale. 1st 30%; 2nd 20%; 3rd 15%; 4th 13%; 5th 12%; and 6th will be 10%). An eligible member is one that has paid entries for a minimum of 6 tournaments.

Awards

Year-end awards will be presented to the top six member anglers determined by total weight for the year. One award will be presented to the member angler that caught the largest bass of the year.

Angler of the year award: highest total weight--$50 gift card

2-6---$25 gift card

Big bass---$25 gift card

Other awards: Hopefully we will gather sponsors with gifts throughout the year from local merchants. These will be available for drawings at the annual meeting. $150 may be used for purchase of door prizes for drawings at the annual meeting.

Lake Selection

Lakes shall be selected at the annual meeting via ballot presented at the annual meeting. Members will choose month/lake with an alternate lake for that month. Lakes that get the most votes will be selected for that month. Ties will be openly voted on. Discussion is encouraged!

Tournament Rules

Eligibility

Members are property owners of White Oak Shores Owner’s Association. Husband/wife/life-partner and children (natural/adopted/step) 16 years old and younger are considered members. You will remain a member for the year even if you sell.

Guests are allowed but cannot fish alone.

Boat safety

If your boat is equipped with a kill-switch it must be attached at all times that the big motor is running. This may be tested if decided by protest.

An approved life jacket must be worn any time the big motor is running. That excludes loading and unloading of boat.

All state and local laws must be followed.

Tackle

Any type of rod/reel combination is allowed, however, only one may be used at any one time. Fish can only be caught by rod and reel.

Only artificial lures may be used. At no time will a boat be allowed to have any live/dead minnows/shad on board during tournament times.

Pork trailers are allowed.

No trot-lines, set-lines or jug-lines are allowed.

Etiquette

No fishing within 50 yards of another tournament boat without permission to get closer. If two boats are fishing towards each other along a bank, please be courteous and pass each other without penalty.

Fish

A legal fish may be weighed without penalty. Those include largemouth black bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass or any of their subspecies.

Any fish that is caught must be retained if it dies and must be part of your bag for the tournament if it constitutes your 5th fish. Dead fish penalty will be ½ pound. It is the angler’s decision to weigh or not.

5 fish bag for each tournament unless otherwise specified.

There will NOT be any sharing of fish between contestants. All contestants will be disqualified if found to have shared fish.

Anglers fishing two to a boat must keep their fish separate either in different live wells or by identifying clips. No more than 3 to a boat can fish the tournament.

Each contestant should bring their own fish to the scales.

Start/Finish Times

Tournament Director will determine start and end times for each tournament. Contestants cannot cast a line before official start time. They must check in with TD before end of tournament hours.

Off Limits

Tournament lakes are off-limits at 5:00 pm the day prior to tournament.

Entry fees

Tournament fees are $30 for members; $25 for guests. $5 of member’s entry goes toward Classic Championship and awards. Balance will be awarded at each tournament collected. There will be an optional $5 big bass pot to be awarded to angler with largest bass for that tournament.

A $2 fee will be collected for a Calcutta that will continue until a fish 6 pounds or more is caught. In order to be eligible you must be paid-up to that tournament.

Tournaments

There will be 10 to 12 tournaments scheduled each year.

Contestants

Members and their guests are eligible for all tournament awards if paid for. Only 2 contestants will be allowed in one boat. Exceptions include contestants who have boat problems and may fish 3 to a boat only. Also, those fishing in a pontoon boat my only have 3 fishermen in the boat at any time and they must keep their fish separated.

Tournament Check In

Location for each tournament will be communicated prior to each tournament. All contestants must sign in at that location or have made prior arrangements with the TD. If you get to the sign-in location late, you must call or find the TD or another officer before you start fishing. Failure to do so will cause disqualification. Trailering is allowed.

Guides

No licensed guides will be allowed to participate. This will be verified.

It will be illegal to fish with a licensed guide one week prior to tournament date.

Alcohol

Alcohol will NOT be allowed during tournament hours.

Drugs

No illegal drugs will be allowed for use at any time during the tournament, either before or after tournament hours.

Protests

Protests must be handed to the TD no later than 30 minutes past the time the last fish was weighed. Protests must be in writing and must be specific.

Sportsmanship

This club is intended to be fun and it is every member’s hope that all information can be shared in a manner to help teach others within the club.