

Oneida Lake Bassmasters Points Trail Rules

Note: All regular club tournaments begin at time listed on the tournament schedule, or at safe light, and will last 8 hours. The tournament director shall determine when conditions are safe to precede with the event. In the event of severe weather the tournament director may move the tournament to another nearby location, if feasible, or cancel and reschedule the event at a later date.

General Tournament Rules: The Oneida Lake Bassmasters have adopted the New York Bass Chapter Federation Tournament Rules with the following exceptions:

1. For 2011 we have adopted a draw trail format.
 - a. Which means non-boaters will blind draw a boater for each tournament.
 - b. There will be a pairings draw preceding the last paper tournament for the first draw tournament of the season. Then after each tournament weigh-in, there will be a draw for the next tournament pairings. Members that are not in attendance will have to make sure their money is in to us before the draw.
 - c. The draw will begin 45 minutes after the tournament end time.
 - d. All boaters and non-boaters must be paid at this time for the upcoming draw. If you arrive late you will not be allowed to enter the next tournament.
 - e. If your money is not in you are not in the draw.
 - f. The tournament committee will draw a boaters name then a non-boaters name.
 - g. The order the boater is drawn will be the blast off order for the tournament.
 - h. You may withdraw from a tournament if something comes up, but you have to notify a club officer no later than a week before that tournament. Your money will be refunded if you meet this requirement. If an emergency comes up within the week prior to the event it will be up to the committee to decide if there will be a refund.
2. Any boat equipped with an outboard engine of 50 hp or less will receive a 20 minute early start. This provides the smaller boat the chance to reach a distant fishing spot at about the same time the guys with the big boats do.
3. There is no off-limits period, as many of our members have odd schedules, or work Saturdays, making it impossible to pre-fish.
4. There is no minimum horsepower rule. Your boat must be equipped with all the safety equipment and features set forth by US Coast Guard regulations and a working live-well large enough to keep two limits of fish alive for the duration of the tournament.
5. The non-boater shared gas & oil expense for 2011 has been set at \$30.00 per tournament. (Covers boaters shared gas, oil, launch, travel expenses) All non-boaters must pay their boater fee to the boater that day. If a non-boater does not pay their fee, they will not be put into any draw until they become current.
6. All un-paired boaters will be able to compete fishing from their own boats, and will not be forced to fish together in one boat, leaving the other anglers boat at the ramp.
7. The boater and non-boater will share control of the boat, each having say where they will fish in their 4 hour period, which includes travel time. This means the non-boater can direct the boater

to go to their spot and they may operate the trolling motor, it does not give the non-boater permission to operate the gas motor.

8. Weigh-in will be done by the tournament committee.