

Haliburton Highlands Bass Club

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2020 Rules, Format and Guidelines

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SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

- a) Individual membership \$20.00 each or FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$30.00 payable on or before June 15th
- b) Current OFAH membership **mandatory** for all members.

SECTION 2: PAYMENT / TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- ✓ **\$140.00** entry Per Team Per Tournament. Cash morning of event please
- ✓ Entry fee breakdown:
 - \$100.00 payback
 - \$10.00 Community Support
 - \$20.00 BIG FISH
 - \$5.00 Angler/Team of the Year
 - \$5.00 Classic
- ✓ Payment in full is required before being allowed to compete unless unusual circumstances (e.g. if going to be late, call someone on club contact list to notify).
- ✓ **Limit of 20 entries per event**

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SECTION 3: COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Both Anglers must possess a sport fishing license or equivalent as may be required by current legislation or law. Proof of exemption must be available if requested).
2. Both Anglers must be paid up current members of HHBC.
3. All members are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy towards others, safety, conservation and obey all laws during club activities. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates the club rules, or violates the provincial fishing laws or lake rules may be disqualified.
4. Club members who violate posted 10K zone rules will be subject to a 5 lb. penalty. Member(s) who observe the violation should contact the Tournament Director or other executive member as soon as possible to report the violation.
5. Club members cited by law enforcement officers for violation of fishing or boating regulations may be disqualified
6. All competitors must help out any competitor that is broken down and unable to make it back to the weigh-in area. No penalty for good sportsmanship.
7. Members may compete singly or as a team of 2 anglers.
8. Members who wish to fish either as a boater or non boater but do not have a partner should ensure all members are aware that they are seeking a partner for the event well in advance by posting on club website or by texting. Every effort will be made to ensure all who want to fish have the opportunity

SECTION 4: TOURNAMENT RULES

1. No live bait.
2. Fish must be at least 12" tip to tip. (mouth closed, tail squeezed)
3. .5 lb penalty for each short fish and fish will be disqualified
4. Five (5) fish limit.
5. Culling Tags: **Clip style non-piercing tags MANDATORY as of 2019.**
6. The use or consumption of alcohol and/or illegal substances during an event will not be tolerated and will result in immediate event disqualification and possible lifetime ban from all HHBC events.
7. Boat must be equipped with working live wells that may be inspected before blast-off at each event.
8. Boat must be equipped with a working kill switch (if the motor is so equipped) that may be inspected before blast-off at each event.
9. All boats must carry minimum \$1,000,000 liability insurance. Must provide proof upon request.
10. An approved life jacket or inflatable life jacket must be worn under main power
11. Teams consist of a maximum of two people per boat.
12. Boundaries are any water accessible by boat, except where legally marked as "no trespassing"

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13. Prefishing:

- a. **NEW FOR 2020:** Prefishing is permitted until sunset the day prior to an event
14. All federal and provincial fishing, boating and criminal laws must be obeyed at all times.
15. Traditional anchoring and/or power assist anchoring devices are permitted.
16. **Only navigable waters are accessible during tournaments**
 - a. Waters are not considered navigable if team members must exit their boat to push their vessel, or to gain buoyancy.
 - b. Teams must stay in their boats to access all water
17. Paint Lake is off Limits for Lake of Bays Tournaments

SECTION 5: REGISTRATION AND BLAST OFF

REGISTRATION: Opens 6:00am and Closes 6:45am

1. Random Boat check between 6:30 and 6:45a.m may be conducted
2. **BLAST OFF**
 - a. **Opening weekend to AUGUST 31 INCLUSIVE: 7AM TO 3PM**
 - b. September 1st to season end: 8AM TO 4PM
3. **FOG RULE:** DELAY START UNTIL FOG LIFTS SUFFICIENTLY TO ENSURE SAFE LAUNCH. DELAY WILL BE IN 15 MINUTE INCREMENTS WITH TIME ADDED TO END OF THE DAY UP TO 5PM eg. 7:45 am start = 3:45 weigh in
4. **At time of morning check in your start position will be determined by random draw**
5. **The team drawing the last start position will assume control of Blast off sending boats off one at a time**
6. **Blast off will be in order and be under control of the blast off team assigned. No team shall blast off before given the signal from the Marshall**

SECTION 6: WEIGH IN PROCESS

LATE FOR WEIGH IN:

Weigh-in: 3.00pm unless alternate time announced prior to blast off.

- All boats must be within 100-200 yards of the weigh in site and off plane or in line to pass by finish marker (if used)
- No angling permitted once past the marker or off plane.
- Late weigh in: **1 pound per minute.**

EMERGENCY WEIGH SHEETS

Because there will not be anyone on shore to weigh in fish during the day, fish that are caught during the tournament that a team wishes to weigh and release prior to the end of the tournament will be required to approach another competitor and request that team to record the weight of the fish on the other teams scale. The fish may then be released. The weight as recorded will be accepted as part of that teams overall weight.

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WEIGH IN PROCESS

Under the control of the Weigh Master

1. Fish regurgitation from livewell will not be permitted to be added to weight. Regurgitation that occurs in the weigh in basket is permitted.
2. ONLY the 2 part SHIMANO weigh bags will be used. Members are NOT permitted to use personal bags
3. The penalty for retaining more than the event limit (5) **when RUNNING MAIN ENGINE OR** you are weighing-in is:
4. The Tournament Director will direct the Weigh In Master to deduct one pound from the team's total weight.

SECTION 7: DEAD FISH RULES

1. 0.5 pound deduction penalty for **each** dead fish **weighed in**
2. Dead fish may be "Big Fish" (if a "Big Fish" is dead, the penalty already applied for a dead fish would be deducted directly from the "Big Fish" and if remains "Big Fish" it will stand as "Big Fish").
3. Dead fish will be determined at the scale by the Weigh Master and confirmed by at least 2 members of other teams
4. It is required that people will try and revive any questionable fish after they have been released if necessary.
5. Culling of a dead fish will be allowed provided that the competitors keep the dead fish in a bag, elsewhere in their boat, during the tournament. When anglers check-in, they must notify the tournament director of the dead fish. Other provisions for dead fish weigh in eligibility remain the same.
6. Any Dead fish must be kept by the anglers.
7. In the interest of time for all competitors and the health of other fish waiting to be weighed there are no provisions for someone to spend time to revive a fish after it has been called dead

SECTION 8: TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

1. **Tournament Director** – Has official time at all events, has final say on dangerous conditions, Has final say on off limit areas and shall be available at all events to receive a protest from members.
2. In his/her absence, the President may serve as Tournament Director
3. The Tournament Director has the ability to solicit input and consensus from Executive members present regarding any issue arising at an event and make a decision based on those discussions.
4. A majority vote by secret ballot will be held by paid up club members with regards to any rules infractions that may result in a member/team ban.
5. Dates and Venues are subject to change.
6. Rules may be altered and special event provisions may be required according to the club prior to an event.
7. All rule changes or special provisions will be announced prior to Blast Off.

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SECTION 9: WEEKEND WARRIOR CLASSIC

CLASSIC FORMAT FOR 2020

- **QUALIFYING:** ONLY Anglers who have competed in 4 of the 6 regular season events in 2020 will be eligible to fish the Classic.
- Anglers who qualify individually may fish alone or with any other qualified angler; BUT must fish the Classic (both days) with the same partner if fishing as a team.
- Prefishing remains the same as regular season.

- **ENTRY FEE FOR CLASSIC ONLY: \$250.00**
 - BIG FISH: \$40.00
 - PAYBACK \$210.00
- **PAYBACK:**
 - 1ST PLACE: 45% OF NET CLASSIC ENTRY FEES PLUS CLASSIC \$\$ COLLECTED DURING THE SEASON
 - 2ND PLACE: 30% OF NET CLASSIC ENTRY FEES
 - 3RD PLACE: 25% OF NET CLASSIC ENTRY FEES
 - 4TH PLACE: \$250.00
 - 5TH PLACE: \$250.00
 - 6TH PLACE: \$200.00
 - 7TH PLACE: \$200.00
- **BIG FISH:** 50% OF BIG FISH PORTION OF ENTRY FEE AWARDED TO TEAM WEIGHING IN LARGEST FISH EACH DAY.

FOR EXAMPLE PURPOSES ONLY!

- 18 teams eligible to fish 18 teams x \$250.00 = \$4,500.00
- Deduct: Big Fish Pool \$720.00 (18 x \$40)
- Deduct: \$250 for both 4th and 5th place (fixed amount)
- Deduct: \$200 for both 6th and 7th place (fixed amount)

- Money to be awarded: BIG FISH \$360.00 EACH DAY
- PAYBACK:
- 1ST PLACE: (45%) \$1,300.00 PLUS \$\$ COLLECTED DURING SEASON
- 2ND PLACE: (30%) \$860.00
- 3RD PLACE: (25%) \$720.00
- 4TH PLACE: \$250.00
- 5TH PLACE: \$250.00
- 6TH PLACE: \$200.00
- 7TH PLACE: \$200.00
- TOTAL: \$3,780.00

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SECTION 10: 2020 ANGLER/TEAM OF THE YEAR POINTS

1. The Angler/Team of the Year will be won by the angler or team (must fish with same partner in all 5 events being used to be Team of Year), with the **fewest points**, using their 5 best finishes.
2. **The Classic event counts as one single event**
3. A perfect score therefore, will be 5 points. (best 5 events)
4. In the event of a tie at the end of the season, then total weight of the 5 events used will determine a winner.
5. \$5 of each entry fee will be used to provide an offsetting dollar credit to be used by the winning angler or team towards their entry fees for the 2018 season.
6. There is NO cash value associated with the Angler/Team of the Year. If the angler or team decides not to participate the following year, then the membership will decide what is to be done with the funds.

FINISH	POINTS	FINISH	POINTS
1	1	11	11
2	2	12	12
3	3	13	13
4	4	14	14
5	5	15	15
6	6	16	16
7	7	17	17
8	8	18	18
9	9	19	19
10	10	20	20

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SECTION 11: CLUB ETIQUETTE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Remember We are All Ambassadors of Our Club and Our Sport.

Be courteous: Treat others you encounter during the day as you would like to be treated.

Compromise: In the event that two or more competitors arrive to a location at the same time, it might be beneficial to compromise. Communicate with each other and set expectations up front. This can assist in ensuring that all anglers involved have a positive outing.

Morning Launch When you get to the ramp area, don't get in launch line until you have completed the following:

- Undo the straps
- Load your lunch, tackle, etc

Clear the launch area quickly (this goes for both the tow vehicle and the boat) **NOT THE PLACE TO DISCUSS THE DAY WITH OTHER ANGLERS!**

Dock or Swim raft Fishing If family's are out swimming and enjoying their dock, move around and go to the next dock to fish. Tournament day is NOT the day to learn how to skip under a dock or pitch close to boats or rafts.

If people are enjoying their dock or beach area, and you really feel the need to fish that particular dock, common courtesy is to engage the people and base your decision on whether to fish or move on by the response you get from them.

No wake Zones, close to shore, and other people enjoying the lake

No wake zones are to be recognized and adhered to, whether they are "legal" or placed by associations. Give a wide berth to other users of the water if possible. Approach shorelines carefully, and idle away before taking off.

It's not the Daytona 500

There's nothing wrong with lifting the bow and opening up when the conditions are safe. But on a busy weekend when the lake is full of recreational boaters, just kick it down a notch. The bass will be there when you get there.

If you're concerned about violating tournament etiquette? You can test the situation, before you act. How? Simply ask yourself: Would I like for that to be done to me? You'll have your answer.

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SECTION 12: BOAT AND TRAILER CARE

The club **endorses and promotes the OFAH "CLEAN, DRAIN, AND DRY" PROGRAM**

You are encouraged to 'clean, drain and dry' your boat and equipment to help reduce the spread of invasive plants and organisms to Ontario waters

Clean

- Clean and inspect boat, trailer and gear
- Remove all plants and mud at the access area or dock
- Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat away from storm drains, ditches or waterways

Drain

On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from:

- Bait buckets (**must be drained minimum 30 meters from any waterbody**)
- Bilges
- Internal compartments
- Livewells, etc
- Pull drain plug

Dry

- Dry your boat and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water

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SECTION 13: 2020 SCHEDULE

TO BE DETERMINED

2020 REGULAR SEASON PAYOUT SCHEDULE

ENTRIES	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL PAYBACK	BIG FISH	COMMUNITY SUPPORT
3	\$ 150.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00
4	\$ 200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 80.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 40.00
5	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 500.00	100.00	\$ 50.00
6	\$ 300.00	180.00	\$ 120.00			\$ 600.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
7	\$ 350.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 140.00			\$ 700.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 70.00
8	\$ 400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 160.00			\$ 800.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 80.00
9	\$ 410.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 90.00		\$ 900.00	180.00	\$ 90.00
10	\$ 420.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 190.00	100.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
11	\$ 450.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 200.00	110.00		1,100.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 110.00
12	\$ 470.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 260.00	120.00		1,200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 120.00
13	480.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 260.00	120.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00
14	\$ 490.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 280.00	140.00	140.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 140.00
15	\$ 520.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 300.00	150.00	150.00	1,500.00	300.00	\$ 150.00
16	\$ 560.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 320.00	160.00	160.00	1,600.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 160.00
17	\$ 595.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 340.00	170.00	170.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 170.00
18	\$ 630.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 360.00	180.00	180.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 180.00
19	\$ 665.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 380.00	190.00	190.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 190.00
20	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	200.00	200.00	2,000.00	400.00	\$ 200.00