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The Kerman Bass Club was formed to promote family fun in bass fishing. Through Club sponsored fishing events, the organization seeks to inform and educate its members, family and guests on fishing enjoyment and wildlife conservation.

I. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Limited to **49 members**.
- B. Guests are welcomed and encouraged to seek membership.
- C. New members selected by vote of current members attending regular meeting.
- D. Club Fees: Collected annually, due at December meeting or before fishing the first tournament.
 1. **\$60.00 Club dues**, includes insurance payment.
 2. Insurance based on amount of premium equally shared by active members.
- E. Failure to pay Club Fees by January 1 may result in termination of Club membership.
- F. Members may either have a boat or ride with an eligible boater and share expenses.
- G. Check website at Kermanbassclub.com for meeting and tournament dates.
- H. Annual attendance requirements:
 1. Each member shall attend a minimum of 5 Club meetings and/or compete in a minimum of 5 Club tournaments.
 2. Participation in a special event will count as 1 Club meeting and for attendance purposes.
 3. Failure to meet the minimum attendance requirements will result in the member's ineligibility to compete in the Annual Awards or the Fish-Off.

II. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Nominated by Club members present at the November meeting.
- B. Selected by vote of Club members present at the December meeting.
- C. New officers seated at the January meeting.
- D. Mid-year vacancies filled by appointment of the President.
- E. Officer positions shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, and Assistant Tournament Director.

III. MEETINGS

- A. Time: 7:00 p.m.
- B. Location: Round Table Pizza, Kerman, CA.
- C. Date: Monday preceding scheduled tournament. Exception on holidays, (check website).
- D. Purpose of meetings:
 1. Collect tournament fees and dues.
 2. Pay at meeting or give payment to tournament director before launch.
 3. Discuss fishing at the location of upcoming tournament.
 - a. Determine launch site.
 - b. Determine weigh-in time and location.
 4. Select blast-off time and draw for position.
 5. Introduction of potential members and guests.
 6. Award payouts for previous tournament. The winners from the previous tournament will share their fishing experiences.
 7. Plan for upcoming events and topics of general interest to the Club.

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8. Raffle drawing for prizes.

IV. TOURNAMENTS

- A. Individual Entry Fee: \$40.00. (includes big bass)
- B. Team Entry Fee: \$80: (includes big bass)
 1. \$31.00 goes to tournament prize awards.
 2. \$3.00 goes to fish off payout.
 3. \$3.00 goes to pay special event fees, club operating expenses and annual awards.
 4. \$3.00 goes to Biggest Bass.
 5. Tournament Prize Award Payout: 1 in 4.
- C. Tournament Points System: Accumulated annual points to determine the qualifying Fish-Off and Angler of the Year award.
 1. Points earned based on placement in Club tournaments.
 - a. First Place: 50 points.
 - b. Second Place through last place, weighing in fish, shall receive progressively lower points in one point increments.
 - c. Weighing in no fish: 10 points.
 2. Attendance at Club meeting: 3 point.
 3. Participation at special event: 5 points.
- D. Drawing for Blast-Off Position
 1. Only one draw per boater.
 2. Members not attending meeting may be included in drawing for blast-off position if they pay their entry fee prior to or at meeting.
 3. Last position calls blast-off order at tournament.
 - a. Last name drawn at meeting or last non-drawing participant arriving at launch ramp.

V. TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Blast-off time and location, as determined by vote of members at the meeting, will be at safe light and under safe boating conditions as determined by the tournament director. The Tournament Director may also delay or cancel the start of a tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors.
2. Weigh-in time will be at 3:00, and location will be determined by vote of members at the meeting and held in compliance with lake rules and regulations.
3. Life vests are required for each person on the boat. They must be worn at blast-off, whenever boat is on plane, and when coming in to weigh-in. During the tournament life jackets are not stowed and shall remain within reach at all times.
4. Driver must have an operational kill switch attached when boat is on plane.
5. Live wells shall be empty and may be checked by a Club officer prior to blast-off upon request.
6. Bass must measure a minimum length of 13" on a flat measuring board. Weighing in a short fish will not count towards total weight and result in a one pound deduction from total weight.
7. Fish will be measured in the following manner:
 - a. Mouth open with lower lip touching end of board at 45' angle.
 - b. Swing tail of fish and touch or cross 13" line.
 - c. Tournament director's decision on short fish is final.

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8. Presentation of more than allowed limit of fish at weigh-in will result in disqualification.
 - a. Once fish have been presented to weigh master at scales, no returning to boat until fish have been weighed.
9. Boat must be on lake within one hour after blast-off to qualify for weigh-in. Any late starter must check in with any Club member prior to fishing.
10. No fishing prior to blast-off. No culling of fish inside the host launch/weigh-in 5 mph markers.
11. All live fish caught during a tournament are to be released after weigh-in. Each member is responsible for the care and health of his catch up until release.
12. A progressive weight deduction shall be subtracted from total weight for dead fish presented at weigh-in, as follows:
 - a. One dead fish - 0.20 pound deduction.
 - b. Two dead fish - 0.40 pound deduction.
 - c. Three dead fish - 0.80 pound deduction.
 - d. Four dead fish – 1.60 pound deduction.
 - e. Five dead fish – 3.20 pound deduction.
13. Arriving late to weigh-in will result in a 1.00 pound per minute deduction from total weight. More than 5 minutes late will result in disqualification.
14. No live or cut bait. Artificial lures and cured bait (pork) only.
15. No fishing within 100 feet of the host launch, host weigh-in area or any fueling station.
16. No fishing within 50 feet of other tournament boats without permission of other boats.
17. All fish shall be caught and landed from boat.
18. Damage of any nature to a contestant's equipment, tackle or boat during a tournament is the responsibility of the individual.
19. Fishing partners shall mutually agree prior to tournament on a basis for sharing expenses of operating and maintaining the boat. It is suggested that the non-boater should assume one-half or more of the cost of fuel, oil and launch fees for the tournament.
20. Boats may be taken out of the water prior to weigh-in, but anglers should remain in the vicinity of their boat in the weigh-in area.
21. Membership allows family members under 18 to fish along with Club members. A guest may fish only one tournament per year (must get permission from officers at meeting). A guest must fish on a Club member's boat. During team tournaments you must fish with a Club member or immediate family (Son, Daughter or Grandchildren). Tournament fees are the same for members and their guests.
22. Family members not paying membership fees and guests are not eligible for annual awards (Including Fish off). Record of points awarded to family members and guests will be kept in the event that they become members of the Club at a later date.
23. All boats must have a functional aerated or recirculating live well.
24. Protests against any tournament contestant, not complying with the Club By-Laws or tournament rules, should be brought to the attention of a Club officer and/or the tournament director prior to the conclusion of weigh-in.
25. Any member who displays activity or conduct that is deemed non conducive to the betterment of the Club may be removed from the Club by a majority vote of the Officers Committee.
26. Contestants will follow the rules of the particular body of water on which the tournament

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is held, along with the rules and regulations of the California Department of Fish and Game, and the United States Coast Guard.

27. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the boat during the tournament prior to weigh-in. Use of illicit drugs are forbidden. Violation of this will result in disqualification and membership revoked.
28. Tournament lakes may be changed by Officers decision due to unforeseeable circumstances. Tournament dates may only be changed by majority agreement of all members present at a regularly scheduled Club meeting.
29. The Club will fish 10 tournaments per year, from January through December, 5 of which will be team and 5 will be individual. Total points score will determine the final standing for the annual awards and Fish Off qualifications.
30. Failure to abide by these rules may result in disqualification from the tournament.

VI. ANNUAL AWARDS

- A. Based on the total points of the best 10 tournaments accumulated January through December:
 1. First Place - Angler of the Year - \$150.00 + plaque and name on perpetual trophy.
(In the event of a tie, biggest fish on record for the year will decide winner.)
- B. Fish-Off: If Club membership is between 20 and 30 members the members with the 10 highest total points accumulated January through December will be invited to participate in Fish-Off. If between 31 and 34 members 11 will be invited to attend, 35-40 12 members will be invited.
 1. Participants must meet minimum attendance requirements.
 2. Location will be determined by vote of the fish off qualifiers at the Club meeting following the December tournament.
 3. Date of the Fish-Off will be the 3rd Saturday in February.
 4. Only the members who make the fish-off are allowed to participate in the fish-off, if any of participants cannot attend, no substitutions will be allowed.
 5. Payout issued to top three places. (1st place plaque)
- C. Wild Card Entry To Fish-Off
 - a. Any member who has fished all 10 tournaments, but fails to qualify for the Fish-Off is invited to participate.

VII. ALL RULES WILL BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED BY THE OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE KERMAN BASS CLUB.