

V.B.C 2022 REGULAR SEASON

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Participants: Teams shall consist of any two eligible or single participants. Each participant must have a valid Florida fishing license. **Freshwater Guides and "Pros" are NOT eligible to compete, at clubs discretion!**

Membership: Membership fee is \$30.00 per year per angler (ONCE yearly.) Used for trophies/ advertising/ etc. and remainder of balance is allocated toward classic fund pot.

Late Membership: For the 2022 season, all teams that join after February 7th will be subject to an automatic \$400 entry withholding. This \$400 is to be paid up front, and will be utilized towards that teams next consecutive (4x) tourney entries. If the team does NOT have the \$400 on hand in advance, and the club considers them eligible to fish, and should they place in the money on their first tourney the \$400 will be subtracted from their earnings automatically and immediately utilized toward the next consecutive (4x) tourney entries for that team. This is an effort to keep "One lake wonders" from poaching the club.

Entry Fees: Regular season entry fees are \$100.00 per team per tournament (includes big bass). Registration is open morning of each event, prior to launch! So arrive early!

Scoring/ Bag Limit: Tournaments will be on a total weight system. Limit will be five (5) largemouth bass per team. Anyone bringing in more than five (5) fish will be disqualified.

Dead Fish: 4oz deduction off final weight for EACH dead fish weighed in.

No Live Bait: Only artificial lures can be used!

Payouts: There will be five (5) payouts - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Lunker and Mystery drawing. Side pot for trash fish is optional and winner take all. **Entry fees are paid out in full 100% each tournament directly after weigh in (see payout chart on following pages.)**

Lunker: Starting in 2022, the "Lunker" must be weighed in ALIVE to be eligible for lunker prize amount.

Team Angler of the year: The team with the highest regular season points total will be named team angler of the year. If there is a tie for team angler of the year, the tie will be broken by flip of a coin. Team "A.O.Y." gets free entry into the end of the year Classic event as well as "A.O.Y." trophy.

Alternates: You may substitute your partner for an alternate angler if needed. The cost for the alternate angler would be \$15 per tournament (2 max). After two tournaments, the alternate shall be considered a paid member. **Classic alternate MUST have fished (2) regular season events.**

Live Well Inspection: Live well check done prior to kick off.

Life Preserver: During tournament hours, participants must wear life jackets zipped up and secured while combustion engine is running and in gear.

Kickoff: Safe light. Determined by tournament director after short captains meeting.

Weigh-In Time: 3:00 p.m. for regular season. Exception is JUNE/JULY/AUGUST @ 2:00 p.m.

Ties: Ties will be broken by flip of coin.

Trolling: Trolling with the combustion engine is not allowed.

Rods: No limit on the number of rods on deck, maximum of one (1) rod in use by Angler.

Wading: No wading allowed. All casts must be made from vessel. You may exit vessel to retrieve already hooked fish, i.e) stuck on a dock.

Short Fish Penalty: ****THE FOLLOWING ONLY APPLIES IF FWC EXEMPTIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE**:** All fish brought to weigh-in must be 12 inch minimum (with mouth closed and tail in any position). A short fish will result in a loss of the short fish weight as well as the loss of the largest fish weight. Measuring board will be the Golden Rule.

Culling: No culling at the boat ramp. No culling dead fish.

Live Fish Release: All anglers must obey by permit rules regarding the release of their catch at each boat ramp. All ramps are different. If caught releasing fish where prohibited, a 1 pound penalty, per fish released will be subtracted from your total weight of your bag for the day.

Boat and Motor: Boats must have all required coast guard safety equipment and must have motor within rating limits. Boats must have live well built into boat or portable with type of pump or circulator to keep fish alive. Must follow all boating laws required by FWC. Any warnings and/or tickets received by any form of law enforcement will result in disqualification. All boats must have up to date registrations.

Venice Bass Club Classic: Any participant(s) that is a paid member and in good standing and has **fished at least (5) tournament will be allowed to fish the classic.** Entry Fee into the classic will be \$150.00 per team. Classic is a two-day event. Classic location will be decided later in the season by V.B.C. officer committee.

REMINDER

Classic tournament lake (s) will be off limits 30 days prior to the tournament date!

Off Limits: Teams may not fish within 50 yards of another participant without given permission. All state governments and lake rules apply.

Cheating: Anyone caught cheating in any Venice Bass Club tournaments will be banned from fishing in any more Venice Bass Club tournaments; PERIOD!

Protest: All protests must be brought to the tournament committee before weigh-in in writing with a \$50 fee. If you win your protest, the \$50 will be refunded to you. If you lose, the \$50 goes to the club.

Sportsmanship: All participants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship and ethics.

Refusal of Membership: We reserve the right to refuse membership or entry into any Venice Bass Club events. We also reserve the right to remove any membership from the Venice Bass Club. Venice Bass Club also reserves the right to deny any person to fish a tournament for any reason deemed appropriate by the club. A majority vote by the members present shall be taken.

2022 Officer Contacts

President: Terrance "T.K." Reeves (813)-546-9564

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REGULAR SEASON TOURNEY PAYOUT SCALE

# OF BOATS	ENTRY FEE/ TEAM	TOTAL PRIZE \$\$ AVAILABLE	LUNKER	MYSTERY	1 st PLACE	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
8	\$ 100.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 186.00	\$ 124.00
9	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 213.00	\$ 142.00
10	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 160.00
11	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 178.00
12	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 490.00	\$ 294.00	\$ 196.00
13	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 321.00	\$ 214.00
14	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 348.00	\$ 232.00
15	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 250.00
16	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 402.00	\$ 268.00
17	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 429.00	\$ 286.00
18	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 456.00	\$ 304.00
19	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 805.00	\$ 483.00	\$ 322.00
20	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 340.00
21	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 895.00	\$ 537.00	\$ 358.00
22	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 940.00	\$ 564.00	\$ 376.00
23	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 985.00	\$ 591.00	\$ 394.00
24	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 618.00	\$ 412.00
25	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 430.00
26	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 448.00
27	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 699.00	\$ 466.00
28	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 726.00	\$ 484.00
29	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,255.00	\$ 753.00	\$ 502.00
30	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 520.00
31	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,345.00	\$ 807.00	\$ 538.00
32	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 834.00	\$ 556.00
33	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 861.00	\$ 574.00
34	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 888.00	\$ 592.00
35	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 915.00	\$ 610.00

(EXAMPLE)

**SEASON POINT CALCULATIONS
FOR A.O.Y.**

TOTAL WEIGHT	PLACE	POINTS
22.50	1	100
19.80	2	98
18.42	3	96
17.50	4	94
14.55	5	92
12.45	6	90
9.74	7	88
9.74	7	88
4.20	9	84
3.69	10	82
1.27	11	80
0.00	12	78
0.00	12	78
0.00	12	78
0.00	12	78