

# **BASS Electric Rules**

## **Pre Entry Requirements**

- All anglers participating in BASS Electric events must be current, financial members of ABT.
- All BASS Electric rule enquiries can be directed to ABT on (07)3387 0888 b/h. Event enquiries can be directed to the Tournament Directors as listed in the calendar.
- BASS Electric events presently have no cap on numbers of participants. Competitors can enter on the day for a \$20 fee (GST inc).
- BASS Electric events are open to all competitors, but those under 16 years of age must have consent from their parents and be under the control of a Guardian on-site.
- The number of competitors fishing from a boat must not exceed the craft's safety requirements. During competition hours the craft must be not be propelled with a combustion engine.
- The craft must have adequate facilities to keep bass alive. Livewells must be at least 60 litres capacity, have a functioning aeration or recirculation system and be insulated if above deck. (no keeper nets).

## **Fishing Times**

- On the Tournament day, anglers are only to fish during the start to finish time. Anglers may not "practice fish" on the tournament day.
- Anglers can register from 5.30am on the competition day. Drop in, fix up your entry fees and enter.
- Competitors start at the allocated time, and after being checked for safety gear (lifejacket) and an empty, functioning livewell or fish holding system and receiving their key tag are then allowed six (6) hours to catch your bass and return your key tag to the Finish area (which was the Start area in the morning), where your bass will be weighed and released.
- Results will be posted on the scrolling scoreboard after recording, according to total weight.
- Final presentations will be as soon as possible after the final angler's fish are weighed and the final results are posted. Typically, this will be around 30 minutes after finish of fishing.

## **Fishing Rules**

- Anglers must fish within the current Freshwater Fisheries guidelines, and be in possession of the permits or licences demanded by the waterway in the state being fished.
- If it is deemed by the waterway that no combustion motors are to be allowed on the impoundment, then you will not be allowed to start if there is one attached to your boat.

- Anglers may fish any line class with spin, baitcast, spincast or fly-fishing tackle.
- Lure and fly CASTING only is permitted. Trolling is not permitted (see BASS Pro rules for definitions).
- Fishing is NOT permitted any defined non-boating or non-fishing areas.
- Only Australian bass are eligible for points.
- Fish must be caught during the designated times and kept alive in a functioning livewell.
- No more than two bass per angler are allowed to be kept at any one time. If you already have two fish and catch another, immediately release a fish.
- In accordance with angling etiquette, boats should remain a cast apart (30metres) while fishing.
- Any complaints regarding a breach of the rules must be addressed to the on-site Tournament Director within 24hrs of specific incidents. Penalties for rule and conduct violations may include the following:
  - i. Disqualification of catch for the day
  - ii. Disqualification from the tournament
  - iii. Disqualification from future ABT events
- Any concerns regarding clarification of rules can be discussed with ABT officials BEFORE the start of the tournament.

### **Code of Conduct**

During fishing sessions, no mobile phones or radios should be used, except in an emergency or to communicate with ABT staff.

- Non-boaters should bring their own PFD to tournaments.
- Boats should remain a cast apart (30metres) while fishing.
- ABT sportsmanship would dictate that care of fellow competitors is of utmost importance. If an angler or boat is in distress it is expected that other competitors will assist. Remember that safety is more important than your day's catch.
- ABT will encourage Fisheries and Boating Officers to attend all ABT tournaments to police safety regulations, registration, relevant boating legislation as well as alcohol and drug laws.
- Anglers are not to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while competing. Legally required blood alcohol levels must be adhered to, and ABT reserves the right to request a blood alcohol test prior to the start of competition.
- It is expected that Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming a professional sportsperson. Behaviour that will reflect unfavourably on ABT, its members, representatives and sponsors will subject the angler's catch to penalty or disqualification.

### **Points Scoring**

- Each angler may bring in two bass to the weigh-in. Place these in the weigh bag and present to the weighmaster.

- Fish smaller than the 300mm to the fork of the tail are ineligible for weigh-in.
- Dead fish, or those unable to swim away from the release point (as deemed by the Tournament Director) will not be weighed.
- Boats that do not have their key tags on the board by the allotted finish time will be penalised at the rate of 50 grams per minute per angler. If a boat returns later than 15 minutes after weigh in time anglers will be penalized 750 grams and all fish caught will not be weighed.
- Boats can weigh-in earlier than the allotted time, however, that's all the angler/s in that craft can fish for the tournament.
- Ties will be settled by countback. The angler with the largest and subsequent largest fish etc will gain the higher place. If anglers cannot be split, they will share the placing.
- The top five anglers from each event will receive badges and prize packs.
- Any late penalties will be deducted from Big Bass prize calculations as well as the overall bag.

### **BASS Electric Convention**

The five top placed anglers from each BASS Electric event will receive an invitation to the Motorguide BASS Electric Convention. This event has its own rules and entry fees and will be the highlight of the BASS Electric season.