

## Qualifying for the Tournament of Champions

1. To participate in the competition to qualify for the Tournament of Champions (TOC), you must be an Active paid member of the Sonoma County Belly Boat Bass Club (SCBBBC). Dues are \$60.00. Dues for anglers under the age of 16 are \$50.00. You must also be a paid Active member of the Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society (BASS) to qualify for membership in the SCBBBC.

2. Participants in tournaments will accumulate points as follows:

A. The winner of each Tournament, as determined by the highest weight of bass brought to weigh-in, will be awarded 50 points. The second place finisher will earn 49 points, the third place finisher 48 points, and so on until all those weighing-in legal-sized bass have earned points.

B. All those who participated in the Tournament and who have not weighed-in legal size bass will earn the same number of points earned by the participant weighing in the least amount of weight for the day, less 10 points.

C. Point standings for a given Tournament will be determined irrespective of Active membership in the SCBBBC.

D. Participants in Team tournaments will also earn points following the same pattern as outlined above for individual Tournaments. However, both members of the 1st place team will earn 50 points, both members of the 2nd place team will earn 48 points, both members of the 3rd place team will earn 46 points, and so on until all teams weighing-in legal-sized bass have earned points. Participating teams that do not weigh-in any legal-sized bass will earn the same points as the team weighing-in the least amount of weight in bass for the day, less 2 points.

E. Those who have signed up for participation in Team Tournaments but who cancel within 48 hours of the event shall be subject to a 2-point penalty.

3. A participant may fish in one Tournament and accumulate points for TOC qualification without being a member of the SCBBBC. Non-members will lose these points as if they did not fish in any Tournament if they do not join the SCBBBC by the blast-off time of the next Tournament they fish.

A. The second-half of the season is defined as all SCBBBC tournaments from July through November.

B. Total points accumulated over the entire season less 2 throw-outs will determine the top qualifiers. TOC qualifiers taken to the tournament: We take the top 1/3 points leaders after their 2 throw outs (we do not round up or down) and 1 second half point's

leader when our membership is 1-44 paid members. If we have 45 or more members in a given year we have a set number of spots available which is 14 Plus 1.

D. The second-half of the season is defined as all SCBBBC tournaments from July through November.

E. There shall be ten regular season tournaments for the 2006 season.

F. The BNT Club's Clear Lake Open & SCBBBC State Classic shall both count for points for the 2006 season.

G. If those qualifying for the TOC elect not to participate in the TOC, there will be substitute angler(s) qualified on the basis of total points earned over the entire season, until the total number of TOC participants reaches 1/3 of the Active Club Membership.

5. Participants who are disqualified from a Tournament due to violating any tournament rule\ s will earn last-place points (i.e., 2 points less than that of the participant weighing-in the least amount of weight for the day). Depending on the nature of the rules violation, participants may be subject to other penalties as determined by the club officers and/or the club members, and as outlined in the SCBBBC Bylaws.

6. Ties: Incase of a tie in the TOC the tie breaker will be the anglers overall points first, if tied in overall points we would go to total tournaments entered in the season.

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