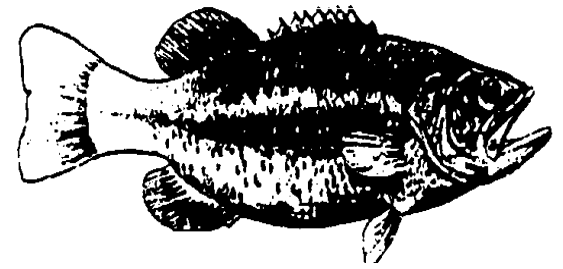


# Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos

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## Constitution and Policies

### Article I    **Name, Purpose, and Objectives**

#### **Section 1: Name of Club**

1.1.) This organization shall be called the **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos**.

#### **Section 2: Purpose of the Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos**

2.1.) To meet and discuss the various problems of fisherman.

2.2.) To help the Club's membership become more skilled in bass fishing.

#### **Section 3: Objectives of the Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos**

3.1.) To increase the enjoyment of bass fishing.

3.2.) To promote fellowship among the Club's members.

3.3.) To make bass fishing a more productive sport through conservation and sportsmanship.

3.4.) To support charitable organizations promoting the sport of fishing or aquatic activities.

3.5.) To support conservation projects that help fisheries in the area.

3.6.) To support and promote youth involvement in fishing by having a youth division in the club and by supporting other projects promoting youth involvement in fishing.

### Article II    **Provisions for Membership, Member, Dues and Tournament Fees, Eligibility, Reinstatement, Revocation of Membership**

#### **Section 1: Provisions for Membership of the Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos**

1.1.) Be introduced or have his/her name submitted at a regular meeting by a member in good standing.

1.2.) Attend one regular meeting and one tournament after which time at the next regular meeting a vote of the members present will be taken on his/her candidacy for admission to the organization.

1.3.) Receive a majority vote of the members present.

1.4.) Receipt of initial Club dues.

#### **Section 2: Member**

2.1.) Any person who has met the provisions for membership and who has paid his/her current dues is a voting member in good standing.

#### **Section 3: Dues and Tournament Fees**

3.1.) Club dues shall be \$4.00 per month.

3.1.1.) Club dues are to be paid semi-annually in December and June, and no later than March and September.

3.1.2.) Semi-annual periods are 01-01 to 06-30 and 07-01 to 12-31.

3.1.3.) A new member will be allowed to pay a pro-rated share of the remainder of the current semi-annual period.

3.1.4.) Dues may be paid at any meeting, mailed to the Club's mailbox, or paid directly to any Club officer.

**(Article II cont.)**

**3.2.)** Tournament fees shall be \$4.00 per tournament.

**3.2.1.)** Tournament Fees should be paid at the next meeting, mailed to the Club's mailbox, or paid directly to any Club officer.

**3.3.)** If a Club Member chooses to pay their Club dues and tournament fees for an entire year in advance, the total amount due the Club will be reduced by the cost of two tournament fees.

**Section 4: Eligibility**

**4.1.)** Any Club member who fails to renew his/her membership by paying the Club dues by the March or September meetings (as applicable) will be automatically dropped from the membership.

**4.2.)** No Club member is eligible for any tournament prizes awards, total weight calculations or Top-Six points until his/her semi-annual dues are paid and up-to-date.

**4.3.)** A Club member is ineligible to receive any prizes, points, or awards for a monthly tournament unless his/her tournament fees for that tournament and all preceding tournaments are paid.

**4.3.1.)** The Club Treasurer will coordinate with the Club President prior to each meeting to insure that award recipients have paid their fees.

**4.3.2.)** A member shall lose all Tournament Points earned if tournament fees lapse more than three months.

**Section 5: Reinstatement**

**5.1.)** If an ex-member wishes to rejoin the Club he/she must again comply with ALL provisions of above Sections 1,2, and 3.

**Section 6: Revocation of Club Membership**

**6.1.)** The **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos** is a social organization and membership is a privilege contingent upon compatibility with both the ideals of the Club, the ethics, and social standards of the majority of the Club members.

**6.2.)** If a Club member should for any reason bring shame upon the organization or become incompatible with most of the Club members, he/she may have his/her membership revoked in accordance with the following procedures:

**6.2.1.)** If a Club member (challenger) feels that another Club member (challengee) no longer meets the criteria noted above; the challenger will privately contact the Club President, will state his/her objections, and declare his/her intent to call for a "resignation vote" at the first meeting following notification in the newsletter that such a vote will be taken.

**6.2.2.)** The Club President will inform the challenged Club member that a resignation vote has been requested and offer the challengee an opportunity to resign.

**6.2.3.)** If the challengee does not resign, the Club President will direct the Club Secretary to notify the Club membership in the next regular newsletter.

**6.2.4.)** At the next meeting following notification, the challenger(s) will be given the opportunity to call for a vote and to state the objections to continued Club membership of the challengee.

**6.2.5.)** The challengee will be offered an opportunity to rebut the challenge.

**6.2.6.)** After both parties have spoken, a call for a vote and second may be made.

**6.2.7.)** If seconded, a secret ballot will be taken.

(Article II cont.)

6.2.8.) A 90% "NAY" vote by the present Club membership is necessary to revoke a Club member's membership.

### **Section 7: Financial**

7.1.) A budget will be presented to the club, by the president, at the beginning of the calendar year.

7.2.) The club will carry over money each year to cover the new year's expenses.

7.3.) The president or the treasurer will have the power to issue club checks.

## **Article III Officers, Eligibility, Election of Officers, Terms of Office, Duties, and Vacancies**

### **Section 1: Club Officers**

1.1.) The officers of the **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos** shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

### **Section 2: Eligibility**

2.1.) Attended at least one-half of the regular Club meetings during the past year.

2.2.) Shown an active interest in Club functions.

### **Section 3: Election of Officers**

3.1.) The Club Secretary will review attendance records, prepare a list of Club members' eligible (see Article III; Section 9) to serve as Club Officers, and publish the list in the Club's newsletter prior to the November meeting.

3.2.) At the November meeting, the eligibility list will be amended to include any Club member whose attendance at the meeting makes him/her eligible.

3.3.) Nominations will be made by the Club membership or the Club President (speaking for the all of the Club Officers) may recommend a slate of candidates.

3.4.) The Club Secretary will notify all Club members that the election will be held at the December meeting.

3.5.) The election of officers shall be by simple majority of the Club members present at the December meeting.

3.6.) The Club Officers will be elected by secret ballot.

3.6.1.) Votes on each office will be separate, in order listed in Article III; Section 1.

3.6.2.) Each vote will be preceded by an opportunity to nominate additional candidates.

### **Section 4: Term of Office**

4.1.) All elected Club Officers shall serve for a term of one-year beginning with the January meeting and lasting through the next election meeting.

### **Section 5: Duties of the President**

5.1.) The Club President shall preside over all regular meetings and functions of the Club.

5.2.) The Club President will appoint all special committees as required.

5.3.) The Club President will serve as the Club's representative at all functions.

5.4.) The Club President will submit for approval a budget for the upcoming year by the first regular meeting of the year.

5.4.1.) A two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the Club members present is necessary to approve the budget.

(Article III cont.)

### **Section 6: Duties of the Vice-President**

- 6.1.) The Club Vice-President shall, in the absence of the Club President or at the Club President's request, assume all duties of office of the Club President.
- 6.2.) If the Club President resigns, the Club Vice-President will become the Club President.
- 6.3.) The Club Vice-President shall advise and assist the Club President, all of the other Club officers, and all of the Club's committees.
- 6.4.) The Club Vice-President will be chairperson of the Program Committee.
- 6.5.) The Club Vice-President shall serve as the Monthly Tournament Judge, be responsible for the Club scales, and be in charge of the Club monthly tournament weigh-in.

### **Section 7: Duties of the Secretary**

- 7.1.) The Club Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings and attendance of all regular meetings.
- 7.2.) The Club Secretary shall handle and write correspondence for the Club when asked to do so and shall keep a file of all such correspondence.
- 7.3.) The Club Secretary shall record tournament results for point accumulation for the annual "Top-Six" / "Top-Fourteen" standings.
- 7.4.) The Club Secretary will publish and distribute a monthly newsletter.
- 7.5.) The Club Secretary will obtain the monthly and yearly plaque tags.
- 7.6.) The Club Secretary will notify all Club members who have not paid their semi-annual dues prior to the March and September meetings.
- 7.7.) Upon request by the Club Treasurer, the Club Secretary will notify the Club members that are delinquent in their tournament dues (see Article II; Section 3).

### **Section 8: Duties of the Treasurer**

- 8.1.) The Club Treasurer will receive and receipt all dues and other moneys payable to the **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos** and pay all bills incurred by the Club.
- 8.2.) The Club Treasurer shall keep on file a complete list of receipts, bills, canceled checks, and shall make such periodic financial reports as directed by the Club President.
- 8.3.) The Club Treasurer will inform the Club Secretary whenever a member's failure to pay dues or tournament fees that may result in a loss of the privilege of Club membership as described in Article II.
- 8.4.) The Club Treasurer will assist the Club President in preparation of an annual budget.

### **Section 9: Vacancies in Office**

- 9.1.) In the event an office becomes vacant, the Club Secretary shall notify the Club members at least five days prior to the next regular meeting that nomination and that an election to fill the unexpired term will be held at the meeting.
- 9.2.) In the event the office of Club Secretary becomes vacant, the Club President shall appoint a Club member to send notification.

## **Article IV: Amending the Constitution and/or Policies of the Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos**

### **Section 1: Amending the Constitution and/or Policies**

- 1.1.) The Constitution and/or Policies of the **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos** may only be amended once per year.
- 1.2.) The constitution can not be altered except by amendment.
- 1.3.) The policies of the **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos** can be temporally suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Club members present at any monthly meeting.

### **Section 2: Proposed Amendment Procedures**

- 2.1.) Club members wishing to amend the constitution or policies must present to the Club President before the July regular meeting a written amendment which clearly states the proposed change in the form of a motion.
- 2.2.) At the July meeting the Club President will read the proposed amendment and call for a second from the membership. If seconded, the membership will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed amendment.
- 2.3.) A majority vote by the membership present at the July meeting will decide whether or not the amendment shall be "considered".
- 2.4.) The "considered" amendment(s) which are carried during the July meeting will be published in the following month's Club newsletter so that all members become aware of the proposed changes.
- 2.5.) During the August meeting a final vote will be taken on the proposed changes as written in the Club's published newsletter and at this time no discussion will be heard.
- 2.6.) Passage of the proposed amendment will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present during the August meeting.
- 2.7.) The proposed amendments, which are passed, will take effect immediately, unless otherwise stated in the amendment.
- 2.8.) The Club Secretary will publish the "revised" constitution as soon as possible following the August meeting.

# POLICIES of the Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos

1.) All charges for printing and mailing Club notices, announcements, program expenses, transportation cost of out-of-town guest speakers, rental of films, web site fee, calls or charges for other equipment necessary for Club programs, etc., will be paid out of the Club's Treasury.

2.) All Club Members are encouraged to wear the Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos emblem during any club-sanctioned tournaments and at any official Club function.

3.) The Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos will, at all times, support the Texas B.A.S.S. Federation and the Texas Association of Bass Clubs (T.A.B.C.).

4.) The Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos will field two State Tournament teams per year.

4.1.) Persons on the first Top-Six team will be known as "Top Six Fisherman".

4.1.1.) The "Top Six" (Team BASS) will be selected first and fish the B.A.S.S. State Tournament.

4.1.2.) Team B.A.S.S. will be comprised of the highest point finishers of the previous year's top points which are members of B.A.S.S. and that **choose** to fish the State B.A.S. S. Tournament.

4.2.) Persons on the top-fourteen team will be known as "Top-Fourteen Fisherman".

4.2.1.) The "Top-Fourteen" (Team T.A.B.C.) will be selected second and fish the T.A.B.C State Tournament.

4.2.2.) Team T.A.B.C. will be comprised of the highest point finishers of the previous year's top points which are members of T.A.B.C., that are not members of the Team B.A.S.S., and that **choose** to fish the T.A.B.C. State Tournament.

4.3.) Award tags will be presented to each Club Member of the "Top-Six" and the "Top-Fourteen" teams.

4.4.) **The Club's treasury will pay ALL Tournament Entry Fees** for Team B.A.S.S. and Team T.A.B.C.

4.4.1.) All of the remaining funds from the previous year in the Club's treasury will be divided among the two teams.

4.4.1.1.) Team B.A.S.S. will receive two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining Club treasury funds.

4.4.1.2.) Team T.A.B.C. will receive one-third (1/3) of the remaining Club treasury funds.

4.4.1.3.) All moneys allotted will go to the Club members who actually fish either the B.A.S.S. or T.A.B.C. tournaments.

4.5.) A Club Member must join the affiliated organizations (Article IV; Sections 1 and 3) by the December meeting in order to qualify for the next years "Top-Six/Top-Fourteen" teams.

4.5.1.) An exemption to this rule would be for new Club Members who join the Club after the December meeting. These persons will be given the opportunity to join the affiliated organizations at the time they are voted into the Club.

5.) The Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos shall use the following **Point System** to determine the "Top-Six" Team and "Top-Fourteen" Team placement of it's Club Members:

5.1.) The "Top-Six" / "Top Fourteen" point accumulation process begins in January and ends in December of each year.

5.2.) **TOTAL "TOP-SIX" / "TOP-FOURTEEN" POINTS** is determined by adding the following:

5.2.1.) All Regular meeting points.

5.2.2.) Points accumulated from your "BEST" eight tournaments of the possible twelve tournaments that are fished per year.

5.2.3.) All Big Bass points.

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**5.3.) MEETING POINTS**

5.3.1.) Four (4) points will be awarded per meeting attended.

5.3.2.) To receive these meeting points members must sign-in on the meeting attendance log sheet provided at each regular meeting.

5.3.2.1.) Each Club Member is responsible for signing the attendance log sheet.

5.3.2.2.) No meeting points shall be given if a Club Member fails to sign the attendance sheet.

5.3.3.) There are 12 regular meetings each year; therefore, the maximum number of attainable meeting points is 48.

5.2.4.) If a Club Member misses a regular monthly meeting due to representing the **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos** at a State, a Regional or a National B.A.S.S. Tournament or a T.A.B.C. State Tournament, that Club Member shall be awarded the meeting points for that meeting missed.

**5.4.) SANCTIONED CLUB EVENT POINTS**

5.4.1.) Four (4) points will be awarded to all Club Members that attend and participate in sanctioned Club events.

5.4.2.) Sanctioned Club Events include, but may not be limited to the following: plaque making parties, annual awards banquet, open tournament, conservation efforts, youth events, and other events where the Club has requested Member participation.

5.4.3.) The Club President will identify the sanctioned Club events for which points will be awarded for Member participation.

**5.5.) TOURNAMENT POINTS**

5.5.1.) Points will be awarded to all Club Members who compete in monthly tournaments; however, the number of points a Club Member receives is based on how well he/she places in a tournament.

5.5.2.) The following chart shows the number of points awarded for each place finished:

<b>Place</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Points</b>	100	93	87	82	78	74	71	68	65	62	60	58	56	54
<b>Place</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>28th</b>
<b>Points</b>	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39
<b>Place</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>32nd</b>	<b>33rd</b>	<b>34th</b>	<b>35th</b>	<b>36th</b>	<b>37<sup>th</sup></b>					
<b>Points</b>	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30					

5.5.3.) Places are awarded sequentially (1<sup>st</sup> through last) based on the total weight of bass a member weighs in. For example, the Club Member who weighs in the heaviest catch gets 1<sup>st</sup> place. The Club Member who weighs in the second heaviest catch gets 2<sup>nd</sup> place and so on until all Club Members who weigh fish are placed.

5.5.3.1.) The maximum number of points attainable for Club Members who attends a tournament but does not weigh-in a fish is 30 points.

5.5.3.2.) However if more than 37 Club Members weigh-in fish, then the number of points awarded will be less than 30 points to those Club Members who did not weigh-in fish.

5.5.4.) Guest(s) who fish our monthly tournaments are not awarded places but can receive points, if they are voted in as a Club Member and pay their membership dues in full at the next regular meeting for the tournament fished.

5.5.4.1) The maximum number of points a guest can receive is 30 points.

5.5.4.2) Actual points awarded will be the same amount as those awarded to Club Members who attend the tournament but weigh no fish.

**5.6.) MONTHLY TOURNAMENT BIG BASS AWARD**

5.6.1.) The "BIG BASS of the MONTHLY TOURNAMENT" shall receive 5 points.

5.6.2.) To be eligible for "BIG BASS of the MONTHLY TOURNAMENT", a bass must be caught during the regularly schedule fishing hours of the tournament.

5.6.3.) A monthly Award Plaque Tag will be given to the Club Member who catches the largest bass of the monthly tournament.

4.6.3.1.) In case of a tie duplicate award tags will be presented and points equally divided.

**5.7.) MONTHLY BIG BASS AWARD**

5.7.1.) The "BIG BASS of the MONTH" shall receive 4 points.

5.7.2.) In order to be eligible for the "BIG BASS of the MONTH", the bass must be caught from the public waters within Texas or from waters on the state borders that have Texas access.

5.7.3.) The "BIG BASS of the MONTH" time frame shall be from the day after the Monthly Meeting to the next Monthly Meeting date.

5.7.4.) To be eligible for "BASS of the MONTH", a bass must weigh in excess of 4.00 lbs.

5.7.4.1.) The fish must be weighed on a certified scale or a digital fish scale.

5.7.4.2.) A weight slip must be turned into the Club Secretary or any other Club Officer at or before the next regular meeting containing the fisherman's name, date of catch, fish weight, and body of water from which the fish was caught.

5.7.4.3.) If a digital fish scale is used, it must be brought to the next regular meeting for calibration against the Club's certified weight. The weight of the fish shall be adjusted proportionally according to the certified weight. ) Failure to bring in the weight scale at the next meeting will result in loss of award and the award shall revert to the next largest fish.

5.7.4.3.1.) Formula for proportionally adjusting weight. First change scale fish weight into decimals rather than ounces if necessary. Then, actual weight of fish = 5 multiplied by scales weight of fish divided by scales weight of 5 lb. Club calibration weight.

5.7.4.4.) The Club Secretary will record all weight slips and announce the monthly winner.

5.7.5.) A monthly Award Plaque Tag will be given to the Club Member who catches the largest bass for the month.

5.7.5.1.) In case of a tie duplicate award tags will be presented and points equally divided.

**6.) Potential monthly tournament sites, times and weigh-in sites will be thoroughly researched and selected by an appointed tournament committee.**

6.1.) This Tournament Committee will be appointed in January and July by the current Club President and will consist of five active Club members. The President shall appointment one of the five as the Tournament Committee Chairperson.

6.1.1.) The appointed Tournament Committee shall serve for a 6 month time period.

6.1.2.) The first half of the year Tournament Committee will select lakes and times for the February through July tournaments, and the second half of the year Tournament Committee will select lakes and times for the August through January tournaments.

6.2.) The tournament committee will seek to select the best lakes and times for the monthly club tournaments. Since this is one of the most important monthly decisions the club makes, care should be taken to select the best lakes and times for the club as a whole.

6.2.1.) The Tournament Committee members shall gather information from all sources (members, internet reports, tournament reports, friends, previous club history, and any other sources) as to what lakes and times would be good selections.

6.2.2.) The committee members shall report their findings to the entire committee.

6.2.3.) The committee members shall discuss the various options.

6.2.4.) The committee members shall vote as to the top two lakes and times. All members of the committee shall receive an equal vote, and if not done in person, the committee chairman will inform all committee members as to the vote count for each lake and time. If there is no consensus on the best selection, elimination votes may be taken.

6.3.) At each regular meeting, the Tournament Committee Chairperson, or their selected representative, will propose for the upcoming club tournament: a.) two, and only two, potential tournament sites, b.) two time combinations, time combinations can be different for each site, c.) the reasons for these site and time selections, and d.) the weigh-in location and procedure(paper or scale).

6.4.) The Club President will call for discussion of the proposed two lake choices and times amongst the Club Membership.

6.5.) The lake and time choice that receives the majority vote of the Club Members present at the monthly

meeting shall be the Tournament Lake and time for the upcoming monthly tournament.

**6.6.)** All tournaments are scheduled for the second (2nd) Saturday of the month.

**6.6.1.)** This day can be changed for any month by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Club Members present at the regular monthly meeting.

**6.6.2.)** Any date changes will be included in the newsletter prior to the tournament.

**6.7.)** No one lake may be fished, as a Club Monthly Tournament, more than two times during the calendar year.

**6.7.1.)** This rule pertains only to lakes fished during regular monthly points tournaments.

**6.8.)** For all of the Club's one-day tournaments, the lakes that are fished must be located within a 150-mile radius of San Marcos.

**6.9.)** The **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos** shall hold one mandatory two-day tournament, which is greater than the allowable 150-mile radius for a one-day tournament, per year.

**6.9.1.)** An additional two-day tournament may be held at the discretion of the Club Members.

**6.9.2.)** This additional two-day tournament may be greater than the 150-mile radius or less the 150-mile radius.

**6.9.3.)** This additional two-day tournament can not be held within 5 months from the previous two-day tournament.

**6.9.4.)** Any two day, which is greater than the 150-mile radius, must be selected at least two club regular meeting before the tournament.

**7.) The following rules shall prevail at all Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos monthly tournaments:**

**7.1.)** All federal and Texas state game laws must be observed.

**7.2.)** Six hours before the start of a tournament, no fishing is allowed on the Tournament Lake.

**7.3.)** All fish must be caught on artificial lures, which includes pork rinds.

**7.3.1.)** All fish must be caught using only one rod per angler: Each cast must be completed before the next cast is made.

**7.4.)** Trolling is not permitted. However bank fishing, wading, drift fishing, and tube fishing are allowed.

**7.5.)** Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, and Guadalupe Bass can be weighed-in during the Club's monthly points' tournaments.

**7.5.1.)** Largemouth and Smallmouth bass must be at least 14 inches in length.

**7.5.2.)** Spotted and Guadalupe bass must be at least 12 inches in length.

**7.5.3.)** Fish will be measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed to get maximum length as per Texas Parks and Wildlife Department fish measurement policy.

**7.5.4.)** All Club tournaments held during the months of June, July, and August will be paper tournaments

**7.5.5.)** During a Club Paper Tournament, all fish will be measured to the nearest one-eighth (1/8th) of an inch by the contestant and recorded on the designated paper chart for that tournament.

**7.5.5.1.)** All fish, no matter of the lake length regulations, that are caught during a Club Paper Tournament will be measured and that corresponding length weight will be recorded as the actual weight of the fish.

**7.5.5.1.1.)** The paper weight is the weight of the fish for any "Big Bass of the Tournament", "Big Bass of the Month", and "Big Bass of the Year" awards.

**7.5.5.1.2.)** During our Paper Tournaments, no fish shall be brought into the weigh-in for weighing on the Club's scale.

**7.5.5.2.)** It is recommended that the contestants fishing partner verify all fish measurements.

**7.5.6.)** The maximum number of bass (all species combined) that can be weighed-in per tournament is 5 per day.

**7.6.)** The Vice President shall be the Tournament Chairman for all of the Club's monthly tournaments and supervise the weigh-in.

**7.6.1.)** The Vice President decisions at the monthly tournaments are final.

**7.6.2.)** The OFFICIAL Tournament start and weigh-in time will be kept by the Club's Vice President and will be set according to "The Weather Channel" cable TV channel time.

7.6.2.1.) If a Club Member does not have the "The Weather Channel" available, then the Club's Vice President should be contacted prior to the tournament for the OFFICIAL Tournament time.

7.7.) Participants must be at the weigh-in site at the designated weigh-in time.

7.7.1.) Participants not able to be at the weigh-in site will be allowed to weigh their fish in by proxy.

7.7.2.) If no fish are weighed, they will receive the points for being present at the tournament.

7.8.) Contestants must use a plastic bag, or other device, which contains sufficient water of good quality to support the life of bass while bringing fish to the scales for weighing.

7.8.1. For all live weigh-in tournaments, a dead bass penalty will be assessed to club members bringing dead bass to the scales.

7.8.2. *The penalties for dead bass are:*

<b>NUMBER OF DEAD BASS</b>	<b>WEIGHT PENALTY (LBS.)</b>
1	<b>0.25 lbs.</b>
2	<b>0.75 lbs.</b>
3	<b>1.25 lbs.</b>
4	<b>1.75 lbs.</b>
5	<b>2.25 lbs.</b>

7.9.) It is the responsibility of each participant to insure that his/her name is placed on the tournament attendance sheet.

7.9.1.) The Club Secretary, or other Club officer, immediately following the weigh-in will prepare this sheet.

7.9.2.) Failure to report your attendance will result in non-receipt of the tournament points.

7.10.) Monthly Award Tags will be given for 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place to the Top Three Club Members with the most total weight for that tournament.

7.10.1.) Duplicate awards will be given in case of ties, and the points will be divided accordingly.

7.11.) All participants in a CBCSM tournament, either member or guest will be required to wear a PFD while the combustion engine is running from the time the boat is launched until the boat is trailered. At the same time, the operator of the boat will be required to have a working kill switch attached at all times while the combustion engine is running.

**8.) If a majority of available officers believe that the weather will be hazardous during the travel and tournament period, the tournament will be canceled on the eve of the contest.**

8.1.) On the day before a tournament, any member may call an officer to initiate consideration for rescheduling if he/she feels it is warranted.

8.2.) In this case, all members will be notified by telephone and the tournament will automatically be rescheduled for the following Saturday.

8.3.) If conditions become hazardous on the day of the tournament, a simple majority vote of those present at the weigh-in site immediately before the tournament begins may decide if a tournament will commence as scheduled.

**9.) "TOURNAMENT BIG BASS OF THE YEAR"**

8.1.) To be eligible for "TOURNAMENT BIG BASS OF THE YEAR", a bass must have previously been a "BIG BASS of the TOURNAMENT" winner.

8.2.) The Club Member who catches the largest "TOURNAMENT BIG BASS OF THE YEAR" for the year shall receive a yearly Plaque Award Tag.

**10.) "BIG BASS OF THE YEAR"**

10.1.) To be eligible for "BASS OF THE YEAR", a bass must meet the rules listed in Policy 4.6.

10.2.) The Club Member who catches the largest "BIG BASS OF THE YEAR" shall receive a yearly Plaque Award Tag.

**11.) "ANGLER OF THE YEAR"**

11.1.) At the end of the year, the Club Member with the most total weight for all 12 tournaments shall be called "ANGLER OF THE YEAR".

11.2.) The "ANGLER OF THE YEAR" will receive the following:

11.2.1.) A yearly Plaque Award Tag.

11.2.2.) A cash award of \$25.00 from the Club's Treasury.

11.2.4.) The "ANGLER OF THE YEAR" will also have his/her name inscribed onto the **LEONARD MOELLER ANGLER OF THE YEAR PLAQUE** and will have the privilege and honor of keeping the plaque until the next year's "ANGLER OF THE YEAR" is awarded.

**12.) "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR"**

12.1.) During the January meeting a Club Member will be selected by secret ballot as the **Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos** "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR" for the previous year.

12.1.1.) The "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR" candidates will be nominated by those Club Members present at the December meeting.

12.1.2.) The "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR" will be announced either at the January Meeting or if held during the Club's Annual Banquet.

12.2.) The "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR" will receive the following:

12.2.1.) A yearly Plaque Award Tag.

12.2.2.) The "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR" will have **ALL of the next year's Club dues, any Affiliation Fees, and ALL Tournament fees paid by the Club's Treasury.**

12.2.3.) The "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR" will also have his/her name inscribed onto the **BOBBY G. WHITESIDE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR PLAQUE** and will have the privilege and honor of keeping the plaque until the next year's "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR" election when at that time he/she shall present it to the newly elected "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR".

**13.) Award Plaque Tags will be presented to the Club's Officers of the past year.**

**14.) The Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos will host a "Junior Division" for its members under 16 years of age.**

14.1.) Junior Division members will receive monthly Award Plaque Tags for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for the tournament total weight and for "Jr. Big Bass of the Tournament".

14.2.) There will be no monthly dues or tournament fees charged to Junior Division members unless they wish to be eligible for Top-Six points.

14.2.1) If a Junior Division member wishes to be eligible for Top-Six points, they must pay their dues and tournament fees in accordance with Article II; Section3

**15.) ALL new members of the Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos shall receive a Canyon Bass Club Hat when they have met all provisions to be a Club Member (Article II, Section 1).**

**16.) A Club plaque will be presented to any Club Member when he/she earns his/her first plaque tag.**