



## 2009 Rule Changes

### Summary of Changes to Rules for 2009

**Red bold text** – Additions for 2009

~~Strikethrough Purple text~~ – Removal from 2008 Rules

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

**In addition to all of the required documentation**, initiation fees, membership dues and all applicable tournament expenses must be paid prior to participation in any Renegade Bass event. ~~Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).~~ **All anglers must be at least 16 years of age before they are eligible to participate in a Renegade Bass event. Any angler less than 18 years of age may only participate with an adult (>18 years).**

#### **TOURNAMENT HOURS**

Qualifying tournaments and Day 1 of the Classic will be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Day 2 of the Classic will be from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **During the period of 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. between day 1 and day 2 of the back-to-back qualifiers and the Classic, no tournament participants may fish on the tournament body of water.** Tournament headquarters will be open at 5:00 a.m. for registration. Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an official tournament day due to inclement weather or any other factors that may endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of potentially dangerous conditions.

#### **Early Weigh-In**

**An early weigh-in period will be available from 2:00 to 2:45 pm during each qualifying tournament for the teams wishing to be off the water before 4:00 pm. Only those boats which can be safely processed during that period will be accepted. Once that period has elapsed, the remaining boats (if any) will be obligated to proceed (at 4pm) with the standard weigh-in protocol and follow their block assignments. The tournament director will inspect the fish during the "early weigh-in" but reserves the right to hold any fish to be checked by the official fish inspector at 4:00 pm.**

In an emergency situation where teams are unable to remain at the tournament head quarters until 2:00 pm, the team's fish will be securely contained with water, and placed in an aerated holding tank or the live release boat (if available). These fish will be weighed during the "early weigh-in" commencing at 2pm. In an emergency situation where teams arrive after 2:45 pm and cannot remain at tournaments head quarters till 4:00 pm, the team's fish will be securely contained with water, and placed in an aerated holding tank or the live release boat to be weighed at 4:00 pm. In either situation, Renegade Bass will exercise the greatest reasonable care however the Association can not assume responsibility for the fish. And the team(s) in question will always be ultimately responsible for any dead fish and subsequently will be assessed any applicable penalties at the time of inspection and weigh-in.

### **STARTING POSITION**

All entries received by Renegade Bass on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> will be eligible for the Early Bird Draw for their starting positions. **This will also include mailed entries clearly identifying a post mark on or before the aforementioned date.** In order to qualify for the draw, ~~all entries~~ **all of the required documentation** must be accompanied by a \$350.00 (CDN) deposit and a post-dated cheque (June 1st) for the balance. A random draw will determine the starting positions of the members participating in the Early Bird Draw. **In the event that following the Early Bird Draw a team is created from two individual anglers whom entered the draw separately, the newly formed team will be assigned the later (bigger) starting number.** All subsequent starting positions will be sequentially assigned as the ~~team entry~~ fees and required documentation are received.

### **TEAM IDENTIFICATION**

Team identification numbers must be placed exclusively on either side of the **cowling** as depicted in the instructions accompanying the cowling markers. ~~The only exception to the cowling marker location will be if a team utilizes a light standard sign which must be equally visible from either side of the boat. For 2008~~ A third starting number sticker will be placed on the stern of the motor cowling.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

There are absolutely no substitutions for the Classic as such; all Teams must participate as originally registered **or one of the anglers may fish as an individual with an assigned scrutineer.**

### **PENALTIES**

1. There will be a 4oz penalty for each dead fish weighed in, and dead fish are not eligible for a Big Fish award. ~~Maximum of one Big Fish prize per team.~~

## Lifejackets

All anglers must wear a ~~Canadian Coast Guard approved~~ personal floatation device (PFD) or lifejacket at all times while under power of the internal combustion engine during tournament hours. Participants may elect to wear a self inflating PFD while under power of the combustion engine. Please note that a self inflating PFD does not qualify as an approved floatation device unless it is worn. Therefore anglers are cautioned to have at least 2 conventional PFD's or lifejackets on board if they wish to remove their inflatable PDF while fishing.