

RULES/PROCEDURES OF ANNUAL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

1. Qualification for participation in the Classic Tournament
 - A. Any member who places in top twenty (by weight from the year-end tournament standings) who has fished at least 70% of the tournaments for the year will qualify for participation in the Classic Tournament. For members who join the Club after the Club year begins, this percentage shall apply to only those tournaments conducted after the date of membership.
 - B. Any member who places in the top twenty (by weight from the year-end tournament standings) who has fished at least 50% of the tournaments for the year and who has also attended at least 50% of the club meetings will qualify for participation in the Classic Tournament. For members who join the Club after the Club year begins, this percentage shall apply to only those tournaments/meetings conducted after the date of membership. For members who have been granted an exemption from meeting attendance, the meeting attendance requirement in this paragraph will be considered to have been met.
 - C. Any member who fishes at least 8 of the tournaments for the year will qualify for participation in the Classic Tournament.
 - D. A member may choose to “buy” a tournament that he/she cannot fish by paying the entry fee for the tournament prior to the date of the tournament. This tournament will count as having been fished in calculating the number of tournaments fished in 1.A., 1.B. and 1.C. above. No participation weight will be awarded to the member for the tournament bought. Only one tournament may be bought in any club year.
2. The Classic will be a two-day tournament with the entry fee the same as that for a regular two-day tournament. The club meeting immediately prior to the classic tournament will be considered the “draw meeting” for the classic tournament with the provisions of Winter Haven Lunker Lovers Tournament Procedures 7 applying.
3. The Classic payback will be supplemented by the \$1 per man per tournament collected during the year and by any sponsorships that can be obtained. Payback will be 100% to five places (40%, 25%, 15%, 10%, 10%). At least two of the five places will be paid to co-anglers. For example, if no co-angler places in the top three places in the tournament, fourth and fifth place will be paid to the top two co-anglers. If one co-angler places in the top five places, that co-angler will be paid in his/her place of finish and the second highest placing co-angler will be paid fifth place. If two or more co-anglers place in the top five places, everyone will be paid according to their place in the standings. To be considered a co-angler in the classic tournament a member must have fished as a co-angler in all the qualifier tournaments he/she fished unless requested by the tournament director to fish as a boater.
4. The Classic winner will receive, in addition to 1st place money, a jacket to be presented at the annual awards banquet.
5. Each contestant in the Classic tournament will have the option of fishing alone or pairing with another consenting contestant, if possible. Noboaters may fish with a boater observer approved by the Tournament Committee. However, pairings will be determined by the Tournament committee, if necessary, to ensure that all who qualify have the opportunity to fish.

6. Should a member who qualifies for the Classic tournament be unable to fish or choose not to fish, members lower in the standings will not be entered in the tournament.