

# Media Bass - Rule Infractions and Resulting Penalties

*"Any protest must be received in writing and signed within fifteen minutes of final check-in deadline to be taken literally."*

## **I - Infraction of these rules mandate Disqualification:**

- 1) Altering of bass weight, size, or length
- 2) Staking out/basketing of bass
- 3) Insulting, cursing or profane language used at tournament director and or staff
- 4) Failure to take and/or pass a polygraph test
- 5) Receiving a citation from a Game Warden during tournament hours
- 6) Culling of dead bass
- 7) Entering and/or bassing in legally restricted waters or off-limits area
- 8) For Individuals - Having more than five bass in the livewell

## **II - Infraction of these rules mandate Ineligibility:**

- 1) Non-compliance of off-limits rule
- 2) Guiding for black bass within 60 days of tournament (unless person has bassed in the previous tournament of same division)
- 3) Any person who has failed a polygraph test in connection with any bass tournament for cheating
- 4) Any person who has outstanding debts owed to Media Bass (i.e. bad checks)
- 5) Non-compliance of afternoon check-in as prescribed by Director
- 6) Bass fishing during tournament hours without a valid fishing license
- 7) Anglers who participate in a National Circuit and have winnings of \$50,000.00 or more during the previous calendar year.

## **III - Infraction of any of these rules will result in a 5 lb. Penalty:**

- 1) Any bass not meeting the prescribed length limit for given tournament by director (and minus same bass)
- 2) Failure to have boat inspected prior to bassing (without Director's authorization)
- 3) Use of more than one rod and reel by one person at the same time
- 4) Use of more than two separate lures with hooks on one bassing line
- 5) For Teams - One penalty for each bass in the livewell over the prescribed 5 bass limit

## **IV - Infraction of these rules will result in a 2 lb. Penalty:**

- 1) Failure to comply with lifejacket rule
- 2) Failure to comply with courtesy and sportsmanship rules
- 3) Non-compliance of posted 'No Wake' areas

## **V - Infraction of this rule will result in a 1/2 lb. penalty:**

- 1) Any dead bass brought to scales and weighed in (this shall be deducted from the total weight of all bass presented)

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