



Flint Hills Bass Association Established 1972

2017 Seminar Rules

Seminar Fees

1. "Paying in advance" of all seminar fees, means paid to the Treasurer prior to the close of the regular March meeting.
2. The 2017 Seminar fees will be:
\$35 for those fishing more than 3 seminars paying in advance
\$20 for those fishing any 3 seminars paying in advance
\$15 for those fishing any 2 seminars paying in advance
\$10 for any single seminar, payable at the regular meeting prior to the event. If a multiple seminar option is chosen and the angler does not fish all the events the monies are forfeit. If a lesser number seminar option is chosen and an angler wishes to fish more events, then the single seminar rate would be collected. There will be no mixing of payment options. Anglers need not state which seminars they wish to fish when they pay the fees in advance but must declare no later than the regular meeting BEFORE the scheduled event. All tournament fees minus any actual tournament expenses will be returned to the seminar participants based on team results and big bass results following a set formula.
3. New members joining the club after the first seminar will be allowed to pay multiple seminar fees if they wish to participate in one or more seminars, as stated in number 2, at the same time they pay their membership dues.
4. An optional JACKPOT competition will be included at all seminars this year for an additional \$20 for Individual competition. In addition an optional separate \$5 BIG BASS JACKPOT will be available. Monies will be collected on or prior to the current month's meeting and awards will be distributed at the following month's club meeting. Monies for Individual participants in the JACKPOT competition will be paid to the top 3 places with first paying 50%, second paying 30% and third 20%. All JACKPOT fish will be limited to bass 15" and greater in length. One Big Bass place will be paid with the proceeds collected for the big bass jackpot.

Seminar Partners

1. Pairings will be made by the seminar committee and announced at the monthly meeting prior to the scheduled seminar.
2. If a member plans to fish the next seminar and cannot attend the prior monthly meeting, they must contact one of the members of the seminar committee directly or send a representative to that meeting, so pairings can be made by the committee.
3. The seminar committee will adjust pairings when necessary, so members will not have the same partner more than once during the same year.
4. Partners will work out satisfactory arrangements between themselves as to the boat used in the seminar. If a satisfactory arrangement cannot be made, the boater will be determined by a coin toss.
5. The non-boater shall contribute ½ of expenses, or other mutually agreed arrangements. The non-boater has the right to choose the fishing water ½ of the seminar day.
6. After the pairings are set, if your partner, for whatever reason, is not able to fish, it is your responsibility to find an alternate club member to fish with. If you have entered the JACKPOT and cannot find an alternate, you may fish alone for club standings only. If you are fishing a seminar that would qualify you for an overall club award, you may be paired with another club member as assigned by the seminar director. If you must fish alone, your JACKPOT fee will be refunded.

Seminar Headquarters

1. The seminar director will pick a point to be seminar headquarters before each seminar. All teams must start and end each seminar at the declared headquarters. State Park ramps will be used when possible.
2. Seminars will start at the posted time or safe light if possible.
3. Check-In time will be posted on the score sheets, and is defined as being in the immediate area of the seminar headquarters and NOT fishing. A late check-in penalty will be applied as follows...100 fish points per minute late beginning with the largest fish recorded on the score sheet. The seminar committee may make exceptions in cases of an emergency.

Seminar Fishing Rules

1. In the event of inclement weather prior to the start of a seminar, all decisions will be made at the ramp by the seminar director or by an appointed seminar committee member. After the start of a seminar, the decision will be at the discretion of the team participating. However, if one member of the team wants to leave the water the other member must comply or risk disqualification. If the team trailers the boat and the weather improves, they may return to complete the seminar without penalty if time remains.
2. Both partners must remain in the boat at all times except in cases of dire emergency or where their safety is involved. Fishing only “from within the boat” is permitted.

3. All boats will be started in an “ooze-off” manner away from all coves, marinas and boat ramps. The seminar committee will determine the starting order. The highest number boat drawn prior to the seminar will start each boat for the seminar.
4. Fishing is permitted any place on the seminar waters unless posted as NO FISHING. NO fishing is permitted within 50 yards of another member’s boat that was first in that location, unless given permission by the partners in the first boat.
5. Any fishing boat may be used that is 15 feet or more in length. Any motor may be used that does not exceed the horsepower capacity plate on the boat. A smaller additional gasoline or electric motor may be used to maneuver the boat while fishing. TROLLING IS NOT ALLOWED.
6. Only artificial bait or lures may be used. LIVE BAIT MAY NOT AND WILL NOT BE USED.
7. Each partner must sign the score sheet. If the score sheet is unsigned, points for fish will be disallowed. The signed score sheet must be turned into the seminar director or their appointee at the conclusion of the seminar before you leave the seminar site for home.
8. All boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations. All contestants are required to have PFD’s (life jackets) on and properly secured anytime the combustion engine is in operation.
9. All State and Federal boating and fishing rules will be observed at all times.
10. All boats having remote controls and used in a seminar must have a “KILL” switch in operating order. The kill switch will be connected to the boat operator when the boat is on plane.
11. Periodic boat inspections will be held at the discretion of the seminar committee.
12. All boats used in FHBA Seminars must be insured and proof of insurance must be turned into the seminar director prior the start of the seminar before the boat will be permitted for use in a club event. Boat owners must carry a minimum of \$100,000 single limit liability insurance.

Scoring of Points

1. Bass must be a minimum of 12 inches in length to qualify and must be measured with uniformity, to the nearest 1/8 inch (rounded down), with a measuring device approved by the seminar committee. Fish shall be measured on both sides with the mouth closed and the tail pinched. The length of the fish shall be recorded on the score sheet. The fish will be immediately released back into the water in such a manner and time so to not harm the fish. Each boat shall carry a measuring device of sufficient length to accurately measure the fish. The best 5 fish (12” in length or greater) will be used to score the individual points for the tournament. The combined individual point totals for the partners will constitute the team score. Your partner must verify the size of each allowable fish you record on your score sheet.
2. The seminar committee will keep a chart showing each member’s points both in individual and team competition as well as non-boaters points. Individual points will be maintained for the annual Mr. BASS award and the opportunity to fish in the annual Kansas Bass Chapter Federation Mr. BASS tournament. The non-boater will fish for a plaque to be awarded at the year-end banquet.

3. Total accumulated seminar points will determine each member's place in the annual competition for the year-end standings. For the annual competition the best 6 seminars will be scored.
4. Seminar points for the individual, non-boater and team competition will be scored as follows based on fish points for each seminar: 1st place = 100 pts. 2nd = 98 pts. 3rd place = 96 pts. 4th place = 94 pts. 5th place = 92 pts. 6th place = 90 pts. Points reduced by 1 for each lower place down to 46 pts. For 50th place. An angler shall receive 25 pts. for fishing and not catching a point fish. Likewise teams that fishes and fails to catch a point fish shall each receive 25 team points. The same applies to a non-boater with 25 non-boater points.
5. Big fish points will break total point ties; total award points will break big fish ties.

Awards

1. The TEAM with the most points for each seminar will receive first place plaques presented at the club meetings.
2. All awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet with special honors given for annual Big Bass and top placing individual finishers in the boater and non-boater categories.

Protests and/or Questions

1. All protests must be made within 15 minutes after the completion of a seminar to the seminar director or their appointee. Any Protest made after this time will not affect the outcome of the current seminar.
2. If a question arises concerning any of the above seminar rules, the seminar director and/or committee's interpretation of the rules will be final!

Respectfully Submitted By:

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