

2021 MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET
OZARK MOUNTAIN ANGLERS BASS CLUB, INC.



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OZARK MOUNTAIN ANGLERS BASS CLUB, INC.

2021

CLUB OFFICERS

President – Rich Skelton
Vice-President – Mark Koenig
Secretary – Gene Hinshaw
Treasurer – Ed Williams
Tournament Director – Jamie Dowler

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Dale Adkinson (Deceased)
Carl Lathrop (Deceased)
Jack Garrett
Billy Joe Cunningham
Barry Goen
Paul Morefield
Neil Cady Leon Steinberg
Wilson Ramsdell Dennis Schilb
Dave Brunda Mark Hengstl
Ernie Barbee Joe McDow

2021 SCHEDULE

Date	Lake	Ramp	Time	Hotel
March 27/28	Table Rock	Cedarwood	6:30a-3:00p 6:30a-2:00p	Cedarwood / Harper Valley
April 10/11	Pomme de Terre	Nemo Park	6:30a-3:00p 6:30a-2:00p	Nemo Bridge Resort
May 1st	Truman	State Park	6:00a-3:00p	
May 15th	Lake Ozark	Coffman	6:00a-3:00p	
May 22/23	Stockton	Orleans Trail	6:00a-3:00p 6:00a-2:00p	Orleans Trail
June 5th	Truman	State Park	6:00a-3:00p	
June 18th (ngt)	Lake Ozark	Coffman	8:00p-7:00a	
July 10th	Mark Twain	107	6:00a-3:00p	
July 23rd (ngt)	Lake Ozark	Coffman	7:00p-3:00a	
August 13th (ngt)	Lake Ozark	Coffman	7:00p-3:00a	
Championship Sept 11/12	Table Rock	Not determined		

2021 Meeting Dates

March 22,2021 6:30pm

April 5,2021 6:30pm

April 26,2021 6:30pm

May 10,2021 6:30pm

May 17,2021 6:30pm

June 1,2021 6:30pm (May 31 Memorial Day)

June 14,2021 6:30pm

July 5, 2021 6:30pm

July 19,2021 6:30pm

August 9,2021 6:30pm

September 7,2021 6:30pm (September 6,2021 Labor DAY)

OZARK MOUNTAIN ANGLERS BASS CLUB, INC.

2021 PAY BACK CHART (\$80 entry, 75% payback)

*A team has to have at least one keeper to collect a payout for a place finish. *on two day tournaments there will only be 1 big bass paid for the two days.

# BOATS	TOTAL	PAY	TO CLUB &	BB	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	SUM payback chk
	FEES	BACK	FISH OFF	(\$5/boat)							
					60%	40%					
8	\$ 640	\$ 480	\$ 160	\$ 40	\$ 264	\$ 176					\$ 480
9	\$ 720	\$ 540	\$ 180	\$ 45	\$ 297	\$ 198					\$ 540
10	\$ 800	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 50	\$ 330	\$ 220					\$ 600
11	\$ 880	\$ 660	\$ 220	\$ 55	\$ 363	\$ 242					\$ 660
					50%	30%	20%				
12	\$ 960	\$ 720	\$ 240	\$ 60	\$ 330	\$ 198	132				\$ 720
13	\$ 1,040	\$ 780	\$ 260	\$ 65	\$ 358	\$ 215	143				\$ 780
14	\$ 1,120	\$ 840	\$ 280	\$ 70	\$ 385	\$ 231	154				\$ 840
15	\$ 1,200	\$ 900	\$ 300	\$ 75	\$ 413	\$ 248	165				\$ 900
					45%	25%	20%	10%			
16	\$ 1,280	\$ 960	\$ 320	\$ 80	\$ 396	\$ 220	\$ 176	\$ 88			\$ 960
17	\$ 1,360	\$ 1,020	\$ 340	\$ 85	\$ 421	\$ 234	\$ 187	\$ 94			\$ 1,020
18	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,080	\$ 360	\$ 90	\$ 446	\$ 248	\$ 198	\$ 99			\$ 1,080
19	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,140	\$ 380	\$ 95	\$ 470	\$ 261	\$ 209	\$ 105			\$ 1,140
					40%	22%	17%	13%	8%		
20	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,200	\$ 400	\$ 100	\$ 440	\$ 242	\$ 187	\$ 143	\$ 88		\$ 1,200
21	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,260	\$ 420	\$ 105	\$ 462	\$ 254	\$ 196	\$ 150	\$ 92		\$ 1,260
22	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,320	\$ 440	\$ 110	\$ 484	\$ 266	\$ 206	\$ 157	\$ 97		\$ 1,320
23	\$ 1,840	\$ 1,380	\$ 460	\$ 115	\$ 506	\$ 278	\$ 215	\$ 164	\$ 101		\$ 1,380

					34%	22%	16%	13%	8%	7%	
24	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,440	\$ 480	\$ 120	\$ 449	\$ 290	\$ 211	\$ 172	\$ 106	\$ 92	\$ 1,440
25	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ 125	\$ 468	\$ 303	\$ 220	\$ 179	\$ 110	\$ 96	\$ 1,500
26	\$ 2,080	\$ 1,560	\$ 520	\$ 130	\$ 486	\$ 315	\$ 229	\$ 186	\$ 114	\$ 100	\$ 1,560
27	\$ 2,160	\$ 1,620	\$ 540	\$ 135	\$ 505	\$ 327	\$ 238	\$ 193	\$ 119	\$ 104	\$ 1,620
28	\$ 2,240	\$ 1,680	\$ 560	\$ 140	\$ 524	\$ 339	\$ 246	\$ 200	\$ 123	\$ 108	\$ 1,680
29	\$ 2,320	\$ 1,740	\$ 580	\$ 145	\$ 542	\$ 351	\$ 255	\$ 207	\$ 128	\$ 112	\$ 1,740
30	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,800	\$ 600	\$ 150	\$ 561	\$ 363	\$ 264	\$ 215	\$ 132	\$ 116	\$ 1,800
31	\$ 2,480	\$ 1,860	\$ 620	\$ 155	\$ 580	\$ 375	\$ 273	\$ 222	\$ 136	\$ 119	\$ 1,860

THE “CLASSIC” SHALL HAVE A GOLD AND SILVER DIVISION if 16 or more teams qualify.

GOLD DIVISION: The Gold Division will consist of a portion of the top qualifying teams in the year-end standings. To qualify a team must fish eight (8) or more tournaments without an alternate (See Alternates on Pg13). The number of qualifying teams will depend upon the total number of qualifying teams – see Classic Payback chart.

SILVER DIVISION: The Silver Division will consist of all of the remaining qualifying teams in the year-end standings – see Classic Payback Chart. To qualify a team must fish eight (8) or more tournaments without an alternate (See Alternates on Pg15).

There will be one division only if 15 or fewer teams qualify for the Classic. See Classic one division payback

CLASSIC ENTRY FEE: There shall be a \$40 entry fee for the classic to partially fund the classic payout prize fund. Classic entry fee may be waived by the Officers based upon budget considerations.

CLASSIC STANDINGS: The sum of the total points for a team’s best 8 regular season events determined using the “Combined Points/Pounds System” (See Scoring Pg17) will be used to calculate year-end finish.

CLASSIC PAY BACK PERCENTAGES:

Classic payback amounts are depicted in the Classic payback chart. The classic payback amount shall be based upon \$150 per qualifying boat plus \$125 for a two day big bass payout for each division. The prize fund will be funded by the classic entry fee and approximately \$9 from each team entry in the regular season.

A team has to catch at least one keeper to collect a payout for a place finish at a regular tournament as well as the classic. Should there be a payout place that does not have a team that caught a keeper, the payout money for that place remains with the club.

CLASSIC MEAL AND HOTEL

Each qualifying team may receive a check for an amount approved by the Officers to help pay for their teams motel rooms and meals at the Classic. Amount of expense money (if any) will be dictated by the Officers dependent upon budget and fund raising considerations.

CLASSIC LAKE LOCATION

The Classic Location will be voted on and approved by the Officers. The Classic lake location will follow a “2/5” rule. Meaning the subject lake shall not be selected more than two times within a five year period nor fished consecutive years.

CLASSIC OFF LIMITS: The classic site will be off limits to classic qualifying teams on Monday through Wednesday prior to the weekend of the Classic.

DEPARTURE SEQUENCE: Take off will be anywhere; the same as during the season.

Classic Payback Chart

Total		Gold Division						Silver Division					
Boats	Payout	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Big Bass		Payout	1st	2nd	3rd	Big Bass
8	\$1,450	\$702	\$450	\$173			\$125						
9	\$1,600	\$782	\$500	\$193			\$125						
10	\$1,750	\$862	\$550	\$213			\$125						
11	\$1,900	\$940	\$600	\$235			\$125						
12	\$2,050	\$943	\$616	\$212	\$154		\$125						
13	\$2,200	\$1016	\$664	\$229	\$166		\$125						
14	\$2,350	\$1090	\$712	\$245	\$178		\$125						
15	\$2,500	\$1116	\$713	\$238	\$166	\$142	\$125						
Boats	Payout	Boats	Payout	1st	2nd	3rd	Big Bass	# Boats Silver					
16	\$2,650	8	\$1,565	\$749	\$475	\$216	\$125	8	\$1,085	\$499	\$317	\$144	\$125
17	\$2,800	9	\$1,655	\$796	\$505	\$229	\$125	8	\$1,145	\$530	\$337	\$153	\$125
18	\$2,950	9	\$1,745	\$842	\$535	\$243	\$125	9	\$1,205	\$562	\$356	\$162	\$125
19	\$3,100	10	\$1,835	\$889	\$564	\$257	\$125	9	\$1,265	\$593	\$376	\$171	\$125
20	\$3,250	10	\$1,925	\$936	\$594	\$270	\$125	10	\$1,325	\$624	\$396	\$180	\$125

Classic with 2 divisions - Place Payouts Based on:

\$150 per boat in Classic plus \$125 big bass for each division

60% of total place money in the Gold & 40% in the Silver

With Two Places - 1st (60%) 2nd (40%)

With Three Places - 1st (52%), 2nd (33%), 3rd (15%)

Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club, Inc.

2021 – BY-LAWS

ARTICLE A - NAME AND PURPOSE

1. **NAME:** Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club, Inc.

2. **PURPOSE:**

- a) To provide the opportunity for its members to participate in the sport of bass fishing within the laws and regulations of the State of Missouri and the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the Missouri State Water Patrol.
- b) To stimulate awareness of bass fishing as a major sport.
- c) To offer our State Conservation Department our organized moral and political support and encouragement.
- d) To improve our skills as Bass Anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange, expert bass catching techniques and ideas. To promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.

ARTICLE B – OFFICERS

- a) The Officers shall be the governing body of the club.
- b) Only the Officers may make changes in the by-laws or tournament rules and these changes cannot be retroactive.
- c) The Officers shall prepare and present to the club an operating budget for the year by March 31 of each year.
- d) The Officers shall select one member of the board to have his name on all financial accounts, such as checking accounts and investment accounts should they occur, and if needed, co-sign checks, withdrawals and transfers, along with the signature of the treasurer.
- e) A quorum is three Officers and it takes a majority of Offices present voting affirmatively in order to pass any motion.

ARTICLE C - OFFICERS – TERMS, DUTIES, ELIGIBILITY, ELECTIONS.

1. **OFFICERS:** The club officers shall be:

- a) President (1 year term)
- b) Vice-President/President Elect (2 year term, moves to President)
- c) Secretary (1 year term)
- d) Treasurer (1 year term)
- e) Tournament Director (1 year Term)

2. **TERMS:** The term of each office shall run from the first meeting of the year until the last meeting of the year. One full year of active membership is required in order to qualify to run for any office.

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Officers of the club shall be elected each year at the annual meeting and shall serve for the term of indicated above. The Vice-President/President-Elect, however,

shall automatically become the President the following year.

4. REMOVAL: A club officer may not miss more than three consecutive meetings, unless excused, without being removed from office. In the event of any office (except the office of President) becoming vacant during the term, nominations shall be asked for, and an election shall be held, as soon as appropriate, to fill the un-expired term of the office vacated.

5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT Shall:

- Serve as the Moderator of the Club and preside at all club meetings and functions.
- Serve only one year unless the terms are separated by one year.
- In the case of inclement weather, or another just cause, cancel a club meeting and shall notify others, as appropriate, of said cancellation and the rescheduling of the meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT Shall:

- Assist the President in his duties and preside at meetings in the absence of the President. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice- President shall become President.
- Be in charge of scheduling special club functions
- Select and co-ordinate the place and meal for the Annual Award Banquet.

SECRETARY Shall:

- Maintain accurate minutes of all club meetings and report the same at each following meetings.
- Prepare an email summary of club information containing the tournament results and current standings as well as notify members of each club meeting and other pertinent club business or events.
- Attend all Officer meetings and maintain accurate minutes of all Officer meetings and report the same.
- Prepare the minutes for all Officer meetings and the club's annual meeting.
- Update the by-laws and tournament rules when the Officers have made changes.

TREASURER Shall:

- Maintain accurate financial records and report same at each club meeting and to the Officers
- Collect and disperse all club moneys including tournament moneys as directed by the Officers Pay bills which are approved by the President or his designee.
- Solely keep the financial records including ledger, current canceled checks, checkbook and other financial records.
- Have his name on all financial accounts, such as checking accounts and investments accounts and co-sign checks, withdrawals, and transfers with another authorized person.
- Maintain Team Declaration and Liability Forms.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Shall:

- Chair the Tournament Committee and set a tournament schedule for the upcoming year and to present the schedule to the Officers for change and/or approval prior to January 1st.
- Preside over and conduct each draw & club tournament.
- Interpret and rule on any and all tournament rules with a majority vote of the Officers
- Schedule all club tournaments with the appropriate organizations i.e., the Water Patrol, Conservation Department, and Corps of Engineers.
- Make and maintain an up-to-date list of club tournament standings.
- See that the Secretary has a copy of the last tournament results and overall year-end standings within five days after each tournament.
- Shall have his name on checking accounts used for tournament paybacks; and if needed, co-sign checks, with the treasurer.
- Select and order all awards for the annual awards banquet.

ARTICLE D - MEMBERSHIP – REQUIREMENTS, RIGHTS, REMOVAL, DUES

- 1. MEMBERSHIP:** In the club shall not be limited by, age, sex, race, and political or religious affiliation.
- 2. REQUIREMENTS:**
 - a) All members of the club shall agree to observe and abide by all rules and regulations of the club.
 - b) All members are expected to participate fully in all club sponsored activities, meetings, etc. Membership shall not be open to “Guides” or “Professionals” who are not already members of the club.

NOTE: Guides are defined as fishermen who earned any income as a guide on any lake the club fishes or any other lake in Missouri or adjoining states in the last 12 months and Professionals are defined as anyone who has won at least \$5000.00 per year in either of the past two years by tournament fishing, **except** if won only in “single fish” events (“Big Bass Bash”, for example).

- 3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** To become a member a person shall:
 - a) Submit a membership application form to the Officers .
 - b) Be approved by a majority of the Officers.
 - c) Upon being voted into the club, pay the yearly dues, and then full membership shall be awarded.

4. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS/VOTES:

- a) Membership in the club shall be continuous unless terminated for non-payment of dues or other justifiable cause.
- b) Each paid member is entitled to one vote for the election of Officers.

The above voting will be by members present by a show of arms unless secret ballot is asked for by any member.

5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: Any membership may be terminated for adequate cause (including falsification of membership application), upon a review and vote of the Officers

DUES:

- b) Dues in the amount of \$30.00 for members in good standing who are renewing their membership in the club shall be due by or before the 1st scheduled club meeting of January.
- c) Dues are good for one year until the 1st January meeting of the following year.
- d) New members and previous members whose dues have lapsed shall pay \$60.00 dues after being approved again for membership by the club.
- b) All Hall of Fame members shall be awarded free lifetime membership beginning in the year 2003 and beyond.

ARTICLE E - CLUB MEETINGS, COMMITTEES, AWARDS

1. ANNUAL MEETING: There shall be an annual meeting for the club in November or December of each year for the express purpose of:

- a) Electing officers. New Officers shall not take office until the first meeting of the next year (Officers or Regular Club meeting)
- b) Other appropriate business as determined by the Officers.

2. CLUB MEETINGS: There shall be regular club meetings:

- a) Prior to each tournament to draw for boat number and to pay the tournament fees.
- b) At least one in each month in which no tournament occurs.

3. SPECIAL MEETINGS: There may be special club meetings called by the Club Officers.

4. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The tournament committee shall consist of the elected tournament director plus two teams appointed to handle the following responsibilities:

Responsibilities of Each Team:

Team 1 – Unload & set up the weigh-in equipment.
Measure the fish.
Help load & clean the weigh-in equipment.

Team 2 – Help unload & set up the weigh-in equipment.
Weigh the fish on the scales.
Help load & clean the weigh-in equipment.

Team 3 – (Tournament Director) Record the weights on the weigh-in sheet.
Watch for late arrivals. Serve as or designate the official time keeper.
Help load & clean the weigh-in equipment.

Benefits of Each Team:

1. Will be assigned boat numbers 1-3 (which is a possible tie breaker in the event of a tie).
2. Will have top priority in loading their boats & shall be the first teams to weigh-in.

The tournament schedule and Classic location shall be set each year by the Officers All protests of tournaments shall be settled by the Officers before the results of each tournament is announced. The tournament director shall oversee the scales set up, weigh-in, tear down and loading of equipment by the tournament committee.

5. FUND RAISING COMMITTEE: The Fund Raising Committee shall consist of the Officers and those volunteers approved by the Officers.

6. ANNUAL AWARDS:

PLAQUES/TROPHIES: Each year plaques or trophies will be given to upon request:

1. Each regular team member whose team finished 1st in the year-end team standings.
2. Each team member whose team finished 1st in each “CLASSIC DIVISION”.
3. Each team member whose team caught the largest bass during the year in a club tournament.
4. Each team member whose team had the largest one-day stringer.

Note:

1. If a team or team member does not request a plaque that money shall stay in the club.
2. Tournaments fished with an alternate will not count towards end of the year awards including Angler of the Year, Heavy Stringer of the Year, and Big Bass of the Year.

Each year each team member of the angler(s) of the year team will have the option to have a jacket made. The club will pay up to \$100 for the cost of the jacket and embroidery. If AOY already possess a jacket the club will pay to add the year. However, if AOY decides not to have jacket made or year added that money shall stay in the club.

OTHER AWARDS: Additional awards may be given yearly at the discretion of the Officers.

HALL OF FAME AWARD: A Hall of Fame plaque may be given annually to an individual who has shown leadership, involvement, and other worthy actions over the years, as a member of this club. The names of those receiving this award will be added to the Club Plaque, which currently is being displayed at the club-meeting place. Only Hall of Fame members will vote on new members to the Hall of Fame.

AWARDS BANQUETS: If an awards banquet is held, it may be held in conjunction with, but not a part of, the club’s annual meeting.

ARTICLE F – USE OF FUNDS/AMENDING THE BY-LAWS.

All club disbursements and collections will ONLY be at the directions of the Officers of the club. Each year the Officers shall be presented with an independent audit of the club's financial records for review and approval.

AMENDING THE BY-LAWS: Only the Officers may amend the by-laws.

Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club, Inc.

2021 Club Tournament Rules

RULES: The following rules will remain unchanged during the year. The Tournament Director & Officers, whose decisions shall be final, will interpret these rules.

ELIGIBILITY: Ozark Mountain Anglers members (male or female) who have paid their "FULL" team entry fees and submitted required Team Declaration and Liability Waiver Forms. Participation in all club tournaments is open to all club members and their approved alternates. Boaters **MUST** be 18 years of age or older.

ENTRY FEES: \$80.00 per team (boat) for all 1-day and 2-day tournaments (except for those instances where 2 days on the same weekend are designated as separate tournaments with separate entry fees).

TEAMS: A "TEAM" may consist of one (1) or two (2) persons. If an individual wishes to be considered as a team, they may do so with all other rules applying as if it were a two (2)-person team. Two club members can fish out of the same boat as two separate teams, with two entry fees paid and fish must be identified in live well as which team. At no time shall a team be allowed to split and fish separately in same tournament.

TEAM PAIRING: Teams will be declared each year by submission of a signed Team Declaration Form prior to the first tournament in which that team participates. A team member whose partner cannot fish and who cannot find an approved alternate may fish by themselves as a team with all the rules and full entry fees applying as if there were two (2) persons fishing.

ALTERNATES: Teams may use up to three alternates during the year as needed (except in the classic). An approved individual alternate who is not a club member may fish only one time each year. A club member can fish as an alternate as many times as he wishes, not to exceed three times with the same member. *When using an alternate, the team will be eligible for any cash prizes available for that tournament and it will count (up to a maximum of two) as one of the eight tournaments required to qualify for the Classic (see Alternate Rule Exception Pg14), but will not receive points towards year-end standings, year-end awards.*

If an alternate is used, approval of the alternate should occur prior to the draw meeting if at all possible. In emergency situations, members may apply for special approval with the tournament director between the draw meeting and the tournament. Non-member alternates may not fish until they have been approved by the Tournament Director and the Board.

No "GUIDES", "PROFESSIONALS", or "REGULARS" as defined below, may be used as an approved alternate by any team unless they are members of the club.

- Guides are defined as non-member fishermen (or women) who have earned money as a guide on any lake in the last 12 months.
- Professionals are defined as non-member fishermen (or women) who have won \$5,000.00 or more in money or prizes as a tournament participant in either of the past two years, **except** if won only in "single fish" events ("Big Bass Bash", for example).

- Regulars are defined as non-member fishermen (or women) who fish 3 or more tournaments on the tournament lake in the previous year regardless of the location of their residence.

Possible non club alternates “MUST” fill out an alternate application. One team member is required to attend the draw meeting or a meeting prior to the draw meeting to present the alternate application to the tournament director. The tournament director and at least one other board member after review of the application will approve or disapprove the alternate application. If needed, the entire board shall rule on an alternate. Falsification of an alternate application could result in forfeiture of any winnings and or termination of the membership of the team. A person who is not a member of the club or an immediate family member may be an alternate only “ONCE” during the tournament year.

Alternate Rule Exception: Children and grandchildren (age 14 or under) and spouses of members may be alternates at any time, including the classic, for their parent, grandparent or spouse.

Children or grandchildren may choose to become members at age 14 or under, at the regular renewal rate and may be team members for only their parent member or grandparent member, including the classic, until they reach the age of 18 or are out of High School at that rate.

Tournaments fished and points earned will count toward year-end points, year-end awards, and classic qualification when using this children, grandchildren, and spouse alternate rule exception.

PAY-BACK: Each year the pay back amounts, number of places paid, the percentage will be set by the Officers prior to the first tournament. A team has to catch at least one keeper to collect a payout for a place finish at a regular tournament as well as the classic. Should there be a payout place that does not have a team that caught a keeper, the payout money for that place remains with the club.

TOURNAMENT HOURS: Tournament hours will be published each year by the Tournament Director.

DEPARTURE SEQUENCE: Commencing with the 2014 season there will not be an official take off or live well check during regular season events. Persons who have not entered the tournament at the draw meeting may do so later – see late signup section. Teams may launch anywhere on the take-off lake, travel on the lake prior to the start of the tournament but may not fish until the official start time. Furthermore, **NO lines/lures can be in the water (to practice for example) beginning one hour before the official start time.** On two-day tournaments on the same lake there will be no fishing allowed after the weigh-in on the first day until start time on the second day. On different lakes the second lake is off limits after the first day weigh-in until start time the second day. We will be relying on the honesty of members to abide by the rules – we also are hopeful that these changes will save some money and encourage more participation.

WEIGH-IN: All weigh-ins will be held at or near the parking lot. Teams who travel to the weigh in ramp by land must check in at the scorer table prior to the ending time of the tournament. Persons arriving by water must be inside of the buoys prior to the ending time of the tournament. All live fish “WILL” be released in the lake as soon as possible after weigh-in. Members may use their own weigh bag, or one furnished by the club. One of the team members “MUST” be the person to take the fish from the live well and bring them to the scales for the weigh-in.

NETS: The netting of fish in team tournaments is allowed.

CULLING: No tournament boat is allowed to cull, or to have more than a 4 fish limit of tournament bass in their boat or possession while inside the buoys of the weigh in ramp area after tournament hours are over and prior, during, or immediately after the weigh-in. All measuring and release of fish shall occur prior to reaching the buoyed area of the take off ramp or prior to trailering to weigh in location. Any member or team found to have violated this rule shall be disqualified.

TIEBREAKERS: Stringer ties will be broken by: (1) most fish (2) lowest boat number. Big bass ties will split the big bass Pot.

CHECK-IN: One pound per minute late will be subtracted from the stringer up to ten minutes late, and then disqualification will be assessed for that day. If a team boat becomes disabled, the team’s fish must be at the tournament site on time to count for the tournament, which may be by any means possible. Contestants “MUST” be inside the buoys at the weigh-in ramp or have checked in at the table prior to check-in time to avoid a penalty.

On Two-day tournaments on the same lake there will be no fishing allowed after the weigh-in on the first day until start time on the second day. On different lakes the second lake is off limits after the first day weigh-in until start time the second day.

SCORING: Points earned for an event will be determined using the “Combined Points/Pounds System”. Total stringer weight will determine place finish in each tournament. Year-end points earned at each tournament will be calculated by the following method: Each team will receive points equal to their total stringer weight in pounds taken to two decimal places **plus** points earned for their place finish. Points for place finish will be 100 points for 1st place, 99 points for 2nd place, 98 points for 3rd place, etc. *Example: A team finishing in 3rd place with 10.55lbs would receive 108.55 points for that event.* A team entering a tournament and not weighing any fish will receive 70 participation points. **Year-end points will be calculated based on a team’s best seven (7) regular season tournaments.**

The daily limit shall be four (4) bass per team. Only largemouth bass, spotted (Kentucky) bass, or small mouth bass will be counted. All fish must be 15 inches in length (*except* at Pomme De Terre Lake -13”and except for Spotted (Kentucky) bass – 12” on lakes where they are legal to keep – see note at end of paragraph concerning identification of Kentucky bass). Measurement shall be with mouth closed and tail fanned, moved, or pinched in the same manner conservation agents check legal length. Any bass under the prescribed limits in these rules presented for weigh-in will result in the loss of that fish and a one (1) pound penalty subtracted from team’s total stringer. (If a team presents only one fish and it is short, the penalty will be assessed at the next tournament the team presents fish) Each dead fish weighed also receives a penalty of one (1) pound and if the dead fish is weighed for big bass, its weight for big bass will be 1 pound less. For example, a six pound dead

bass will only count as a 5 pound bass in the big bass competition. See next page for identifying Spotted Bass.

The Missouri Conservation describes Spotted (Kentucky) Bass as:

- 1) Upper jaw reaches to or slightly beyond rear margin of the eye in adults.
- 2) Rough patch on tongue
- 3) Dorsal fins well connected
- 4) Very small cheek scales
- 5) Upper parts are greenish WITH darker mottlings; lower sides and belly are whitish with dark spots arranged in streaks.

Largemouth Bass as:

- 1) Upper jaw reaches far beyond the rear margin of the eye, except in small young.
 - 2) Smooth tongue
 - 3) Dorsal fins not well connected
 - 4) Cheek scales same size as rest of body scales
 - 5) Upper parts are greenish; lower sides and belly are white without dark spots or spots that are irregularly arranged
- Bass being considered for the Spotted Bass 12" allowance must have at least 3 out of the 5 listed criteria. If necessary, 3 members of the tournament committee will have final determination.*

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait is permitted. Tackle must be casting, spinning, or spin-casting outfits. Rods may not exceed eight (8) feet in length. All bass must be caught alive and in a conventional manner. Snagging is illegal and trolling is prohibited.

CELL PHONES: Transmitting of information over any radio, phone or other communication device concerning any aspect of the taking of fish during the tournament hours is prohibited.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Any contestant who willingly violates these rules or any federal, state, or local laws will be disqualified and may be terminated from the club.

Note: No Ozark Mountain Angler team boat may fish within 50 yards of any other team boat during an Ozark Mountain Anglers tournament. Doing so will result in an automatic disqualification and possibly the loss of membership in the club.

MARKER BUOYS: The use of marker buoys is permitted. A team may reserve a fifty-yard area from its boat by having their anchor down, trolling motor up, and marker buoys out.

LATE SIGN UPS: Teams will be able to sign up after the draw meeting by contacting the tournament director or board member prior to the start of the start fishing time

CLUB MOUNTING OPTION: Any bass over 8 lbs. In weight or 24" in length caught by an OMA member in an OMA tournament, will qualify for the Master Angler Award and a fiberglass mount may be done at the club's expense. The club requires that all fish be released.

OFF-LIMITS: There will not be any off-limits period prior to each **regular season** tournament. For information about **specific lake off-limits** refer to the section below on permitted fishing waters including take off areas. For restrictions on **permitted fishing times** on tournament days refer to the section above on departure sequence.

SAFETY: Each contestant is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver anytime the boat is on plane or trying to get on plane. All boats must be equipped with a 'kill' switch that must be attached to the driver any time the combustion engine is operating, and the boat is (or is trying to be) on plane.

BOATS AND MOTORS: All boats must meet all B.I.A. and Coast Guard requirements. All boats must be equipped with a live well and a kill switch. Any boat 14 feet or longer will be accepted if powered by a 10 horsepower or more motor. Boats may be trailered to another part of the lake during tournament hours. Horsepower will not exceed the B.I.A. rating.

ALCOHOL: No consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed on the water during tournament hours.

BREAKDOWNS: If a breakdown occurs, one or both contestants may take their fish and get into another contestant's boat and return to the weigh-in site. When transferring fish, all contestants must agree that all fish are identified the same as when they were transferred on the lake. Contestants riding back in another contestant's boat cannot fish. In case of breakdown, you are allowed to leave the lake to try to get your boat fixed or to change boats.

WEATHER: Should any adverse weather conditions occur at the time of start fishing, the time may be adjusted and or the tournament cancelled "ONLY" by the Club Tournament Director & that tournaments Tournament Committee, due to boater safety and Missouri Water Patrol safe boating regulations. Fog will not delay the start fishing time. Contestants shall use their own judgment and be responsible for their own safety as to when to start fishing. If other weather conditions are a factor, and you have questions call the tournament director.

PROTESTS: Protests must be filed with the tournament director or the Tournament Committee prior to the tournament results being announced at each tournament weigh in.

POLYGRAPH TEST: By his or her entry and/or participation in an Ozark Mountain Anglers team tournament, every contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph test. A test may be given immediately following any tournament to any contestant who has earned a check during the year. Refusal to take this test or failure to pass the test may result in disqualification and possibly termination from the club, pending a review by the Officers.

PERMITTED FISHING WATERS: All water behind the "NO-WAKE" buoys of the weigh-in cove shall be off-limits for fishing during OMA tournaments. In addition, the water behind the "NO-WAKE" buoys at the following Lake of Ozarks ramps will be off-limits (regardless of where the weigh-in cove is for the tournament).

1. Drake Harbor (Warsaw City)
2. PB2
3. Y-20 (Coffman)

Otherwise, fishing is permitted any place on the tournament lake not designated as closed water by the lake regulations. All teams MUST exhibit COMMON COURTESY AND COMMON SENSE while fishing in their selection of fishing waters. Failure to do so may result in disqualification or even termination from the club. A contestant may not leave the boat for the purpose of landing a fish or for carrying, towing, or pushing his boat to fishing waters that are otherwise inaccessible by water.

PAST AMENDMENTS TO THE TOURNAMENT RULES:

Summary of 2021 Changes

- Eliminated the Board of Directors as the governing body of the Club, replacing governance as responsibility of the Club Officers; including all references to Board.
- Increased the number of tournaments to 10.
- Revised duties of Club Officers.
- Revised number of tournaments to qualify for Classic to 8.
- Revised approval of new members to responsibility of Club Officers.

Summary of 2020 Changes

- Removed the requirement to have a club member sponsor new members
- Reduced the number of tournaments to 8
- Takeoff for fishoff will now be the same as during the year (Start anywhere)
- When using an alternate up to two tournaments will count toward classic qualification; but will not count toward any other year end awards

Summary of 2019 Changes

- Increased entry fee to \$80.
- NO 15 minute early start or 15 minutes early in for tournament committee members.
- NO lines/lures allowed in water beginning one hour before the official start of any tournament.
- Exception allowed for an alternate or new membership application if >\$5,000 was won from “single fish” events (for example, the “Big Bass Bash”).

Summary of 2018 Changes

- Combined Points/Pounds System (Best of 7 Events). Page 15
- 4 Fish Limit. Page 15
- Reduced off-limits before Classic to Mon-Wed. Page 5
- Clarified wording related to tournament scoring when fishing with alternate. Page 13

Summary of 2017 Changes

- Procedure for selecting classic lake location, and departure sequence. Page 5
- Membership application to the Board for review before voting by the club. Page 10
- Membership voted by members present by show of arms unless secret ballot asked for. Page 10
- Tournament Committee benefits of each team. 15 min. each way. Page 11
- Classic lake location set by the Board. Page 11
- Plaques and trophies removed the wording of “or \$30 dollars” and added “Upon Request”. Page 12
- Plaque and trophy winners have option to leave money in the club if award not requested. Page 12
- AOY option to have jacket made or year added or leave money in club. Page 12
- Revision to “Teams Definition.” Page 13
- Cross reference Classic departure sequence. Page 14
- Alcohol consumption. Page 16
- Removal of boat inspected by tournament official. Page 17
- Removal of meeting attendance incentive and optional side pots. Page 18

Summary of 2016 Changes

- Procedures for deciding Classic location established. See page 5
- Spotted Bass (Kentucky) – members allowed to weigh in 12” or larger on lakes where allowed as keepers by Missouri Conservation. – See page 15
- Meeting Attendance incentive and optional side pots established. – See page 18

Summary of 2015 changes

- Classic Payout Chart amended – Only 1 Division if 15 or under boats qualify for Classic – See page

-Team presenting only 1 fish and it is short shall be assessed the penalty at the next tournament where they present fish. – See page 15

Summary of 2014 changes

-Classic Payout Chart amended – See Page 6

-New members may be voted on at first meeting if they are present – see Application for Membership page 10

-Take off and live well check procedure amended – See **DEPARTURE SEQUENCE** Page 14

Summary of 2013 Changes

-Payback Chart amended to payback based upon number of boat entries. See Page 3

-Weight system implemented instead of the point system for determining year-end classic standings. See Page 5

-Effective January 1, 2014 all officers except for the Vice President will have board member voting rights. See Page 7

-Tournament entry fees were raised from \$60 to \$70 with the same 75% payback. See Page 13

-The one pound Dead fish penalty was applied to the big bass weight if the dead fish was being weighed for big bass. See Page 15

Summary of 2012 Changes

-Payback chart amended to allow a free entry for 6th place. The free entry may only be used by the team who wins it (not transferrable) and may only be used at the next scheduled tournament (no carry-forward). See page 3.

-All tournaments fished instead of best 9 will count towards year-end standings. Point system left in place. See page 5.

-Sport Show Committee changed to Fund Raising Committee and references to Sport Show changed to Fund Raising throughout the rules. See page 11 and other various pages.

-The jacket award for each member of the anglers of the year was clarified to not give cash but rather an actual jacket or a certificate up to \$150 for an embroidered jacket only. See page 12.

-Alternate rule amended – term local was changed to regular and defined as any non-club member who has fished 3 or more tournaments on the tournament lake. Further a team wishing to use a non- club alternate must have a team member present the application in person at the draw meeting or a meeting prior to the draw meeting for approval. Also a penalty for falsification of an alternate application was put in place. See page 14.

-Method of departure language was amended to require the boats file by the take-off boat in single file. If you miss your position, you must wait until all other boats take off. See page 14.

-Life Jacket rule was amended to life jackets must be worn anytime the boat is on plane or trying to get on plane. See page 16.

Summary of 2011 Changes

-Point system modified to allow for 10 points instead of 5 points if a tournament is fished and no keepers are caught and the best 9 tournaments will be counted towards the year-end awards – See page 5.

-Officers terms of office reworded so that office is taken at first meeting if there is not a sport show. See page 7.

-Alternate wording changed to encourage alternate approval prior to the draw meeting except for emergent situations. See page 13.

Summary of 2010 Changes

-Point system implemented for determining year-end finish for Classic – See page 5

-Culling clarification language added – See page 14

-Safety Requirement that jackets be worn and kill switch be used when combustion engine is running – See page 16

Summary of 2009 Changes

- Payouts on the finishes were amended to payment of 6 places. See page 3.
- Classic changed to 2 divisions and Payouts amended. All teams that qualify with 7 tournaments and finish below the top ten will be able to participate in the Silver division. Classic entry fee now required to partially fund classic payout – see page 5.
- Tournament entry fees raised to \$60 with a 75% payback. Approximately \$6 of each entry will go to run the club and the other \$9 will go toward the Classic prize fund
- Second Big Bass for regular season tournaments was dropped, big bass payout amended to only 1 big bass pay out on two day tournaments, and big bass changed to \$5 per entry.
- Amendment made which provides for no late fee refund (late fees to be deposited in Club treasury).
- New member dues were raised from \$50 to \$60 and renewal dues for 2010 were raised from \$20 to \$30.
- Awards for yearend reduced to only cover the following: For the top finishers – 1st to get plaques and coats, 2nd and 3rd to get plaques. For the classic – Gold and Silver 1st place to get plaques. Plaques award also for biggest stringer of year and for the biggest bass for the year
- Budget Note: Commission payments to officers and board members were eliminated. Picnic and Banquet expenses were eliminated. Award account was reduced. Annuity tapped for \$1000 to pay for failed sport show expenses and \$300 for club operating expenses.