



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S PREMIER BASS FISHING CLUB

ZLF Handbook

2018

The ZLF Bass Federation

We are a bass fishing club located in Castaic, California. We hold six meetings a year at the Denny's in Castaic, where we plan club events and discuss all things fishing. We also run six fishing tournaments annually, which determine our club Angler of the Year.

Our awards dinner is held during our December meeting, at which time the Angler of the Year trophy is presented to our member who has earned the most club points throughout the year.

Membership

The ZLF Bass Federation is a small scale bass club and is limited to 30 members at any given time (more than half of the spots must be filled by boaters). Please see the by-laws for the specifics on club membership.

Fee Requirements:

Pay Club Dues: \$75 Annually

Tournament Fees: \$20 Per Event

Co-Angler Fees: \$20 Per Event

2018 Meetings / Tournament Schedule

Meeting Dates

Tuesday, February 13

Tuesday, April 10

Tuesday, June 12

Tuesday, August 14

Tuesday, October 9

Tuesday, December 11



2018 Tournament Schedule

- 3/24 KICKOFF AT PYRAMID
- 4/21 SHOOTOUT AT PYRAMID
- 5/19 PILLAGE AT PYRAMID
- 6/23 CASTAIC CLASSIC
- 7/21 CASTAIC PLUNDER
- 10/13 ZLF CHAMPIONSHIP



Angler of the Year

Points are awarded based upon the place of finish in each fishing event and participation points earned by attending club meetings. The point system is as follows:

Each attended meeting is worth 4 points to the Angler of the Year race.

Anglers earn points based on their place of finish in each of the six fishing tournaments for the year. The points that can be earned are as follows:

1st Place	20 Points
2nd Place	18 Points
3rd Place	16 Points
4th Place	15 Points
5th Place	14 Points
6th Place	13 Points

7th Place	12 Points
8th Place	11 Points
9th Place	10 Points
10th Place	9 Points
11th Place	8 Points
12th Place	7 Points
13th Place	6 Points
14th Place	5 Points
15th Place	4 Points

The ZLF Bass Federation is limited to 30 members, so there will not be more than 15 boats in any fishing tournaments.

The ZLF Bass Federation Angler of the Year will be the angler who has earned the most combined attendance and fishing points for the year. Each angler will be allowed to drop their lowest tournament score result for the year when determining the Angler of the Year.

There will be a separate AOY awarded for the boater and non-boater categories.



ZLF BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

Chapter Name: ZLF Bass Federation

City: Castaic

State: California

Zip: 91384

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards. To improve our skill as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass-catching techniques. To provide Saturday tournaments and fishing events to allow those members who attend church on Sundays a chance to fish in club events as well.



ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1: Number of Members

The chapter shall begin with and maintain at least six members. The chapter will maintain an equal to or greater than number of boaters to non-boaters.

Section 2: Requirement for Regular Membership

To become a chapter member, a person shall:

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- (d) Be recommended by a member at a regular monthly meeting.
- (e) Be voted on by membership. Vote shall be by secret ballot and affirmation shall be unanimous.
- (f) Be 16 years of age.

Section 3: Membership Dues

The membership dues shall be \$75 annually. Annual Dues shall be paid at the October meeting for the upcoming year and are nonrefundable if membership is deactivated for any reason.

Section 4: Event Fees

Each angler will pay a \$20 fee per fishing event. Non boaters will pay the boater they are teamed with \$20 per event in addition to the \$20 event fee to offset boat operational expenses. There is an optional \$5 Big Fish Fee for each event. All fees are due at the meeting preceding each event. Lake entry fees will be split evenly by the team.

Section 5: Meetings of Members

The membership shall hold regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every other month, starting in February.

ARTICLE III – Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their Duties

The officers of the chapter shall consist of:

(a) President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Supervise all club functions.

(b) Vice President: Act as program chairman, assist the president in his/her duties and preside in the absence of the president.

(c) Treasurer: Collect and disburse all monies. Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting.

(d) Tournament Director: Plan and arrange tournaments for the year (including taking care of the paperwork at the lakes and making sure insurance forms are in order). Act as the weight-master in charge of the scales at club fishing events.

Section 2: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of October. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in the order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3: Eligibility of Vote

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin at the start of the meeting in December and end at the start of the meeting the following December (or until the successor assumes office).

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office a member must:

- (a) Have been a member for six months.

(b) Have not missed more than two meetings the previous year.

(c) Have shown an active interest in all chapter functions.

ARTICLE IV – Removal of Membership

Section 1: Removal of Membership

Members may be dropped from the membership roll for the following reasons:

- (a) Failure to pay dues.
- (b) Any action that would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the club.
- (c) Failure to attend 50% of the chapter meetings during a 12-month period.
- (d) Disqualification for any reason from participating in a club events, including disqualification for use of drugs/alcohol, or cheating of any kind.

Note: Military deployment exempt.



ARTICLE V – Method of Amending the Bylaws and Club Rules

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws and Club Rules

The bylaws and club rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amend-ment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote.

ZLF Tournament Rules

- 1 - All of our tournaments are catch and release only (Zero Limit Fishing).
- 2 - Anglers must all have a valid California state fishing license at the time of the fishing event.
- 3 - All boaters must have liability and medical insurance on their boat.
- 4 - All participants in our fishing events must sign a waiver releasing the club and its members of any and all liability in case of an accident or injury during one of our events.
- 5 - All anglers must comply with all of the rules associated with each lake that we fish while fishing one of our events.
- 6 - Boaters must have all of the required safety equipment on board. A life jacket must also be worn at all times when the big motor is running.
- 7 - If there is not an even number of boaters to non-boaters, a boater may fish the tournament alone.
- 8 - Pairings for each event will be determined at the meeting preceding it by the use of a blind draw. One boater will be paired with one non-boater.
- 9 - Each of our tournaments will be a team event, meaning that the weight by both members on the boat will be shared.
- 10 - Our events are all five fish events. The total weight for the boat will be the weight of the five largest fish caught on that day. Only five fish can be kept in the livewell at any given time.
- 11 - There will be no fishing allowed before the start of the tournament. All boats must arrive at the designated weigh-in dock by the time established by the weight master. No fishing is allowed after the official ending time. Boats will lose .2 pounds of total weight for each five-minute period that they arrive late (to be determined by the weight master). Any boat that is more than 15 minutes late or does not show up for weigh in will be disqualified and will receive the points for a last place finisher in the event.

12 - The only fish that count toward the five fish limit are largemouth bass, spotted bass, and smallmouth bass.

13 - Fish must be of legal tournament size (determined based on lake size limits) to count toward your final weight. If the fish does not meet that size limit, the weight of that one fish will be removed from your final weight and you will incur a .2 of a pound penalty.

14 - There will be a dead fish penalty of .2 of a pound assessed to each dead fish weighed in. A dead fish will be determined if a fish cannot swim away when released back into the water. If a fish goes "belly up" within the first minute of being released, it will be considered a dead fish.

15 - In the event of a tie, the largest fish caught during that event will determine the winner (or the final placement of the team).

16 - If there is a tie for the Angler of the Year at the end of the last event, the largest fish caught by one of the anglers during the season will determine the Angler of the Year.

17 - No live bait may be used in any of our fishing events.

18 - No member may leave his boat during a tournament to access an area to fish. A member may leave the boat only to access a restroom during a tournament or in the case of an emergency.

19 - Each angler may only use one rod at a time during the fishing contest.

20 - Boats must maintain a 30-yard cushion from other boats competing in the tournament. The boat that arrives to the spot second must yield to the boat that was there first.

21 - Co-anglers are limited to five rods and one tackle bag when fishing on someone's boat. This rule is to make sure there is a safe and comfortable platform to fish from.

22 - No alcohol or illegal drug is allowed to be on any boat during the fishing event.

23 - The same scale must be used to weigh all of the fish in the tournament and all fish

must be weighed by the weight master. The decisions of the weigh master are final.

Special Rules for Non Boater Issues

1 - A non-boater is attached to his boater after the draw at the club meeting preceding each event. If the boater can't fish for any reason, or the boat breaks down, the non-boater will miss that event as well.

2 - If we have more non boaters than boaters for any event, we may have a non-boater miss that particular event. The non-boaters will be determined by a blind draw at the meeting preceding each event.

3 - A non-boater will not miss more than one of the official club tournaments.

4 - An outside boater can fish a tournament to allow for an unpaired non boater to fish. The weight for the boat will count toward the non-boater's totals for the season.



Special Rules for Angler of the Year

1 - There will be separate categories for the non-boater and the boater Anglers of the Year.

2 - The winner of the Angler of the Year awards will be determined by meeting points and by the best four out of five tournaments of the year.

3 - Each attended meeting is worth 4 points that will go toward the Angler of the Year race.