SILTED WATER BASS LLC

(Team Tournament Rules and Requirements)

2026 rule changes are highlighted in yellow.

YEARLY TEAM SIGN-UP

-Competitors must register a team to be able to fish Silted Water Bass LLC's regional team tournaments.
-All competitors must use the team sign-up form provided online at the following website address; https://www.siltedwaterbass.com/team-sign-up
-Once you complete the yearly sign-up form in the link provided above. Bring the following to the first tournament registration you attend,
-Participant Agreement Waiver(s) for **EACH** member of the team. **Every competitor is REQUIRED to fill this out.** The Participant Agreement Waiver can be found at the following link; https://www.siltedwaterbass.com/rules-forms
-Proof of $300,000 Boater Liability Insurance w/ expiration date for Silted Water Bass LLC to keep on record.
-Cash for the Team Sign-up fee, if you opted to pay cash when filling out the online Team Sign-Up Form.

Yearly Team Sign-Up Fee

-**$80** per year

SIGN-UP FEE BREAKDOWN	$ AMOUNT	% of TOTAL ENTRY
-Tournament Organization Insurance Breakdown per team	$55	68.75%
-S.W.B. Organizational and Administrative Expenses	$15	18.75%
-State A.O.Y. (Angers of the year) Fund	$10	12.50%
Totals:	$80	100%

-Teams have the option to pay online or at the first tournament registration.
-Team sign-up fees are non-refundable.

Team Designating Rules

-Be mindful on how you create your team. Try to have foresight on teammates who are dependable throughout the season (including the T.O.C.)
-A team consists of **TWO** primary team members and **ONE** designated substitute angler.
-The team's **TWO** primary members must be designated when signing up their team.
-Primary team members cannot be changed at any point during the season and/or be added if the team was originally signed up as a one-man team.
-Each team is allowed the use of **ONE** designated substitute angler throughout the season. This substitute is allowed to compete in multiple tournaments.
-To limit confusion and last-minute changes; the team substitute will **ONLY** be added to the team's roster at the first tournament the substitute competes in.
-At least **ONE** team member must be 18 years of age or older (19 in Nebraska) to participate, however, if someone under the ages listed wish to participate, they must present written permission and official release of liability from a parent or legal guardian, unless he/she is fishing with their parent or legal guardian.

-Silted Water Bass LLC's Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse membership or participation in any event, to anyone, for any reason including, but not limited to, suspension, disqualification or banning from this or other events, criminal behavior, violation of game laws, or any unsportsmanlike behavior that would reflect dishonorably on our sport.

TOURNAMENT RSVP

-All teams **ARE REQUIRED TO RSVP TO ALL TOURNAMENTS** they plan to attend throughout the year. ***– Highlighting Importance***
-The RSVP form (free to fill out) is found online at; https://www.siltedwaterbass.com/tournament-rsvp
-RSVP ends at 5:00PM CST on the Friday before all regular season tournament weekends.
-Teams that fail to RSVP will be charged a $20 Failure to RSVP fee at tournament registration. This fee will be allocated towards the T.O.C. fund
-If a team cannot attend after RSVPing, said team needs to contact the acting tournament director and let him/her know.
-If you are having issues with filling out the form or are having technical difficulties, please contact the Tournament Director. Contact info is at the bottom of this document

TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

-Every team **IS REQUIRED TO** be registered to fish Silted Water Bass LLC's regular season team tournaments via team sign-up.
-Every team **IS REQUIRED TO** RSVP to every tournament they intend to compete in.
-Every team **IS REQUIRED TO** have a correctly filled out, and signed Tournament Entry Form and paid in full entry fee to enter the tournament.
-Every team **IS REQUIRED TO** have proof of $300,000 Boater Liability Insurance.
-Every team **IS REQUIRED TO** have all local, state, and federal fishing, boating, and tournament permits for the water body that the tournament is held.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

-Life preservers and throwable flotation devices are required to be fully coast guard compliant.
-Life preservers are required to be out at all times during tournament hours.
-Kill switch needs to be used every time the combustion engine is running.
-When the combustion engine is above idle (5mph), life preservers are required to be on and worn correctly.
-No alcohol or any type of non-prescribed drug use during tournament hours. This includes the time period during any official practices, morning registration, pre-tournament meeting, loading and unloading boats, and weigh-in.
-Yield to vessel(s) or person(s) in distress. Call emergency services (911) if necessary, notify tournament director, and do not put your team's lives in danger in extreme situations.

VESSEL REQUIREMENTS

-16 feet minimum vessel length.
-25hp minimum combustion engine.
-Vessels with stick steering located near the bow of the boat are prohibited.
-Tiller handle style outboards are permitted.
-Navigation and anchor lights are required to be working and on at blast off.
-Must follow all local, state, and federal boating laws. If you are ticketed for any infraction, you will be disqualified from the tournament

Livewell Requirements

-Must have a fully functioning livewell.
-An electrolyte additive is to be utilized and onboard every competitor's vessel. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
-Only conservation style cull tags are to be used. The old school puncture style cull tags are prohibited.
-Livewells will be dry checked by a Silted Water official in the boat ramp's parking lot prior to launch. Unless otherwise noted by the acting Tournament Director

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE

-For scheduling, organizing, and running each tournament; the acting tournament director's entry fees are waved, except for the A.O.Y. and T.O.C. Fund, if he/she decides to compete.
-Entry fees are non-refundable. With the only exception being tournament cancellation.
-Each scheduled tournament weekend consists of 2 tournaments. One on Saturday and one on Sunday.
-$140 (per day) ENTRY FEE - 75% same day payout

ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN	$ AMOUNT	% of TOTAL ENTRY
-Tournament Payout (Including Big Bass Payout)	$105	75%
-Tournament Expense Fund	$15	10.7%
-Regional T.O.C. (Tournament of Champions) Fund	$15	10.7%
-Regional A.O.Y. (Anglers of the year fund) Fund	$5	3.6%
Totals:	$140	100%

Tournament Payout

-Payout is based on the number of teams fishing. See Payout Schedule for amounts and places paid out to.
-In the event of a tie, winner or higher placing team, is decided by Big Bass. If there is yet still a tie all associated payouts to the tied placements will be added together and split evenly amongst all tied teams.
-Silted Water will only payout to teams that bring fish to the scales. All unearned payouts will be added to the T.O.C. payout. Examples below;
  -In the event where no fish are weighed in, all payouts will go into to the T.O.C. fund.
  -In the event where only one team weighs in fish, only the first-place payout is paid out. All other payouts will go into the T.O.C. fund.

Big Bass Payout

-Paid out to the team or individual who caught the heaviest bass.
-Teams with dead fish must use smallest dead fish minus 1 pound penalty for Big Bass.
-In the event of a tie, winner is decided by heaviest bag weighed in. If there is yet still a tie, payout is split.
-In the event where no fish are weighed in; all funds will go to the T.O.C. fund.

T.O.C. Fund

-This money is held throughout the season to help fund the Tournament of Champions.

Regional A.O.Y. Fund

-This money is held throughout the season to be awarded to the top placing team or teams (depending on fund size) in the Regional Anglers of The Year standings.

Tournament Expense Fund

-This money is held throughout the season to be used for any and all tournament related expenses. Including but not limited to;
  equipment certifications and upkeep, tournament prep expenses, weigh-in expenses, tournament related permits, purchases of new equipment, commemorative award expenses, etc.
-This fund was not made to be a "money grab" or to take advantage of tournament anglers. This fund was calculated through past years expenses, updated yearly costs, and projected tournament attendances to cover bare minimum input costs the organization incurs throughout the year.

OPTIONAL W.O.W. (Weekend Overall Weight) SIDE POT

-$20 (per weekend) – 100% payback (winner takes all)
-Must be paid in on the first non-canceled day of the tournament weekend.
-Paid out to the team or individual who has the heaviest Saturday and Sunday combined weight.
-Paid out once per weekend.
-If Saturday or Sunday is cancelled, winner is determined by heaviest bag from the non-canceled day.
-In the event of a tie, winner is decided by the heaviest single day bag. If there is still a tie, payout is split.
-In the event where no fish are weighed in during the weekend all funds will go to the T.O.C. fund.
-The side pot is not waved for the tournament director's team.

MAILED IN TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

-Mailed in tournament entries are accepted.
-Contact the tournament director before sending through the mail.
-Tournament entries include the following;
    -A correctly filled out and signed Silted Water Bass LLC Entry Form.
    -Written permission note from a legal guardian, if underage. Unless the competitor is competing on the same team with his/her parent/legal guardian.
    -Check for each tournament entry fee w/ date and lake noted on the memo line.
    -Mailed in registrations must be delivered no later than the Wednesday leading up to the registering tournament weekend.
-Make checks payable to Silted Water Bass LLC.
-Mail to Silted Water Bass LLC (attention: Tournament Director) Address: 11397 719 Road Alma, NE 68920.

TOURNAMENT CANCELATIONS

-The tournament director has the right to delay, postpone, reschedule, and/or cancel a tournament due to weather, flooding, or any other unforeseen reason.
-For teams who pre-paid their tournament entry, below are how refunds will be handled in the event of a cancellation (your choice);
    -Full refund.
    -Forward paid entry to the next non-canceled tournament.

TOURNAMENT PRE-FISHING / OFFICIAL PRACTICE RULES

-Tournament Water(s) are off limits 5 Days (Monday-Friday) leading up to the tournament weekend. Absolutely no on the water activities during this time period. Unless otherwise noted or approved by tournament director. Outboard or vessel tests are permitted as long as the acting Tournament Director is present.
-Teams who wish to pre-fish instead of fishing Saturday tournaments may do so, but they must follow these guidelines;
    -Teams must notify tournament director beforehand.
    -Teams are required to prepay for Sunday's entry fee.
    -Teams must follow all tournament rules and requirements while on the water.
    -Teams cannot be on the water outside of tournament hours.
    -Teams must use the tournament's official boat ramp to launch their tournament vessel.
    -Competitors who pre-fish together must fish the tournament together. (Cannot pre-fish with anyone other than your team member or designated team sub.)

TOURNAMENT FISHING RULES

-50 Teams maximum per tournament. Tournament director can alter this number when he/she sees fit.
-Must follow all local, state, and federal fishing laws. If you are ticketed for any infraction, you will be disqualified from the tournament.
-No more than 2 individuals in a boat during tournament hours. Only exceptions to this rule;
    -If there is an emergency.
    -If there was a mechanical failure and one team is giving another team a ride to a boat ramp or weigh-in.
-Tournament hours can very but are typically from safe light to 3:00pm.
-Rod and reel fishing only.
-No limit on number of rods teams can have.
-No fishing rod length restriction in effect.
-Trolling is prohibited.
-Use of a net is permitted.
-Live and prepared baits are prohibited. Pork rind style and bio-degradable soft plastic baits are permitted.
-Use of an a-rig (umbrella rig / Alabama rig) or any other multi-bait rig is permitted if local, state, and federal law allows it on the tournament's water body.
-No anchor rule in effect. Use your best judgement and sportsmanship when fishing around fellow competitors. Bumping boats, casting lures into other competitor's boats, or any type of verbal or physical abuse to keep others from fishing **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**!
-Any type of cheating or taking advantage of the tournament field including but not limited to pre-fishing during off limits time period, snagging, set fish, using baskets or barrels to hold fish and or any form of it **WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND DISMISSAL FROM THIS TOURNAMENT TRAIL FOR LIFE.**

EXITING A VESSEL (DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS)

-Competitors can exit their vessel during severe weather, to work on mechanical issues, push out of getting stuck, retrieving snagged lures and during an emergency situation. **(*Needing to use an outhouse is considered an emergency.)***
-If one competitor on a team needs to exit the vessel or leave the tournament the remaining team member can continue to fish.
-Violating the following rules will result in **DISQUALIFICATION**.

Severe weather

-In the case of severe weather forming after blast off, every competitor is expected to use their best judgement to avoid putting themselves in a dangerous situation during inclement weather.
-A team is allowed to beach, exit their vessel, and take refuge during severe weather situations.
-A team is also allowed to trailer their vessel and wait out severe weather. Contact tournament director after doing so. If you leave the boat ramp parking lot during this time, your team cannot continue to fish, and you cannot weigh in. Tournament will still count toward the T.O.C. attendance qualification. Unless otherwise permitted by the acting Tournament Director.

Mechanical failures

-If a team needs to trailer their vessel to work on it, they may do so if they contact the tournament director and do no leave the boat ramp parking lot. If you leave the boat ramp parking lot during this time, your team cannot continue to fish, and you cannot weigh in. Tournament will still count toward the T.O.C. attendance qualification. Unless otherwise permitted by the acting Tournament Director.
-In the event of a mechanical failure, while on the water, a team can transfer their tournament bag to another competitor's boat to be brought in to weigh-in. In addition to this, at least one person from the transferring team must accompany their catch back to weigh-in.

Beached / stuck vessels

-If a vessel is stuck in shallow water. A competitor can exit their vessel to push it back into waters that it came from.
-A competitor cannot exit their boat and push it across shallow water areas to gain access to trapped water bodies or back waters.

Lure retrieval

-A competitor can exit their vessel to retrieve a snagged lure.
-The competitor must return to the boat ASAP after retrieving the lure.
-The competitor who is retrieving the snagged lure is not allowed to fish until he/she is back on the vessel.

TOURNAMENT CREEL

-5 Black Bass Tournament Limit - largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, and/or any hybrid variation of black bass.
-Maximum number of fish in a livewell at any given time cannot exceed each competitor's daily bag limit.
-Length and combination of species are determined by each individual tournament's water body's local, state, and federal creel laws.

6 or more fish brought to weigh-in

-Largest fish will be culled until tournament limit is met.

Short or long fish

-Teams catch will be disqualified from the tournament standings if a single fish measures shorter or longer than regulations allow.
-Tournament show up points are still awarded.
-It is each competitor's responsibility to correctly use an accurate measuring scale.
-Designated tournament measuring board **(Gator Grip's Golden Rule Weighmaster GG-50 Largemouth Bass)** will be available for comparison during tournament registration.

Dead fish

-Bag weight minus 1 pound per dead fish.
-Any dead fish a team has accumulated during tournament hours must be brought to weigh-in. You cannot switch out or cull dead fish. Doing so will result in disqualification.
-After weigh-in disposing of dead fish back in the lake, ditching it on ground, or throwing it in the water bodies facilities garbage service at or near the ramps parking lot, without properly cleaning it will result in **DISQUALIFICATION. You kill it you keep it!** Tournament points will not be awarded and daily bag weight does not count toward W.O.W.

REQUIRED IN-PERSON TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

-When registering for a tournament have the following;
-A correctly filled out and signed Silted Water Bass LLC Entry Form.
-Proof of $300,000 Boater Liability Insurance.
-Written permission note from a legal guardian, if underage. Unless the competitor is competing on the same team with his/her parent/legal guardian.
-Entry Fee **(CASH ONLY AT TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION)**
-Tournament registration ends approximately 30 minutes prior to the scheduled blast off.
-Livewell dry checks will take place at this time.
-Mail in tournament entries are accepted and need to be delivered no later than the Wednesday leading up to the tournament weekend. Teams are still required to check-in at registration.
-Team Sign-up fees are accepted during registration.
-The official tournament measuring board will be available at this time for comparison for those who wish to reference their team's board.

Late Registration

-If your team is running late. Please contact the Tournament Director to give an estimated E.T.A.
-Teams that show up after the designated Tournament Registration end time will be charged a $20 late fee. This late fee will be allocated to the T.O.C. payout.
-Teams that show up after the start of the pre-tournament meeting will not be allowed to enter the tournament.
-Depending on the situation **AND** whether or not you contact the Tournament Director, the Tournament Director can choose to enforce or wave the late fee and/or allow late teams to be able to enter the tournament**. – *Highlighting Importance***

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

-Pre-tournament meeting starts roughly 15 minutes prior to the scheduled blast off.
-At least one competitor from each team is required to attend the pre-tournament meeting.
-During the morning meeting teams will draw for blast off positions for regular season tournaments.
-Each team's official weigh-slip will be handed out at the end of the meeting. It is each team's responsibility to maintain it throughout the day.

END OF TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

-Every tournament ends at 3:00pm. Unless otherwise noted by the tournament director.
-Each team is required to be within the tournament's designated check-in area no later than 3:00pm.
-A 50-yard radius around the official boat ramp is considered the official check-in area. Unless otherwise noted by the tournament director.

Late to check-in

-e.g. - When official time check-in time is **3:00PM** you are considered late when the official time strikes **3:00PM** **– *Highlighting Importance***
-Team's catch will be disqualified from the tournament.
-Tournament show up points are still awarded.

Actively fishing at 3:00pm in the check-in area

-**3:00pm** tournament is over.
-Team's catch will be disqualified from the tournament.
-Tournament show up points are still awarded.

WEIGH-IN

-Tournament scale is open at the designated weigh-in time. There are no early weigh-ins, unless otherwise noted.
-Weigh-in ruffly starts 30 minutes after end of tournament check-in to allow for the setup of the weigh station. Unless otherwise noted.
-No more than four teams with fish at the weigh-in tank at any point in time.
-Only Silted Water weigh-in bags are to be used. Unless otherwise noted.
-Please tag their Tournament Big Bass before bringing it to weigh-in. It is not Silted Water's responsibility to decide Big Bass.
-A Silted Water official will determine if a fish is dead or not.
-Teams who question their bag weight will have the opportunity to have their bag re-weighed. Heaviest weight will be recorded on the weigh-slip.

Tournament Scales

-Designated NTEP approved tournament weigh-in scale(s) Brand/model: **OHAUS Defender 3000 i-D33P30B1R5**
-Scale #1 S/N: **8346440777**
-Scale #2 S/N: **8346170935**
-Unit of measurement: **Pounds and Ounces**
-Scales are to be maintained at NTEP standards.

TOURNAMENT PROTESTS

-All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director along with a **$100** good faith deposit. The appointed T.P.B. (Tournament Protest Board) will handle all protests.
-Any and all protests need to be submitted within 5 minutes after the close of the weigh in.
-The T.P.B. is made up of 2 competitors. These 2 people will be designated the morning of the tournament.
-The T.P.B. will decide if the protest is valid or not.
-If the protest is found valid, the tournament director will enforce the penalties for breaking tournament rules and the good faith deposit will be returned to the protester.
-If the protest is found NOT valid, the protest will be disregarded and the good faith deposit will be allocated to the T.O.C. fund.
-If there is a split decision, the tournament director has final say.

MISCELLANEOUS GUIDELINES

-Swimming in tournament waters in between tournament days after the conclusion of the weigh-ins is allowed, if local laws allow it. However, boat use, pre-fishing, or any act of taking advantage of the tournament field is prohibited.
-Outboard or vessel tests are permitted as long as the acting Tournament Director is contacted.

(Anglers of The Year and Championship Tournament)

REGIONAL (OVERALL) A.O.Y. STANDINGS

-In 2026 there are 14 scheduled regional tournaments.
-A portion of every entry fee is collected throughout the season to be awarded to the top placing team or teams (depending on fund size) in the Regional A.O.Y. standings.
-Fund distribution starting in 2026,
  -When regional funds are less than or equal to $1,000 - 1st place receives 100% of total fund.
  -When regional funds are in excess of $1,000 – 1st place receives 70% and 2nd place receives 30% of total fund.
-A.O.Y. standings are calculated by points earned throughout the season, "Regional Tournament Points", and the points earned from the T.O.C.
-Each team's top **EIGHT** regular season tournament finishes in points plus T.O.C. points will be added together to designate the regional A.O.Y. standings and regional champion.
-In the event of a tie, winner or higher placing team, is decided by total regional weight (T.O.C. included). If there is yet still a tie, payout is split along with team ranking.

Regional Tournament Point Scale

-The point scale is based on a 50-team max tournament field.
-Point Scale below;

Placement	Points	Placement	Points	Placement	Points	Placement	Points	Placement	Points
1	50	11	40	21	30	31	20	41	10
2	49	12	39	22	29	32	19	42	9
3	48	13	38	23	28	33	18	43	8
4	47	14	37	24	27	34	17	44	7
5	46	15	36	25	26	35	16	45	6
6	45	16	35	26	25	36	15	46	5
7	44	17	34	27	24	37	14	47	4
8	43	18	33	28	23	38	13	48	3
9	42	19	32	29	22	39	12	49	2
10	41	20	31	30	21	40	11	50	1

-In the event where more than 50 teams compete in a tournament, points for their perspective tournament placements will go up 1 point for every team competing over 50 teams. (e.g.- If 51 boats are competing, 1st=51pts, 2nd =50pts, 3rd=49pts, etc.)
-All teams that do not weigh fish in will be given 1 point less than the lowest placing team with fish.
-In the event of a tie, Big Bass is the designated tie-breaker. If there is still a tie, all tied teams will be awarded the corresponding points for the tied placement.

T.O.C. Point Scale

-The point scale is based on a 50-team max tournament field.
-This elevated point scale is to help with the importance of T.O.C. performance in determining the regional A.O.Y. standings.
-Point Scale below;

Placement	Points	Placement	Points	Placement	Points	Placement	Points	Placement	Points
1	200	11	160	21	120	31	80	41	40
2	196	12	156	22	116	32	76	42	36
3	192	13	152	23	112	33	72	43	32
4	188	14	148	24	108	34	68	44	28
5	184	15	144	25	104	35	64	45	24
6	180	16	140	26	100	36	60	46	20
7	176	17	136	27	96	37	56	47	16
8	172	18	132	28	92	38	52	48	12
9	168	19	128	29	88	39	48	49	8
10	164	20	124	30	84	40	44	50	4

-All teams that do not weigh fish in will be given 4 points less than the lowest placing team with fish.
-In the event of a tie, higher placing team is decided by the heaviest single day bag. If there is still a tie, all tied teams will be awarded the corresponding points for the tied placement.

Past Regional A.O.Y. Funds

Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount
2024	$1,030	2025	$920	2026	$	2027	$	2028	$	2029	$

STATE A.O.Y. STANDINGS

-Starting in 2026 SWB will officially designate state champions based on in-state tournament performance.
-In 2026, the 14 regional tournaments will be broken down into 3 divisions (States). Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Each state will have its own A.O.Y. standings and state champion(s).
-Kansas and Nebraska will each have **FIVE** designated state qualifying tournaments and South Dakota will have **FOUR**.
-Designated state qualifying tournament break down;

Kansas	April 11 & 12 at Cedar,	May 16 at Norton,	August 22 & 23 at Milford
Nebraska	May 17 at Red Willow,	June 6 & 7 at Big Mac,	September 26-27 at Sherman
South Dakota	July 18 & 19 at Sharpe,	October 17 & 18 at Missouri River	

-The state A.O.Y. standings will use the same "Regional Tournament Point Scale" (noted above in the Regional A.O.Y. section) to designate A.O.Y. standings.
Kansas Division - Each team's top **FOUR** daily tournament points will be added together to determine state A.O.Y. standings and state champion(s).
Nebraska Division - Each team's top **FOUR** daily tournament points will be added together to determine state A.O.Y. standings and state champion(s).
South Dakota Division - Each team's top **THREE** daily tournament points will be added together to determine state A.O.Y. standings and state champion(s).
-In the event of a tie, winner or higher placing team, is decided by total divisional weight. If there is yet still a tie, payout is split along with team ranking.

Primary State Designation

-At team sign-up each team must designate the primary state they wish to compete within for State A.O.Y. standings. **(There are no additional fees for selecting a primary state.)**
-**$10** out of every team's sign-up fee will be placed in the team's primary state's A.O.Y. Fund.
A.O.Y. Fund: This money is held throughout the season to be awarded to the state champions in each state's A.O.Y. standings.

Competing in multiple State A.O.Y. Standings

-For teams wanting to compete in multiple state standings for additional chances of qualifying for the T.O.C. or to gain the recognition of possibly being named State Champions in multiple states in the same year, there will be an additional **$40 buy-in** for each additional state standings they wish to compete in.
-This fee must be paid in full at the first tournament they compete in. 100% of this fee will be placed in the corresponding state's A.O.Y. Fund.
-This does **NOT** mean that teams cannot compete in multiple states without paying the $40 fee. **All SWB registered teams are able to compete in ALL SWB tournaments without having to pay any additional fee(s).** This $40 fee is only for placing your team on an additional state's A.O.Y. standings roster.

Past Regional State A.O.Y. Funds

	State	$ Amount	State	$ Amount	State	$ Amount	State	$ Amount	State	$ Amount	State	$ Amount
(2026)	(KS)	$	(NE)	$	(SD)	$		$		$		$

Silted Water Bass LLC Tournament of Champions

-This is Silted Water Bass LLC's fully funded (no entry required) championship tournament.
-Optional side pots are determined on a yearly basis and are 100% paid back.
-This is a two-day combined weight tournament.
-T.O.C. qualifications are solely based on team performance and tournament participation throughout the season.

Qualifying Via Regional Standings

-Teams must compete in a minimum of **SIX** regional tournaments and finish in the **Top 15%** in the regional standings.
-Each team's top **EIGHT** finishes in regular season tournament points will be added together to designate T.O.C. qualifiers.
-With this being a percentage-based qualification, in the event of a calculation not resulting in a whole number, the number of teams that qualify will **ALWAYS** be rounded up to the next whole number.
(i.e. – if the total regional field is 36 teams, 15% of that is 5.4 teams. SWB will invite the top 6 teams.)
-If the tournament director's team places in the top 15% of the regional standings, **ONE** additional team will be granted eligibility to compete at the T.O.C., provided said team meets the minimum tournament attendance.

-In the event where a team declines the T.O.C. invite or does NOT RSVP by the deadline, the next team down the A.O.Y. list will be granted eligibility to compete at the T.O.C., provided said team meets the minimum tournament attendance.

Qualifying Via State Standings

-Teams must attend a minimum of **ONE** state qualifying tournament **AND** finish in the **TOP 15%** of the total field in the state A.O.Y. standings.
-With this being a percentage-based qualification, in the event of a calculation not resulting in a whole number, the number of teams that qualify will **ALWAYS** be rounded up to the next whole number.
(i.e. – if the total state tournament field is 17 teams, 15% of that is 2.55 teams. SWB will invite the top 3 teams from this state.)
-If the tournament director's team qualifies via state standings and not regional standings, **ONE** additional team will be granted eligibility to compete at the T.O.C., provided said team meets the minimum tournament attendance.
-In the event where a team declines the T.O.C. invite or does NOT RSVP by the deadline, the next team down the A.O.Y. list will be granted the opportunity to compete at the T.O.C., provided said team meets the minimum tournament attendance.

Double Qualifiers

-If a team double qualifies through both the regional and state A.O.Y. standings. The regional qualification takes priority. Thus, giving the team next in line under the state standings an invite to the T.O.C.
-If a team qualifies through multiple states. The state where this team has the higher placing A.O.Y. finish takes priority. Thus, giving the team next in line under the other state or states an invite to the T.O.C.

Team Substitutes

-Substitutes are allowed but will be allowed under following conditions;
1) A team's designated substitute can compete but he/she is required to have competed in at least **ONE** tournament during the season with said team to be eligible.
2) Choose an angler from a team that that did not qualify for the T.O.C. that competed in the same primary state. However, this angler is required to have competed in at least **FOUR** tournaments to be eligible.
3) Choose to combine with another qualified team who is also missing a primary team member that competed in the same primary state. If this is the preferred method, both teams need to inform the tournament director prior to the T.O.C. RSVP deadline. This will not be allowed after the RSVP deadline.
-T.O.C. points will NOT be awarded to teams that use a sub at the T.O.C

Official Practice

-Official practice will be determined on a yearly basis due to several factors. Factors including but not limited to; lake size, bass population, lake fishability, safety concerns due to weather.
-Teams must follow all tournament rules and requirements while on the water.
-Teams must use the tournament's official boat ramp to launch their tournament vessel. Unless otherwise noted by the tournament director.
-If an official practice is scheduled a team can split up and pre-fish out of separate boats as long as the following are met;
1) **CANNOT** pre-fish with someone that is not competing in the T.O.C.
2) All vessels meet Silted Water Bass LLC insurance requirements.

Additional Information

-Day one launch is based on Regional (overall) A.O.Y. standings. Day two launch is reverse order.
-Regular season tournaments rules carry over to the TOC unless otherwise noted by acting tournament director.
-In the event of a tie, higher placing team is decided by the heaviest single day bag. If there is still a tie, all associated payouts to the tied placements will be added together and split evenly amongst all tied teams.
-Teams that qualified for the T.O.C. **CANNOT** split up and fish separately during the tournament.
(i.e. - teams cannot split up to create two single person teams or split up to have one of the primary team members compete alone and the other fish as a substitute for another qualified team.)

State vs State Teams Battle

-With the addition of state based A.O.Y. standings, we will now track each state's performance at the T.O.C. and officially name State Team Champions.
-The state with the heaviest two-day combined weight wins.
-Designating state teams;
-State teams are built by individual T.O.C. qualified teams. Each state's A.O.Y. standings roster designates which state the individual qualified team competes on behalf of.
-If a qualified team is on multiple state rosters, the state in which this team competes on behalf of, is the state where this team has the higher placing A.O.Y. finish.
-To fairly calculate each state's total weight with competing states that have lopsided T.O.C. qualifier numbers. The state with the least number of qualifiers (state and regional qualifiers combined) will be the baseline used for calculating each state's total weight, with **THREE** teams being the minimum for figuring this calculation.
-Each state's total tournament weight is the sum of the top placing teams, competing on behalf of said state, down to the baseline number figured above.
(e.g. – If Kansas has 6 qualified teams and Nebraska has 4. The top **FOUR** (baseline number) placing team's total tournament weights from each state will be used in determining state team standings.)

Past T.O.C. Funds

Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount	Year	$ Amount
2024	$3,090	2025	$2,760	2026	$	2027	$	2028	$	2029	$

(RULES AND REQUIREMENT CHANGES)

-The Tournament Director reserves the right to revise, change, modify, add, or remove rules and requirements at any point throughout the tournament season.
-If any changes are made, the changes will be announced during the upcoming pre-tournament meeting.
-Silted Water Bass's Tournament Rules and Requirements document(s) will be updated as soon as possible following a rules and requirements revision.

REVISIONS

CREATED – (JAN2024)

REV. A - (MAR2024)

-Rule change; (6 or more fish brought to weigh in) - Removed DQ and added 1lb penalty and loss of biggest fish.
-Rule change; (dead fish) - Removed DQ
-Rule change; (short/long fish) – Added In the event of a DQ, disqualified teams catch will still count towards W.O.W.
-Rule change; (big fish) – Removed fish must be alive. Added team's smallest dead fish -1lb penalty will be big fish.
-Added Tournament Pre-Fishing / Official Practice section. See above.
-Added TOC clarification for short/long fish. DQ'd bag weight from short/long fish does not count toward the T.O.C. 2-day total weight.
-Fixed miscellaneous grammar issues.

REV. B - (OCT2024)

-Added second way to qualify for T.O.C. (This rule is back dated to 20MAR2024) – Teams can qualify to buy-in to the T.O.C. when a team wins a W.O.W.
-Clarified T.O.C. exception qualifiers

REV. C - (FEB2025)

-Major changes made to ease transition from a one division circuit to a multiple division circuit in the future.
-Removed individual memberships. Added new way for teams to sign-up and team designating rules.
-Added mandatory Tournament RSVP rules and boat launch order based on RSVP submission.
-Removed tournament buy-ins.
-Added late registration rules.
-Removed AOY weight-based team placement. Added a new simple points system to determine AOY standings.
-Removed 2024 TOC qualifications, added Top 10 in AOY points get the TOC invite plus supporting rules, WOW winners get TOC invite if they give up all WOW winnings.
-Added Lure retrieval and team member leaving early rules, T.P.B. has say in whether to charge late fee / let late team fish, removed use of only using one rod per angler, good faith deposit allocation.
-Updated Short/long fish rule; team's DQ'd bag does not count toward W.O.W. or yearly weight. Team still gets show-up points.
-Added only conservation style cull clips are allowed to be used.

REV.D – (APR2025)

-Added teams will draw for Saturday and Sunday Blast off order during regular season events.

REV. D - (JAN2026)

-W.O.W. winners will no longer have the option to buy-in to the T.O.C.
-Removed 1lb penalty per fish for too many fish brought to scales
-New tournament entry fee & side pot
-Updated vessel requirements
-Added clarity for team sign-ups and substitutes
-Added clarity for T.O.C.
-Substitute designation clarification
-Fixed miscellaneous grammar issues
***-SEE REV. E ****Adjusted TOC minimum attendance to 5 (the average amount of tournaments the average team attends in a season)*
-Adjusted AOY & TOC top 10 finishes determination to top 8 for a more competitive AOY race. (Roughly 30% of teams fish 8 or more tournaments in a season compared to less than 15% fishing 10 or more)
-Acting tournament directors must pay into AOY and TOC funds at every tournament he/she fishes.
-Added yearly AOY and TOC fund amounts

REV. E - (FEB2026)

-Added new or updated tie breakers to season points, TOC points, WOW Payout, and AOY Payout
-Added state AOY standings, new state and regional TOC qualifications, and additional TOC info
-With the addition of state AOY race and additional state-based TOC qualification, the regional toc tournament attendance changed from 5 back to 6 to encourage/incentivize teams crossing over to fish multiple state qualifying tournaments
-Added Miscellaneous section
-Added weigh-in scale info
-Added new A.O.Y. fund distributions

REV. F - (MAR2026)
-Added clarity for state point standings
REV. G - (SEP2026)
-Changed all AOY standings tie breakers from total points to total weight in each perspective division and regional standings.

KNOWLEDGE OF THESE RULES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH CONTESTANT!

Failure to read these rules or ignorance of them is no excuse.

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