

Oneida Lake Bassmasters Points Trail Rules

Note: All regular club tournaments begin at time listed on the tournament schedule or at safe light and will last 8 hours. The tournament director shall determine when conditions are safe to proceed with the event. In the event of severe weather the tournament director may move the tournament site to another nearby location, if feasible, or cancel and reschedule the event at a later date.

General Tournament Rules: The Oneida Lake Bassmasters have adopted the New York State Bass Chapter Federation Tournament Rules, [click here](#), with the following exceptions:

1. Any boat equipped with an outboard engine of 50 hp or less will receive a 20 minute early start. This provides the smaller boat the chance to reach a distant fishing spot at about the same time the guys with the big boats do.
2. Non-boater/boater pairings is left up to the members. Boater and non-boaters are encouraged to fish together not more than two times per season, not including paper tournaments. .
3. There is no set "off-limits" period. As many of our members have odd schedules and work Saturdays, making it impossible to pre-fish, we have no set off-limit period.
4. There is no minimum horsepower rule. Your boat must be equipped with all the safety equipment and features set forth by US Coast Guard regulations and a working live-well large enough to keep two limits of fish alive for the duration of the tournament.
5. The non-boater shared gas & oil expense for the 2009 season has been set at \$30.00 per tournament. (covering boater's shared gas, oil, launch, travel expenses)
6. Un-paired boaters will be able to compete fishing from their own boats, and will not be forced to fish together in one boat, leaving the other angler's at the ramp.
7. The boater and non-boater will share control of the boat, each having say where they will fish in their 4 hour period, which includes travel time. This means the non-boater can direct the boater to go to their spot and they may operate the trolling motor, it does not give the non-boater permission to operate the gas motor.
8. *NEW for 2009, Non-boaters must make their own boater arrangements no later than the Sunday preceding the tournament date. They must also notify the webmaster via email or phone so the pairings table can be updated. If a guest is scheduled to ride with a boater and a member needs a ride the member will have priority as long as arrangements with the boater are made prior to the deadline described above. The only exception to this rule will be if a boater has a breakdown prior to the tournament, then both the boater and non-boater will have priority over a guest regardless of the deadline.