



**Spring Season
2011**

Northern California

**Recreational
Fishing League
MATCH-PLAY**



Meet New Anglers!

Have Fun & Compete!

LOW COST!

Match Scheduling

Six (6) matches are provided for each participant to complete during the 9-week season. Anglers are responsible for scheduling their assigned matches at a time that is mutually agreeable between opponents. Matches do not have to be fished in any particular order.

Schedule & Contact Info

Your official listing of which opponents you are scheduled to fish against is available on the WesternBass.Com Recreational Fishing League website. Participant contact may be made by using the PM system online on the league website forum, email or phone.

Scheduling Etiquette

As you have made a commitment to participate in this league, please make every effort to honor that commitment by promptly returning PM's, phone calls and email requests to setup matches.

Match Format

Largest limit weighed between competitors wins match. Matches should be fished according to the rules attached.

Result Reporting

Winners are responsible for sending results to the league coordinator. Results should be sent via the WesternBass.Com Recreational Fishing League results forum or via email to: ncbftony@pacbell.net. If you do not have Internet access, please report scores at (925) 679-9575.

Points & Standings

Points and League/Division standings are updated as soon as possible on the website at the WesternBass.Com Recreational Fishing League Standings Forum. Total ranking points determine standings within each division and are based points earned (1 point per win).

League Specifications

A league would consist of up to 10 anglers and would start where ever there are at least seven (7) anglers registered for a region (lake or fishing location) at the registration deadline for a season. Additional leagues may be added to a region when a minimum of seven (7) additional anglers register for an active region.

Cost to Participate

The price to fish, payable with or upon registration, is \$29.95 per angler per season. A season is six (6) matches.

Northern Division Leagues:

Clear Lake, Delta, Lake Shasta, Lake Oroville, Folsom Lake, Mother Lode Lakes, Lake Berryessa, Lake Sonoma or other local fishery in the general area + Wild Card (fish multiple lakes).

There are also Leagues available for the Southern and Central Divisions as well. Check Online for more info.

**Spring Season: 3/1 thru 5/15
Summer Season: 6/1 thru 8/14
Fall Season: 9/1 thru 11/15**

**Registration Deadline: 2/21
Registration Deadline: 5/21
Registration Deadline: 8/21**

**Registration Closes February 21st
Spring League Starts March 1st**

**\$29.95
Per Season**

SIGN UP NOW!!!

Please Cut Here

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Lake or Region: _____

Amount Included: _____

Make Payable to WesternBass.Com & mail to: WesternBass • 120 Heritage Ct. Oakley, Ca 94561

WesternBass.Com Recreational Fishing League 'Match-Play' Rules

- 1) Official start and weigh-in will be held at a place and time mutually agreed upon by both anglers and posted on the Scheduled Match Forum.
- 2) Opponents must arrive on time to begin the match and to the designated weigh-in location. An opponent arriving more than 15 minutes late to the match will be assessed a one half pound penalty. Later then one hour results in a complete default of the match. Arriving up to five minutes late to weigh-in will be assessed a one half pound penalty. Later than five minutes to a weigh-in results in a forfeit of the match.
- 3) Participants are required to check in at the weigh-in site after fishing even if they have no fish to weigh. This requirement is for safety reasons. Failure to check in after fishing may result in disqualification.
- 4) All State, Federal, and local Lake regulations shall apply at all times.
- 5) Fish must measure 12" or more in length. The limit is three (3) fish.
- 6) Fish are measured with mouth closed and the tail extended to its maximum length.
- 7) There is no official measuring board or scale for this event. Anglers will agree upon the method of weighing and measuring fish prior to the event and each will have such equipment available at the weigh-in time, however each limit must be weighed in on the same device, whichever is agreed upon. Each angler will be responsible to weigh the other's fish with both anglers present and in agreement of the final weight called per limit.
- 8) Please exercise care in your handling and measurement of all fish. All live fish should be released immediately after weigh-in.
- 9) Fishing must be done with rod and reel and artificial lures.
- 10) The winning angler is responsible to report the results to the league coordinator. Those results should include the name of the winning angler and total weight and the name of his opponent and his total weight.
- 11) Protests must be resolved at the location of the match by the match participants. If the protest cannot be resolved on site then the match is consider void and reported as an NR or No Result.
- 12) It is the responsibility of the anglers to check each other's boat and livewells.
- 13) There is no boat requirement. Anglers may fish from any type of boat, kick boat or any other such floating device so long as it has the capacity to safely hold caught fish for later releasing. There are no restrictions as to minimum or maximum boat length or motor requirements for this league. As such, some anglers may be competing against other anglers with completely dissimilar boats.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1) What is the WesternBass.Com Recreational Fishing League?

Our concept is to promote recreational fishing and build the fishing community with a hint of competition. We do this by creating an competitive one-on-one fishing environment within your region allowing you to meet and fish against your friends as well as new anglers.

- 2) When & where do we fish these matches?

You are responsible for coordinating with your opponent the time & specific location of each of your matches. Matches can be fished at any location within your region that is mutually agreed upon by all parties.

- 3) Do I need to complete all 6 of my scheduled matches?

Yes, other opponents are counting on your cooperation and commitment to the league, as who fishes against who has been pre-determined by the website computer. Work and personal obligations, however, as well as weather conditions, may prevent some opponents from completing all their matches.

- 4) I've called my opponent several times to schedule a match but they fail to return my phone call and/or email. Do I get a default win as a result?

Yes. If an opponent consistently fails to respond to requests for matches, that is an obvious example of poor sportsmanship. Please report such incidents directly to me, your League Coordinator.

- 5) My opponent arrived more than 15 minutes late to our match. Do I win by default, or does my opponent face some sort of penalty?

Yes. There are defaults for matches scheduled but not fished and penalties for arriving late to begin the contest. Once a location, date and time have been agreed upon by both anglers, your opponent must follow through or risk losing the match by default. Should your opponent show up more the fifteen minutes late they would start the match down one half pound. Later then one hour results in a complete default of the match.

- 6) What if my opponent never shows up for a scheduled match?

Report the incident to me, your League Coordinator. You will be awarded a win by default.

- 7) Can I fish matches against opponents that aren't on my formal list of opponents I am "scheduled" to fish against?

Sure. You are welcome to contact other opponents, and to fish against them as often as you wish. However, only the first match against your official list of opponents (as per the League website) counts in the league standings.

- 8) If I am unable to coordinate a match with one of my opponents, why can't I substitute that opponent for another on my contact list?

Although this may seem limiting, it is beyond the technical capabilities of our website to make this accommodation. It also creates an administrative nightmare for those involved in organizing this league.

- 9) What if I don't have an email address or web access?

No problem! Simply report your winning scores to me directly. If you don't have an email address or my emails, please phone me! (925) 679-9575.

- 10) What happens if I cannot resolve a match dispute with my opponent?

Per our rules, any and all protests must be resolved at the location of the match by the match participants. If the protest can't be resolved on site then the match is consider void and reported as an NR or No Result for both anglers and needs to be rescheduled.

- 11) What happens if neither one of us weighs a fish?

The match is considered a draw. The match can be rescheduled or both anglers can accept a NR or No Result for that match.

- 12) Are we limited to only fishing for bass?

No. You can fish for any species of fish as long as you abide by all Federal, State and Local regulations.

