

## TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

### Indiana Bass'n Gals

1. Live wells will be checked by a member of the Tournament Committee prior to launch.
2. Have your boat ready with partner 30 minutes before takeoff with live wells open. Boat must be inspected prior to launch.
3. The last boat to take off will be designated as call boat.
4. Weigh-in. Load your boat and help those who need it. All contestants must come to the scales whether they have fish to weigh or not.
5. Before weigh-in begins, please present to the Tournament director or one of the committee members any protest. Once the weigh-in is over and an agreement has been made with the Tournament Committee and contenders, there will not be any changes made due to a late protest.
6. When everyone is accounted for and present, weigh-in will begin in the designated area.
7. A Tournament Committee member must measure any questionable fish as a courtesy prior to weigh in. The Tournament director will then weigh the fish and the weight verified by another Tournament Committee member and the contestant.
8. All weigh-in information will be recorded and tallied.
9. Weigh-in bags must be provided by each tournament contestant.
10. Please try to always keep fish saver in your boat and add it to your live well. This is a very important step to preserve the bass. We want to make every effort to improve their chances for survival.
11. IBF Tournament Fishing Ethics: <https://indianabass.com/tournaments/tournament-etiquette/>

These apply to ALL tournament fishermen. There are a lot of these “unwritten rules” involving tournament etiquette, let’s look at just a few.

- If you’re fishing in a tournament and your partner misses a fish on a plastic worm don’t throw in immediately where he missed the fish and attempt to catch it. Let your partner adjust his/her plastic worm, and allow them to cast back at the fish a second time.
- When using a net don’t take wild jabs into the water at the fish, most fishermen prefer to lead the fish to the net. While other anglers would rather net or lip the fish themselves. Try to come to an agreement on net handling and lipping fish before you take-off in the morning.
- If your previous day’s partner caught fish from an area don’t go back to his areas trying to catch the fish he’d located. Maybe fish their pattern, but find a new area of the lake.
- When someone takes you out practicing don’t tell other competitors what, where, and how the fish were caught.
- When someone invokes the anchor rule, tied rule, or any distance rule respect it. However, if they allow another competitor to fish inside the distance, all bets are off.
- When sight-fishing for bedding bass try to mutually agree on a set number of casts per angler, then alternate these casts to the bed.
- Don’t cut off another competitor by pulling in on a bank and fishing in front of them.
- Lastly, if you’re leaving an area to go to another area, don’t prop wash and/or disturb the area in an attempt to mess up another competitor.

Communication and a little mutual respect can go a long way in most situations involving etiquette or the “unwritten rules” of the game.

If you’re concerned about violating tournament etiquette? You can test the situation, before you act. How? Simply ask yourself: Would I like for that to be done to me?

**You’ll have your answer.**

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