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American Bass “Safer” Tournament Procedures:

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These procedures are in response to the “social distancing” and restrictions on “gatherings” due to COVID-19.

American Bass will work with the governing agencies of individual events to modify these procedures to meet additional required regulations.

GENERAL SAFETY:

- Employees will be screened for symptoms of illness or exposure to Covid-19 within the previous 14 days before working any American Bass events. Temperatures are taken each day and will be taken on event days.
- The anglers do not handle tournament equipment. After the event, equipment is sanitized prior to storage.
- Anglers will be asked to refrain from participating if they have displayed symptoms during the 14 days prior to any event.
- Facial covering are recommended for participants any time they are out of their vehicle or boat.

PROCEDURES:

1) Registration: We will request and strongly encourage registration to be made electronically. At the tournament site, we will only allow 1 team (two anglers) to register/check-in at a time. Any teams not actively registering will be required to keep a minimum distance of 20 feet from the registration table and 20 feet from other competitors.

2) There will be no gathering of anglers for any reason prior to the start of the event.

3) Weigh-in: We will only allow one angler from each team to approach the scale. The angler will place the bag of fish in the holding tank and step back. The weigh-master will approach and take possession of the fish to record the weight. The director will place the fish back in the bag and step back. The angler will approach and take possession on the fish and return and release the fish back to the lake. That team will be released to leave the tournament site. They may leave the lake or they may park and prep their boat for travel. They must stay in the direct vicinity of their boat. There shall be no assembly of anglers of any kind after the weigh-in.

3) Awards: There will be no awards ceremony. Results will be posted electronically. Awards will be mailed. If top finishing teams are available before leaving the lake, they can pick awards, but they must stay in or around their vehicles and away from other competitors. They may receive awards individually and immediately return to their vehicles. The results will be posted/sent electronically and checks will be mailed to any anglers that leave. There will be no assembly of anglers of any kind after the tournament.

To the best of our knowledge, these safety procedures meet all CDC and State agencies requirements. Individual and public safety is our top concern. Procedures will be tightened and/or relaxed when officials provide new guidelines.

