



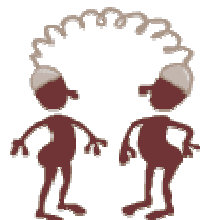
## Tournament Expectations / Guidelines 2/5/07



This document provides clarification, expectations and guidance for MHBP bass tournaments. This document does not try to repeat or supercede any tournament rules, but only provides additional information.

**Objectives:** MHBP tournaments are meant to be "fun" and "competitive". The competition is governed by rules to provide a basis for anglers to learn how to fish tournaments with standard rules, and provide a safe and fair event. Rules must be followed and all anglers are expected to be fully understand and follow the rules.

**Overall Procedure:** 1. The "tournament draw" is conducted at meeting prior to tournament. The draw pairs up "partners" for the tournament. One of the partners is the "boater" and the other is the "non-boater".



2. Partners must discuss plans for the tournament: When to go? Where to depart from? How to go? Where to stay? Who's making lodging/camping arrangements? Expense expectations? How to share expenses? Equipment? ..... It's common for anglers to go to the lake at least one day before the tournament to pre-fish.

3. At the tournament, partners are expected to work together. When two anglers work together they are much more likely to finish in a higher place than if they were working against each other all day. But, partners are also expected to police each other, such as witnessing the measurement of bass and the signing of the measurement card, to ensure a consistent fair measurement is made.

- Discussion should include strategy, netting fish, sharing the boat, sharing time or boat and lake spots, etc..

### Partner Responsibilities:

**Sharing Expenses:** Partners will share expenses equally as stated in Rule 11: "**BOATER/NONBOATER**

**COMMENT:** It shall be the responsibility of the fishing partners to mutually agree on a basis for sharing operational expenses where the boater and non-boater are expected to equally provide half of the daily operational expenses. Partners should start a common expense pool by each member putting in an equal share. Then common expenses (i.e. gas, lodging, park fees, boat gas/oil, etc) are paid from the pool. Tow vehicle gas may be measured by starting and ending with a full tank of gas."



**Cost Expectations:** The cost for the tournaments can quickly add up and all anglers should realize the expense that they commit to when entering into a tournament. The following is an example, but the actual costs will vary.

Costs Estimates / Assumptions	Horsetooth - 70 miles	Pueblo - 250 miles	Kansas - 700 miles
Tow Gas @ \$2.25 / gal. @10 MPG	15.75	78.75	157.50
Boat Gas @ \$2.50 / gal.	10 Gal = 25.00	30 Gal = 75.00	30 Gal = 75.00
Boat Oil @ 50:1 @ \$16.00 / gal.	3.20	9.60	9.60
<b>Gas/Oil Total</b>	<b>43.95</b>	<b>163.35</b>	<b>242.10</b>
Park Permits**	2 days = 28.00	3 days = 9.00	3 days = 9.00
Camping / Hotel @ \$60 / night	0	3 nights = 180.00	3 nights = 180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>71.95</b>	<b>352.35</b>	<b>431.10</b>
<b>Per Person (2 people):</b>	<b>36.00</b>	<b>176.00</b>	<b>216.00</b>

\*\*Park Permits - In the case where the person's vehicle has an annual permit, the partner should pay half the daily fee anyway.

- There may be other costs shared, such as ice, firewood, good luck charms, food if camping, etc.. and there are other individual costs that each angler may have, such as food, snacks, etc.
- The boater has many other expenses that are not shared for the boat and tow vehicle costs: insurance, registration, maintenance, electronics, props, repairs, etc..



### Other Responsibilities:

1. Non Boater -- brings own life jacket that meets the rules.
2. Boater -- provide a safe tow vehicle and boat. Sometime partners may decide to use the non boater tow vehicle.

**Special Circumstances / Considerations:** Every possible situation that can arise cannot be covered, but here are guidelines.

Reach an agreement that is fair to both partners. If troubles arise get a 2nd opinion to help make an equitable decision.

1. When the boater and non-boater decide to travel separate, expenses should still be shared.

- When the reason to travel separate is caused by the boater - and the non-boater has additional expenses then the amount shared should be adjusted by the reasonable additional expense the non-boater has. In most cases the non-boater should try and catch a ride with another team and then still share full expenses with the drawn partner.
- When the reason to travel separate is caused by the non-boater then the non-boater is still expected to share full expenses with the boater.
- There may be cases where a non-boater travels and pre-fishes with somebody else. In most cases the non-boater should still share tow gas with the drawn partner, but there may be cases where it makes sense to share pre-fish boat gas with the boater that the non-boater pre-fished with.

2. When boater and non-boater travel together but have separate lodging. This sometimes occurs when one person want to camp and the other wants to stay in a hotel.

- Everybody is encouraged to pair up to share expenses and help keep everybody's costs low.

