## ~ SCIT Tuesday Night Bass Fishing Rules ~

COST IS \$15 PER PERSON PER TUESDAY NIGHT. \$5 OF THE \$15 WILL BE SPLIT \$3 TO BIG BASS AND \$2 TO CLASSIC PAYOUT (PAID OUT AT THE END OF THE YEAR). THE TWO ALL DAY EVENTS WILL BE \$20 PER PERSON, \$5 OF THAT WILL GO TO THE BIG BASS/CLASSIC POT. 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IS THE NIGHTLY POT, 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE \$25 JAY'S SPORTING GOODS GIFT CARD, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE \$10 JAY'S SPORTING GOODS GIFT CARD. ON ALL DAY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IS THE POT, 2<sup>ND</sup> \$50 JAY'S GIFT CARD, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> IS \$25 JAY'S GIFT CARD.

**1. RULE CHANGES:** These rules shall remain in effect and unchanged throughout the current SCIT Tuesday Night Fishing Season of 2015 unless specifically superseded by the SCIT Activities Manager

**2. START AND END TIME OF FISHING EVENTS:** The Tuesday Night events start at 6pm. Live wells must be checked before you go out for event. Your boat must be ready to launch by no later than 6:30pm. Event ends at 9pm and must be docked by 9:15pm (no exceptions!) In August, event time changes due to lighting from 5:30pm until 8:30pm (must be launched by 6pm and docked by 8:45pm). All day tournament events start at 7am and end at 3pm. Live wells must be checked before you go out for event. Participants must be launched no later than 7:30am and docked by 3:15pm.

**3. PARTICIPATION/ELIGIBILITY:** Only Tribal members, descendants, employees and family/friends accompanied by Tribal members, descendants, employees are eligible to fish in any of the SCIT Bass Fishing events (if questioned, participant must provide proof). SCIT Activities Staff reserves the right to deny participation of anyone at any time. <u>Your entry fee</u> <u>must be collected before your boat is launched to be officially entered into the tournament.</u>

**4. LIABILITY:** All eligible participants must be liable for their equipment and any State of Michigan regulations.

**5. SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times while engaged in SCIT sanctioned events and all boats must have a full complement of safety gear as required by State of Michigan regulations. Any time the internal combustion motor is on, all participants must have a State approved PFD on and securely fastened. Regular Tuesday night and all day events may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors. The decision to shorten or cancel any of these events will be determined by the SCIT Activities Manager.

**6. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Participants in SCIT Tuesday Night Bass Fishing and all day events are expected to follow the highest standards of courtesy, safety, angling etiquette and adherence to game and fish laws. If an angler or team is found to have not conducted themselves accordingly, disqualification from the event may result.

**7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** All fish must be caught alive and in a conventional sporting manner. Intentionally snagging (fish) is not permitted. Artificial lures and live bait may be used.

**8.** NO-WAKE: Boats will not pass another's competitors boat in any no-wake zones at any time during tournament hours except for boats that may be changing course within the zone, boats which have stopped or are engaged in fishing activities. The no-wake rule is posted at each lake; this rule will be in forced, and could cause a disqualification.

**9. SCORING:** Teams must cull down to their limit of 5 fish before returning to the official ramp site. The 5 fish must measure a minimum of 14 inches\*, mouth closed, tail compressed (\*local/ Michigan state limit applies). Dead fish presented for weight will receive a 4-ounce (0.25) deduction from total weight. If the dead fish is a big bass, then the penalty shall be accessed against that fish. Only largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass will be scored. Teams presenting fish for weight, and which are subsequently determined to be "short", shall be penalized the weight of the short fish. Teams who choose to weigh in early or before the designated end of tournament are done fishing at this earlier time. <u>The official SCIT Activities weigh master will be the only one measuring and weighing for the event.</u>

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**10. BIG BASS:** The Big Bass Pot will be paid out at the end of the year. To qualify for the Big Bass Pot, you must pay in at least 1/2 of the year's events. The Big Bass Pot entry is not mandatory, but again to be eligible at the end of the year payout you must pay-in at least 1/2 of the regular Tuesday night events (Big Bass pay-in is \$5 (\$2 will go to Classic pot) an outing and will be paid out at the SCIT Classic).

**11. TIES:** In the event of a tie on the regular Tuesday night or all day events, the big bass will be the deciding factor. In cases of a big bass tie, then the money will be split. In the event that big bass and total weight are the same for two or more teams, then both (all) tied teams shall split the pot. At the end of the season if there is a tie for Big Bass, the Big Bass pot will also be split.

**12. PROTESTS/DISQUALIFICATION:** The SCIT Activities Manager must be notified of all protests. Protests also must be submitted in writing within 3 days. A "protest committee" consisting of three (3) fellow anglers, randomly drawn by the tournament director will address all protests. If your name is drawn it will be kept confidential, but you will be required to make a decision. Any protest will have a final judgment before the next scheduled outing

**13. QUALIFIERS FOR THE END OF THE YEAR CLASSIC:** To qualify for the classic, you most win at least one Tuesday Night fishing outing or place in at least one all day event. (1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

## CODE OF CONDUCT

This fishing event/league was organized by the Saginaw Chippewa Parks and Rec. Department, on the basis of Tribal members, descendents, and employees could come out and enjoy the outdoors, by fishing. This event has been an annual event for several years, and has always been respectful, successful, and fun for all who participated. The SCIT Activities Department would like to thank everyone whom participated in the past and your signed form shows your willingness to abide by all the rules listed above.

Print Name

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Member number \_\_\_\_\_\_ Employee number \_\_\_\_\_\_