

Procedures for Making Changes to Tournament Rules For the Fresno Bass Club

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Occasionally it is necessary to make changes to the Tournament Rules. These procedures are intended to provide some guidance when it becomes necessary. Any member sincerely wishing to see a change in the Tournament Rules can bring that change up at the regular Club meeting or at the Board of Directors meeting. Members are encouraged to attend the Board of Directors meeting held at 6:30PM, the second Wednesday of each month at Denny's, corner of Blackstone and Herndon. We've identified three change types that should cover most rules changes: Routine, Major, and Emergency.

For any of these change types it is important that the changes be communicated to all Club members as soon as possible, and as clearly as possible. Any change should be announced at regular Club meetings; entered into the official Tournament Rules; posted on the WEB site; and communicated to the Club members at the next tournament as needed. Efforts need to be taken to ensure all members know of the changes, however, it is the responsibility of the members to know the rules.

As the Tournament Rules are modified, printed copies of the new, dated, rules will be made available at the earliest possible regular Club meeting.

Routine

The routine rules changes are those that happen fairly often and need to be handled as a regular part of the business of directing the club. As such, these are usually handled by a vote during the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Major

These are the changes that make major changes to the way we do business, or more commonly, the conducting of tournaments. These changes happen much less frequently and would be expected to involve extensive discussion. It is expected that major changes would be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting and at the regular Club meeting. It might take more than one meeting to clarify the proposed change. Care should be taken to ensure that all concerned Club members be allowed to voice their opinion freely and that the proposed change be well understood prior to voting. As such, it's the President's job to ensure that adequate discussion of the proposed change has taken place while still making sure that a timely resolution is reached. Voting for major changes will be done at regular Club meetings. If it is deemed necessary, the vote on the proposal will be written.

Emergency

If, for some reason it becomes necessary to temporarily modify the Tournament Rules, it is up to the Tournament Director to do so. Emergency changes will be in effect only for duration of the tournament in question. If it appears that the change is necessary beyond that period, it's up to the Tournament Director to bring it up at the next Club and/or Board of Directors meeting as a routine or major rules change.