

KELSEY BASS RANCH

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- *Please initial each rule in the space to the left of the rule as the Primary Membership Holder.*
- *Please sign and date the Rules after thorough review at the end of the document.*

- _____ 1. Protection of the fishery is our top priority, therefore we require all members and guests to practice catch and release only. No placing of fish into live wells. Catch and immediate, careful release is the rule. Members found taking fish from the lake will be expelled. We reserve the right to inspect all boats and vehicles while on the premises of the Kelsey Ranch. No refund of membership dues will be given. Catfish and Carp are the exception and may be removed from the lake.
- _____ 2. The lake is a no wake zone. Keep your motor trimmed correctly for a minimum wake. Do not approach other members fishing in the lake with your boat as their sphere of peace will be disturbed.
- _____ 3. No live bait of any kind.
- _____ 4. All plastic baits (worms, lizards, grubs, brush hogs etc) must be fished with barbless hooks. We strongly encourage the use of braided line or a braided leader when fishing plastics to prevent a fish from slicing off the line and having a gut hooked fish trying to survive an embedded hook and plastic.
- _____ 5. Anyone fishing plastics must have the following tools onboard to aid in releasing fish:
A. An 8 inch locking forceps (equiv. To BPS item 15-446-504)
B. A 6 in diagonal cutter capable of cutting worm hooks.
- _____ 6. Any fish that is not lip hooked should be landed by net or by lifting from the water by grasping its jaw to avoid further injury to deep hooked fish. If any part of the hook is visible on deeply hooked fish, the barbless hook can usually be removed with the recommended forceps. Gently insert the forceps through the gill plate, clamp on the hook and gently rotate the hook out of the tissue involved. As an alternative, you can pull the line out the rear gill plate with the forceps, then gently put pressure on the line toward the tail of the fish. This helps to rotate the hook so it can more easily be removed with the forceps through the fish's mouth. If all else fails cut off the visible hook or line and release the fish.

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- _____ 7. The Kelsey Bass Ranch is a working cattle ranch. Members are required to understand one of the unwritten (until now) rules of the west. If a gate is closed, open it, go through and then close it. If the gate is open, then it is left open. Members not following this code of the west may be hog tied and charged round up fees. As a general rule the gate to the park is always closed. Always close the park gate behind you.
- _____ 8. The Kelsey Bass Ranch accepts no responsibility for damage to personal property (boats, RV's, vehicles, or equipment) and is not liable for injuries or accidents. This includes damage to vehicles caused by rubbing or chewing cattle.
- _____ 9. Driving slowly keeps road dust down and allows Kangaroo Rats and other animals time to get out of your way. The Ranch speed limit is 15 mph on all roads except at Headquarters, where the speed limit is 5 mph.
- _____ 10. Areas other than the immediate lake vicinity are off limits to the members of Kelsey Bass Ranch. Car traffic is limited to the west side of the lake, the dam, and the northeastern side (creek inlet). Vehicles are excluded from the vineyard, however. Foot traffic is allowed but restricted to the lake bank inside the vineyard perimeter. Also, there is no bank fishing from the dam in the immediate vicinity of the head gate (pasture discharge valve). One dislodged rock, falling into the valve, may cause significant damage to the valve as well as a \$500 charge for the hire of scuba divers to remove debris and repair the underwater apparatus.
- _____ 11. Please keep you pet on a leash. Pets must be kept from barking or bothering other guests, livestock, and wildlife.
- _____ 12. Guns of any type are **NOT** allowed on the ranch.
- _____ 13. All "natural" items such as rocks, driftwood, plants, must be left as found. No molesting wildlife.
- _____ 14. No jet skis or water skiing. Racing around the lake will not be tolerated.
- _____ 15. All trash must be packed out or placed in the trash can. There is a dumpster at the ranch headquarters for your use. Littering includes fishing line and cigarette butts!
- _____ 16. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

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_____ 17. All members and non-members are required to schedule their visits in advance. This may be done via the telephone, fax, or e-mail listed on the heading above.

Scheduling is important because:

- o it cuts down on the time required to enforce the ranch's security.
- o we have a daily six boats on the lake limit.
- o on certain days the lake is closed due to tournaments or special events.

_____ 18. A "Family Membership" provides for one primary member and immediate family members such as your significant other, children under 21, and one guest. More than one guest requires a fee of \$100 per day. The primary member must accompany immediate family members and guests during their visit to KBR. Guests must know and observe the rules. Family memberships are \$1,500 a year. You may reserve the lake once a year for your own personal event, free of charge.

19. Members must give a full 48-hour or 2-day notice that they intend to fish the Ranch. There will be no drive-ins. If you wish to fish within the 48 hour period, the member must speak personally to Jon Kelsey or a representative of Kelsey Bass Ranch to schedule in on short notice. The phone number for notification is 209-563-6573. If you wish to fish the lake with less than 48 hour notification, then call Jon Kelsey at 209-564-6349 and your call will be returned.

20. When calling, please leave your name, the date and estimated time of arrival, the number of guests and boats, and a contact number where you can be reached in case the lake is full or an event has been scheduled. If you need to cancel, we would appreciate a courtesy call letting us know as soon as possible. A Lake Schedule will be posted on the KBR website for general information about lake event dates. Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank you for your cooperation and continued respect for the natural atmosphere at the Kelsey Bass Ranch. We appreciate all of our members efforts in following these few rules to help insure the future of our fishery.

I, _____, (Please Print Membership Holder Name), have read and understand the above rules. I understand that failure to follow these rules will result in forfeiture of my membership.

Signed _____

Dated _____