

**NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION
TEAM TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS
May 18 & 19, 2017
Northern Chesapeake Bay**

Below are the procedures for the May 18 and 19, 2017, Northern Chesapeake Bay Team Tournament. Please read these instructions *carefully*. If you have any questions, please contact either Tournament Director Dan Goykhman at 973-517-6325 or Secretary Nick Angiulo at 609-598-1512. It is suggested that anglers **print a copy** of these instructions/procedures out and keep them with them on the water.

Preliminary Information

1. **All** Boaters must have a copy of their current boat insurance documentation with them at all times. Random spot checks of boat insurance may be performed.
2. Boater safety cards are required to operate the boat in **any** manner (including the trolling motor). Random spot checks of boater safety cards may be performed.
3. All anglers must have an appropriate fishing license. Random spot checks of fishing licenses may be performed.
4. Co-Anglers need to provide their own personal flotation devices.
5. Co-Anglers are expected to share expenses with Boaters on the tournament days.
6. This is **not** a Pro-Am style event. If they wish, Co-Anglers are entitled to one-half of the fishing day in locations of their choosing. Additionally, Co-Anglers with boater safety cards are entitled to, if they wish, operate the boat while fishing for one-half of the fishing day. It is recommended that Boaters and Co-Anglers discuss these arrangements before the beginning of the tournament day.
7. The preliminary pairings for both Day 1 and Day 2 will be posted on the website at least one week prior to the event (and hopefully emailed to all participants with email addresses). These are subject to change. Anglers are encouraged to review the pairings and ensure that the cell phone number listed is current. If not, they should contact Secretary Nick Angiulo immediately and update the number.
8. Anglers who are required to change their category (Boater/Co-Angler) **between** Day 1 and Day 2 of the event, will remain in their original category for purposes of qualifying for the National Semi-Final. For example, a Boater on Day 1 has boat issues and must fish as a co-angler on Day 2. He will be considered a Boater in the event and can qualify for the National Semi-Final only in the Boater Division.
9. All anglers must cease any and all pre-fishing, scouting, graphing, etc., for this event no later than **3:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. ***Any angler violating this provision will be summarily disqualified from the event.***
10. A Captain's meeting will be held at the Walmart parking lot in North East, Md. at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. The only issue that the Captains need to report is whether there are any last minute changes. If there are no changes, the Captain's need not appear at this meeting. ***Also, any Captain who is aware of any changes at any time prior to that meeting is advised to immediately contact Tournament Director Dan Goykhman and communicate the change.***
11. The tournament briefing meeting will be held **promptly at 4:00 p.m.** at the Walmart parking lot on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. All anglers must attend. The final pairings will be available at that time.

Pre-Event Morning Procedures

1. For this event, the boat check will be held **on the water as each boat is launched for each day of the event**. When you arrive at the ramp at Anchor Marine in the morning, please pre-arrange to meet your Co-Angler for the day. Anglers are encouraged to contact one another to coordinate these details.
2. Once you have your Co-Angler, **launch your boat as soon as possible**. At that point all you need to do is wait for the beginning of the event. Last minute details will be communicated on the water just prior to the launch. We are planning on beginning this event **no later than 6:00 a.m.**
3. Boaters will retain their boat number each day but will be assigned different Co-Anglers. For your information, this event will be run in three flights, as follows:

Day 1: Boats 1 through 12 – First Flight - **due back by 3:00 p.m.**;
 Boats 13 through 24 - Second Flight - **due back by 3:15 p.m.**;
 Boats 25 through last boat - Third Flight - **due back by 3:30 p.m.**

Day 2: Last boat through 25 – First Flight - **due back by 3:00 p.m.**;
 Boats 24 through 13 - Second Flight - **due back by 3:15 p.m.**;
 Boats 12 through 1 - Third Flight - **due back by 3:30 p.m.**

Boat Check/Blast Off

The launch boat will provide final on-the-water instructions, including the off limits area which should not be significantly different from previous events at this venue. He will then begin launching in boat number order. In this regard, please try to stage in general boat number order. Boats will be required to idle past the launch boat with their live wells open and navigation lights in an on (if necessary) and they will then receive their boat number fob before being permitted to take off.

Afternoon Check-In Procedures

1. All boats **must check in** with the check-in official prior to the time they are due back in **and return the number fob** to that individual. Failure to check in or return the fob is cause for both the Boater and Co-Angler's weight to be disqualified for that day. The afternoon check-in official for each day will be located at the end of one of the long white docks in Anchor Marine and will be easy to find. That official should be at that location starting **at 2:45 p.m.** If you return earlier than that time, you still **must** go back and check in and return your fob to the check-in official prior to your check-in time to be considered on-time.
2. Once you are checked in, please tie up your boat and come up to the trailer area for weigh-in bags. This will be an on-the-water weigh in.

Weigh-In Procedures

1. The weigh-in will **begin at 3:15 p.m.** (or earlier if staff is ready). If you are in the first flight, after you have checked in and tied up your boat, please come up to the trailer area where you will be able to take weigh-in bags back to your boats. If no bags are available, please form a bag line (you will be instructed where to do so by tournament staff). You may bring fish, with sufficient water, to the weigh-in tanks prior to 3:15 p.m., but please **do not attempt** to weigh in any fish prior to 3:15 p.m. unless instructed to do so by tournament staff.

2. Please try to keep your fish in good condition and in water at all times except for when weighing in.

After Weigh-In Procedures

1. After weighing in on Day 1, anglers are free to leave. Any boat or other issues should be communicated to the Tournament Director prior to leaving. Any changes to the pairings that result will be communicated directed to those involved by the Tournament Director later that day.
2. At the conclusion of the weigh-in on Day 2, we will be awarding cash prizes to the top 5 anglers in the event, naming the 10 qualifiers for the TBF National Semi-Final (5 Boaters/5 Co-Anglers) and awarding cash prizes to the top 3 (or 4) finishing Teams. Anglers/Teams are encouraged to stay for these presentations and for pictures at the conclusion of the awards presentation.

Miscellaneous Notes

1. Please remember, there is a **five-fish limit** per day in this event and all bass must be a minimum of **15 inches** long. Additionally, proper fish care is essential. Please use appropriate additives and/or ice to maintain your catch. No dead fish may be culled. Please make sure to release your fish in a manner to lessen the chance of delayed mortality. **Additionally, Maryland is enacting a regulation prohibiting the use of culling devices that puncture fish in any way. This regulation does not go into effect until June 15, however, Maryland has asked anglers to comply with this requirement even prior to the effective date and will likely have a DNR representative at the weigh-ins. We ask that all Federation anglers attempt to use culling devices that do not puncture fish and to handle and release fish properly (e.g., do not lift fish by cull rope, etc.).**
2. Clubs **may** assist with pre-tournament, weigh-in and post-tournament tasks to assist the staff. Any club that assists will be awarded one point per day of assistance towards its National Semi-Final qualifying points. ***Any club wishing to assist tournament staff with anything on the tournament days should contact Dan or Nick as soon as possible.***
3. Anyone taking pictures at the event, please feel free to forward them to Nick Angiulo at nickangiulo@verizon.net for inclusion on the website and Facebook site.