

**NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION
TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES
August 20 & 21, 2016
Lake Hopatcong**

Below are the procedures for the August 20 & 21, 2016 Lake Hopatcong event. 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 procedures out and keep them with them on the water.

Pre-Event Procedures

1. For this event, the boat check will be held **prior to launching** your boat each day at Lee's County Park Marina, Mount Arlington. Specifically, the boat check will **begin promptly at 5:00 a.m.** each day. Tournament boat check staff will be checking your boat while you are in line waiting to launch. ***Do not launch your boat without checking in.*** At the boat check, please have your navigation lights in and on and your live wells open. You will receive your tournament number fob at that time as well as a tag that will be tied to your trolling motor that must remain there through the conclusion of the event.
2. Once you are through boat check, launch your boat as soon as possible at any available ramp. Please make sure that you have arranged with your Co-Angler where he is to meet you (either before launching or after). Co-Anglers, it is important that you contact your Day 1 Boater a few days before the event to coordinate these details. Co-Anglers should also ensure that they have bought their own PFD to the event.
3. Once you and your Co-Angler are in your boat, please either take your boat away from the docks or tie up to the docks and remain in that area until the beginning of the event. Please do not block the ramps. We plan to promptly begin the event at **6:00 a.m.** (or earlier if there is safe light and all boats are ready) and will be giving final on the water instructions just prior to that time. ***The launch boat will be the final boat in the last flight each day. If you are the launch boat, please make sure you speak with the Tournament Director that morning.***
4. Boaters will retain their boat number each day but will be assigned different Co-Anglers. For your information, this event will be run in two flights, as follows:

Day 1: Boats 1 to 15 (and 3 staff boats)** – First Flight - **due back by 3:00 p.m.;**
 Boats 16 to 27 (or last boat) - Second Flight - **due back by 3:20 p.m.**
Day 2: Boat 27 to 16 (and 3 staff boats)** – First Flight - **due back by 3:00 p.m.;**
 Boats 15 to 1 - Second Flight - **due back by 3:20 p.m.**

**** NOTE: The three tournament staff boats will be launched each day in the First Flight after the first two boats in that flight are launched.**

The preliminary pairings for each day of the event should be posted on both the Federation's website and Facebook page several days before the event.

Afternoon Check-In Procedures

1. All boats **must check in** with prior to the time they are due back in **and return the number fob** each day. ***Failure to check in or return the fob is cause for disqualification.*** For each day, the individual to report to for the afternoon check-in will be located at the end of the long concrete dock heading towards the back of the cove. Staff 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 prior to your check-in time.
2. Once you are checked in each day, ***please trailer your boat as soon as possible.*** Please try to only use **Ramp 3** (the closest to the retaining jetty) which will be dedicated for our use only in the afternoon. **This is a TRAIERED WEIGH-IN.** Do not attempt to weigh-in fish with your boat still in the water.

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 for the day, after you have checked in, and trailered your boat, please come up to the trailer area where you will be able to take weigh in bags. 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. After weighing in, please return your bags ***intact*** to the bag line area for availability to later flight anglers.

After Weigh-In Procedures

1. Day 2 pairings will be posted prior to the event so anglers are encouraged to communicate with one another before Day 2. All anglers should review the Day 2 pairings and either meet or call their partner for the following day to make arrangements for the following day. After Day 2, we ask that anglers return to the weigh-in area after weighing in for the awards presentation if possible.
2. Along with the regular prize money, we are awarding **\$250 in Ranger Cup money** to the Boater who is a Ranger boat owner, registered in the Ranger Cup program, and finishes in the highest position in the event. All eligible anglers are asked to identify their eligibility at the weigh in and are **required** to wear the proper attire with the Ranger Cup patch. Failure to do so will disqualify them from eligibility.
3. The top 3 finishers in both Divisions, and the Ranger Cup winner, will be asked to stay for pictures at the conclusion of the awards presentation.

Miscellaneous Notes

1. **IMPORTANT: All anglers must fish both days.** Failure to fish both days without an emergency situation arising will result in that angler's disqualification from the event; forfeiture of **all** 2016 accumulated points; and ineligibility from participating in the 2016 TBF National Semi-Final (even if previously qualified).
2. Please remember, there is a **five-fish limit** in this event **per day** and all bass must be a minimum of **12 inches** long. Additionally, the proper New Jersey fishing license is required. The off limits area around the ramp will be communicated to anglers at the event but will not differ significantly from past off limit areas on Lake Hopatcong.
3. Any individuals wishing to assist tournament staff with anything on tournament day is welcome to do so. Please contact Dan or Nick as soon as possible if you are willing to help.
4. 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.