

**NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION  
TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES  
May 21, 2017  
Northern Chesapeake Bay**

Below are the procedures for the May 21, 2017 Northern Chesapeake Bay 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 **on the water as each boat is launched for 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 before the event 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.**

**Boat Check/Blast Off**

*The launch boat will provide final on-the-water instructions, including flight times, off-limits, etc., 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 the both the Boater and Co-Angler's weight to be disqualified. The afternoon check-in official 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. After weighing in, first flight anglers are asked to move away from the docks and are then free to trailer their boats. Later flight anglers should tie up to available dock areas and proceed to the bag line.

### **After Weigh-In Procedures**

1. We ask that anglers return to the weigh-in area after trailering their boats 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. Please remember, there is a **five-fish limit** in this event and all bass must be a minimum of **15 inches** long. Additionally, the proper Maryland fishing license is required. Random spot checks of fishing licenses may be performed.
2. The off limits area around Anchor Marine area will be communicated to anglers at the event but should not be significantly different from previous events.
3. 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.).**
4. **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.
5. 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.
6. Co-Anglers need to provide their own personal flotation devices.
7. Co-Anglers are expected to share expenses with Boaters on the tournament days.
8. This is a Pro-Am style event. Co-Anglers must fish from the rear of the boat (but may net or land fish in any location) and may only operate the boat in emergency situations.
9. 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 towards its National Semi-Final qualifying points. ***Any club wishing to assist tournament staff with anything on tournament day should contact Dan or Nick as soon as possible.***
10. Anyone taking pictures at the event, please feel free to forward them to Nick Angiulo at [nickangiulo@verizon.net](mailto:nickangiulo@verizon.net) for inclusion on the website and Facebook site.