

NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION
TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES
April 24, 2016
Northern Chesapeake Bay

Below are the procedures for the April 24, 2016 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 **prior to launching** your boat at Anchor Marine. Specifically, the boat check will **begin promptly at 5:00 a.m.** 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. 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 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 take your boat away from the docks and move toward the no wake buoy at the head of the cove and remain in that area until the beginning of the event. We plan to promptly begin the event at **6:00 a.m.** (or safe light) and will be giving final on the water instructions just prior to that time. ***The launch boat will be the final boat in the second flight.***
4. For your information, this event will be run in two flights, with Boats 1 through 16 in the first flight, **which is due back by 3:00 p.m.** and Boats 17 and up in the second flight, **which is due back by 3:20 p.m.**

Afternoon Check-In Procedures

1. All boats **must check in** with the check-in boat prior to the time they are due back in **and return the number fob** to that boat. Failure to check in or return the fob is cause for disqualification. The afternoon check-in boat will be Boat 1, Bob Gilbert who is in a blue Skeeter. He should be located, starting **at 2:45 p.m.**, just inside the no wake buoy entering the cove returning to Anchor Marine. If you return earlier than that time, you still **must** go back and check in and return your fob to Bob prior to your check-in time.

2. Once you are checked in, please idle your boat to the docks to the left side of the cove and tie up. 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. Second 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. Remember, with the new payout schedule, we will be paying beyond the top 3 in each Division.
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. 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.
2. 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.
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.