

**NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION
NATIONAL SEMI-FINAL TOURNAMENT
CLUB QUALIFYING GUIDELINES**

This year's The Bass Federation (TBF) District 15 National Semi-Final event will be hosted by the New Jersey Bass Federation (NJBF) on September 30 and October 1 at Lake Hopatcong. As per last year, TBF will allow clubs in good standing that meet a State's eligibility requirements to send **one Boater and one Co-Angler** to the National Semi-Final who have not otherwise qualified through the tournament circuit or Team Tournament. With that in mind, the NJBF has established the following criteria for club eligibility in this program in 2017.

1. The club must have at least six registered "mother" members as of April 1, 2017.
2. The club must be in good standing. In order to be considered in good standing, a club must attend the two 2017 quarterly NJBF meetings (May, August) that will occur prior to the National Semi-Final and have met all of its financial commitments to the NJBF by May 21, 2017.
3. The club must compile a **minimum of 14 points**. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. A club will be awarded one point per "mother" member participating in the 2017 NJBF Team Tournament.
 - b. A club will be awarded one point per "mother" member participating in any of the three 2017 NJBF point tournaments. *This is cumulative so, for example, one member who fishes all three point tournaments earns 3 points for his club.*
 - c. A club will be awarded one point per "mother" member participating in any 2017 NJBF buddy tournament.
 - d. A club will be awarded one point if its number of registered "mother" members exceeds the number of "mother" members from 2016 as of April 1, 2017.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to add methods in which clubs can be awarded points or lower the minimum number required (for example, if a NJBF buddy tournament is not held in 2017). Any such changes will be communicated to all members as applicable.

NOTES: The entry fee assigned for this event by the TBF is \$200 for a Boater and \$100 for a Co-Angler. The NJBF is not responsible for any participants' entry fee or any associated expenses. The highest finishing Boater and Co-Angler from each State at the National Semi-Final will qualify for the 2018 TBF National Championship.