

**NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION  
NATIONAL SEMI-FINAL TOURNAMENT  
TOURNAMENT 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 10% of a State's overall number of a State's tournament participants<sup>1</sup> to be eligible to participate in the National Semi-Final. With that in mind, the NJBF has established the following criteria for automatic qualification through its tournament circuit in 2017.

**POINT CIRCUIT QUALIFIERS (8 Boaters/8 Co-Anglers)**

1. Top 5 Boaters as of the conclusion of the last point event of the season.
2. Top 5 Co-Anglers as of the conclusion of the last point event of the season.
3. Boater winner from each of the three point events so long as they fish in all three events.
4. Co-Angler winner from each of the three point events so long as they fish in all three events.

**TEAM TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS (5 Boaters/ 5 Co-Anglers)**

1. Top 5 Boaters as of the conclusion of the Team Tournament.
2. Top 5 Co-Anglers as of the conclusion of the Team Tournament.

**NOTES:** The Board of Directors will continue down the standings, as necessary, to fill all of the available spots for the National Semi-Final. 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 will qualify for the 2018 TBF National Championship.

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<sup>1</sup> As it cannot be precisely determined prior to the season the actual allowance, should the NJBF not have at least 250 tournament participants during 2017, the above number may necessarily be reduced. If that is the case, the reduction shall first come from the number of Boaters/Co-Angler qualifiers from the point circuit. Conversely, should the NJBF exceed 270 tournament participants during 2017, an additional Boater and Co-Angler will be added from the point circuit standings per every additional 20 participants.