

**NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION  
BUDDY TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES**

**April 10, 2022  
Lake Hopatcong**

Below are the procedures for the April 10, 2022 Lake Hopatcong buddy event. Please read these instructions **carefully**. If you have any questions, please contact either President Mike Keller at 973-219-2546 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**

For this event, registration/check-in will **begin promptly at 5:30 a.m. and end at 6:30 a.m.** **All teams, even those pre-registered/paid must register/check-in.** **No entrants will be admitted after 6:30 a.m.** The registration/check-in area will be at the booth entering the parking area at Lee's County Park Marina.

- a. At check-in, teams **pre-registered/paid** which have already been assigned their boat number will have their boat checked. After check-in they will be permitted to launch. **Do not launch your boat without checking in first.**
- b. Teams **registering at the ramp** will be required to provide a **completed entry form** and pay the required \$160 registration fee in cash, and after their boat check and boat number assignment will be permitted to launch. **Do not launch your boat without registering/checking in first.**
- c. Once launched, please take your boat away from the ramp area.
- d. We plan to promptly begin the event at **7:00 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. Please stage on the far side of the cove. **The staging area, boat launch dock and off limits are illustrated on Page 2.** This event will be launched in boat number order. Flights and flight times will be assigned that morning as necessary. In any case, the first flight will be required to be in at **3:00 p.m.**

**Blast Off**

After all teams receive final on-the-water instructions, we will begin launching in boat number order. Boats will be required to idle past the boat launch dock with their navigation lights in an on (if necessary).

**Afternoon Check-In Procedures**

1. All boats **must check in** at the end of the event prior to the time assigned for their flight **at the launch dock**. Failure to check in is cause for disqualification. A tournament official will be at the check-in area beginning **at 2:45 p.m.** If you return earlier than that time and wish to be considered on time, you still **must** go back and check in prior to your flight time with the individual responsible for afternoon check-in. If you leave the event for any reason prior to 2:45 p.m. (and are not planning on weighing in), you can either text [preferable] or call President Mike Keller or Secretary Nick Angiulo at the numbers listed previously, indicate you boat number and that you are leaving early without weighing in.
2. Once you are checked in, please trailer your boat as soon as possible as this will be a **trailed weigh in**.

## Weigh-In Procedures

1. The weigh-in will begin as soon as tournament staff is ready (**no later than 3:15 p.m.**). **We will only accept fish brought to the scales via New Jersey Bass Federation weigh bags**, which staff will make available at the onset of the weigh-in. If no bags are available, please form a bag line (you will be instructed where to do so by tournament staff). **Do not attempt** to weigh in any fish prior to the beginning of the weigh-in 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 other teams.

## After Weigh-In Procedures

We ask that anglers return to the weigh-in area after weighing in for the prize presentation and photos if possible.

## Miscellaneous Notes

1. There is a **five-fish limit per boat** in this event and all bass must be a minimum of **12 inches** long. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be weighed. Additionally, the proper New Jersey fishing license is required as well as a valid boat insurance policy. Tournament staff may require the presentation of these documents at any time. Failure to produce such documents will be grounds for disqualification.
2. All participants must wear an approved PFD any time the gas motor is running.
3. There is no culling of dead fish. Also, no culling tags may be used which puncture or otherwise damage the fish. All other NJBF tournament rules are applicable,
4. Any individuals wishing to assist tournament staff with anything on tournament day are welcome and encouraged to do so. Please contact Mike or Nick if you are willing to help.
5. 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.

