

Maine B.A.S.S. Nation High School and Junior State Championship

Oct 7, 2018 – Pleasant Pond/Cobbossee Stream- Gardiner, Maine

The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation High School State Championship will be held Oct 7, 2018 on Pleasant Pond/Cobbossee Stream in Gardiner, Maine from 9:00 – 3:00 (rain or shine). Tournament headquarters will be the Gardiner Sportsman's Club 154 Cobbossee Ave (rt 129/9) Gardiner, Maine.

Schedule of events:

7:30 – 8:30am Team check-in. All teams must check-in by 8:30.

8:30am All boats need to be in the water at Gardiner Sportsman's Club.

8:30 – 8:45 Mandatory boat captains meeting.

8:45 –9:00 Anglers rules meeting and blast-off draw.

9:00 – 3:00 Catch lots of Bass

3:00 All boats must be back at pier.

3:00 Weigh-in starts, followed by the Awards ceremony.

All boats must be launched at the Gardiner Sportsman's Club. Anglers are allowed to fish Pleasant Pond, Cobbossee stream and all connected waters up to and including Horseshoe Pond.

The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation High School State Championship is open only to teams belonging to Maine High School and Junior clubs registered with the B.A.S.S. Nation. See <http://mebass.com/youth/highschool.html> for eligibility & requirements. Clubs will be able to register the day of the event – bring all applicable paperwork & fees.

The first & second place High School teams will qualify to advance to the B.A.S.S. Nation High School Championship in 2019

The first place Junior team will qualify to advance to the B.A.S.S. National Junior Championship in 2019

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Maine B.A.S.S. Nation High School Championship Rules

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- 1) Tournament Committee:** The committee shall be solely responsible for interpretation and enforcement of the rules and regulations. Committee members may approach and board any boat at any time during the tournament day.
- 2) Participants and Eligibility:** This tournament is open only to teams representing Maine high school clubs (or alternate clubs) that have registered with the B.A.S.S. Nation. Each High School team must provide one boat and boat captain. Boat captains must be 19 years of age or older. All boat captains must have documented proof of a minimum of \$100,000 boating liability insurance. This proof must show an effective start and expiration date covering the date of the tournament. Boats without proof of insurance meeting the above requirements and coverage or permissions listing the boat captain by name will not be allowed. Boats must also meet all Maine State requirements for operation on Maine lakes & waterways.
- 3) Registration:** All competitors and boat captains must sign in at the tournament headquarters at least 15 minutes before the start of the pre-tournament meeting. Boat captains will make their boat ready for inspection by committee members. Boat captains shall make sure that their boat is clearly identified as being registered and inspected for the tournament. All contestants and boat captains must be present for the pre-tournament meeting.
- 4) Boat Operation** BOAT CAPTAINS MAY NOT FISH. THEY ARE THERE ONLY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND ASSIST THE ANGLERS IN AN EMERGENCY. BOAT CAPTAINS CAN NOT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE TO THE COMPETITORS DURING THE TOURNAMENT. THE COMPETITORS ARE EXPECTED TO OPERATE THE TROLLING MOTOR, HOWEVER THE BOAT CAPTAIN MAY OPERATE THE TROLLING MOTOR TO PROTECT THE BOAT OR ANGLERS.
- 5) Blast-off and Check-in:** The order in which boats leave at the start of the tournament will be determined by random draw. All boats must leave the check-out point in that order – no swapping of take-off positions is permitted. All boats are to be within the official designated check-in point no later than the end of tournament time given at the pre-tournament meeting. All fishing will cease upon returning to the official check in point. A penalty of one pound per minute will be deducted from the total weight, including any lunker award, of any contestants whose boat is late, up to fifteen minutes. After 15 minutes the contestants may be disqualified.

- 6) Safety:** Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by all contestants, observers and boat captains. During the tournament, all contestants must wear a U.S. coast guard approved chest-type life preserver any time the combustion engine is operating. The life vest or jacket must be strapped, snapped or zipped securely and maintained in that condition at all times the combustion engine is operating. Inflatable life vests may be worn if you are 16 years of age or older and weigh more than 80 lbs. Inflatable life vests must be worn during all tournament hours, not just when combustible engine is running. Violation of life preserver rules shall be reason for disqualification. All persons in a tournament boat shall remain seated in a recommended "on plane" seating location with their feet resting on the main floor of the boat when the combustion engine is running. Sitting on pedestal seats while the combustion engine is in operation is not permitted and will result in immediate disqualification. A competitor may not operate the combustion engine or drive the boat while powered by the combustion engine for any reason, except in case of dire emergency. Tournament officials have the right to delay the start of a tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. IN EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, COMPETITORS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND ONCE SAFE, THEN NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. .
- 7) Sportsmanship:** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principals may be deemed cause for disqualification. All competitors, observers and boat captains are required to comply with all Maine Fish & Wildlife laws as well as State and local boating laws/rules and any other rules the tournament committee may impose. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in any competitor's boat or at the weigh-in site or award ceremony. Violators will be disqualified. No competitor may use a non-competitor to sit on or hold a fishing spot until the competitor arrives. No competitor or boat captain shall use a cellular phone, two-way radio or any other means of mechanical/electrical communications to gather fishing information from another competitor or non-competitor.
- 8) Permitted Fishing Locations:** Fishing is permitted anywhere on tournament waters, without taking the boat out of the water. Contestants cannot depart the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to tournament waters. Contestants must remain in the boat at all times except for emergencies, taking shelter in bad weather where danger may be imminent or restroom breaks. In an emergency both contestants will be removed to another tournament boat or to a rescue boat. Competitors will maintain a 50 yard distance from any other competitors or non-competitor boat that has the DC motor in the stored position and an anchor line in the water. No competitor at anchor will "wave in" or allow

another competitor to fish within the 50 yard area surrounding their boat. If a boat is anchored in or near a channel, another competitor may pass within the 50 yard zone to gain access to other water, but must pass through at a safe and reasonable speed and may not fish inside the zone while passing through.

9) **Boat & Motor:** For the safety of all contestants, ALL BOATS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH SOME TYPE OF OPERABLE IGNITION KILL SWITCH. This ignition kill switch must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating. Any time the combustion engine is operating the boat captain must be in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. Any raised platforms or decks cannot be higher than the gunnels of the boat. All boats must be equipped with aerated livewell(s) sufficient to keep a limit of fish alive. The tournament committee shall permit coolers set up in such a fashion, pending approval. The tournament committee shall reserve the right to disqualify any boat due to insufficient livewells. The maximum horsepower for any boat used in the competition shall not exceed 250 horsepower or the maximum rating listed on the U.S. Coast Guard rating plate attached to the boat. Boats equipped with stick steering will not be permitted for use in the tournament. Boats must be equipped with a functional bilge pump.

10) **Tackle & Equipment:** Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait", or "prepared bait" will be permitted with the exception of pork rinds, strips, etc. Only one casting, spin-casting, or spinning rod and reel may be used at any one time (8ft maximum rod length from butt to tip). All other types of fishing rods & equipment are prohibited. No competitor may have more than one line in the water at any one time. Fishing shall be done in the conventional manner of casting and retrieving. Trolling under the power of the outboard motor is prohibited. The technique known as dead sticking shall be allowed from anchored or a stationary boat. Violations will result in disqualification. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional manner. Any snagging or snatching of visible fish will result in disqualification. Use of landing nets by competitors is permitted. No gaffs or "grippers" may be used to boat bass. Competitors are allowed to share baits and tackle with other competitors.

Weigh In and Penalties: All fish submitted for weigh-in must be caught during tournament hours by the anglers submitting the fish. Violation will result in disqualification. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass shall be submitted for weigh-in. Minimum length of either species shall be 12 inches. Each team is allowed to bring a maximum of five fish to the weigh-in. Culling of fish must be done immediately upon catching the next fish that puts the team over the five fish limit. Competitors can not cull a dead fish. Only live fish will be eligible for lunger awards. All fish (dead or alive), including lunger fish, shall be returned to the tournament waters unless requested by an agent of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

In addition to penalties previously prescribed above, other penalties are as follows:

- Short Fish: Any fish which is less than 12 inches in overall length when measured by tournament officials will not count as part of the competitors' total weight and the competitors will be penalized One pound for each short fish.
- Dead Fish: a .25 pound penalty shall be assessed for each dead fish.
- Over the limit: Any team that brings in more than their five fish limit shall reduce their creel by returning live fish until a legal limit is reached. There will be a Two pound penalty for each fish over the limit.
- Condition of fish: any fish showing signs of being abused or mutilated will not be weighed. Any fish the tournament committed suspects of having unnatural stomach contents will not be weighed. The tournament committee reserves the right to examine any fish, in any way, to determine its stomach contents.

11) Scoring: Tournament results will be based on each team's total weight of the fish weighed in, minus any penalties.

12) Ties: In the event of a tie for any position, the following tie breakers will be used in order:

- the team with the largest number of legal **live** fish weighed in.
- the team with the largest number of legal fish weighed in.
- the team who weighs in the heaviest bass.
- If the teams are still tied a flip of a coin will determine the winner.

13) Protests: Protests must be brought to the attention of the tournament director before the awards are presented.

**Maine B.A.S.S. Nation- High School State Championship
Release Form**

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application and submit it for entry into the MBN High School State Championship Tournament. In signing this application, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules and regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the Tournament and I hereby release B.A.S.S., the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation, sponsors and tournament officials from all claims or injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this Tournament.

I hereby grant B.A.S.S. and the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation the unconditional right to use my name, photographic likeness, biographical information, fishing tips and instructions in articles and press releases, and I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Director has the right to reject my application for any reason. I am currently a member in good standing with a Maine B.A.S.S Nation High School Chapter and the B.A.S.S. Nation.

Angler's Name (print) _____ **Angler's Signature:** _____
Date: _____

Angler's Parent/Legal Guardian Release

As the parent or legal guardian of the above named junior angler, I have read and fully understand the attached release of liability and assumption of risk agreement as well as all the tournament rules attached. I hereby consent to and authorize tournament officials to apply/secure or authorize emergency treatment for the junior angler listed above in my absence. I agree to assume full responsibility for payment of any and all fees incurred as a result of such medical treatment. I give my full consent and resume all responsibility for the above named junior angler to participate in the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation High School State Championship Tournament.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Maine B.A.S.S. Nation High School Bass Club

Membership application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

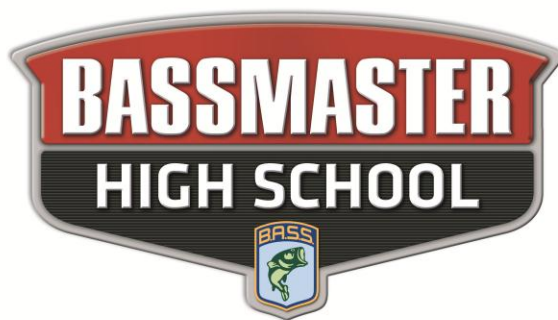
High school attending _____

Maine B.A.S.S. High School Bass Club is a community club formed for anglers attending Maine High school's that do not have a bass club. As a member of the B.A.S.S. High school program, you are required to perform 8 hrs community service each year and the club must complete a conservation project each year. Each year you must have a signed "denial" letter from your high school to be eligible to be a member of the community club. As a member of our community club, you are qualified to fish in the Maine B.A.S.S. High School championship and the B.A.S.S. High School Opens.

Membership fee is \$20 (Provides B.A.S.S & B.A.S.S. Nation membership)

Check payable to; Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Attention; David Trask, MBN Youth Director



Official Denial letter

The _____ has reviewed the request from _____ to
Name of Institution *Name of Student*
form a fishing club affiliated within our institution on this day _____ of this month _____ in
the year 20____.

At this time, we are denying that request. I _____ understand that there may be
Prinicpal or Faculty member
a fishing club formed with students from our institution and that they will compete within the
Bassmaster High School Series.

With this denial letter, _____ has been released from all liability as it pertains to
Name of Institution
functions and operations of any club formed from students within our institution. Clubs formed and
affiliated with B.A.S.S. will fall under the B.A.S.S. Nation insurance policy.

Printed Name

Printed Name

Faculty Member Signature

Faculty Member Signature

Notary of the Public

ALL DENIAL LETTERS MUST BE SIGNED BY TWO (2) FACULTY MEMBERS. IF TWO MEMBERS CANNOT SIGN THE LETTER, THEN ONE SIGNATURE PLUS A NOTARY OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE APPLIED TO LETTER.

COMMUNITY SERVICE LETTER OF VERIFICATION FORM

NAME _____

Date of service	Time served: from when to when?	Number of hours served: [total]	Description of what you did while there

I witness that the above student has completed the community service described above.

Signature of Contact Person

Name of Contact Person [Please Print]

(_____) _____
Contact Phone Number