

## **Maine B.A.S.S. Nation Junior Bassmaster State Championship**

**Oct 8, 2017– Pleasant Pond/Cobbossee Stream- Gardiner, Maine**

The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation Junior Bassmaster State Championship will be held Oct 8, 2017 on Pleasant Pond/Cobbossee Stream in Gardiner, Maine from 9:30 – 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 Jr Bassmaster Teams 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.

9:00-9:15 Mandatory boat captains meeting on pier.

9:15-9:30 Anglers rules meeting and blast-off draw at pier

9:30 – 3:00 Catch lots of Bass

3:00 All boats must be back at pier.

3:15 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 Junior Bassmaster State Championship is open only to teams belonging to Maine Junior Bassmaster clubs registered with the B.A.S.S. Nation. All anglers must appear as paid members on the club's 2017 roster (renew membership after Sep 1).

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Maine B.A.S.S. Nation- Junior Bassmaster Championship  
Angler Release Form

**Junior Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jr Angler Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State & Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex:** \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any physical impairments?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**If Yes, Explain** \_\_\_\_\_

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application and submit it for entry into the Maine Junior Bassmaster 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. The above named Junior angler is currently a member in good standing with a Maine Junior Bassmaster Chapter and the B.A.S.S. Nation.

**Junior Angler's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior 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 Junior Bassmaster State Championship Tournament.

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Maine B.A.S.S. Nation Junior Bassmaster 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 comprised of Maine Junior Bassmaster club members in grades 2 through 8. Each team must provide one boat and boat captain. Boat captains do not have to be members of the MBN. 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 teams (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 and Expense:** The boat captain has sole discretion to veto any location for safety reasons. **BOAT CAPTAINS MAY NOT FISH. THEY ARE THERE ONLY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND ASSIST THE JUNIOR ANGLERS IN AN EMERGENCY. BOAT CAPTAINS SHALL NOT BAIT THE LINE, TIE KNOTS, CAST OUT THE BAIT, SET THE HOOK OR BRING THE FISH TO THE BOAT. THE BOAT CAPTAIN MAY NET OR LIP THE FISH AND MAY YIELD CONTROL OF THE TROLLING MOTOR TO THE JUNIOR ANGLER IF REQUESTED. BOAT CAPTAINS MAY COACH & OFFER ADVICE TO THE 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 luncheon award, of any contestant 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 TYPE III OR BETTER CHEST-TYPE LIFE PRESERVER AT ALL TIMES. The life vest or jacket must be strapped, snapped or zipped securely and maintained in that condition at all times. Violation of this rule 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 junior 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.
- 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 a dire emergency, or restroom breaks. In an emergency both contestants will be removed to another tournament boat or to a rescue boat. Paired competitors must remain in sight of each other, except for momentary restroom breaks. 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 a suitable livewell(s) aerated with either 12, 24 or 36 DC volt system. The tournament committee shall permit coolers set up 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. Each junior competitor is allowed a maximum of six rods and reels as specified above, in the boat and ready for use. 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.

**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 10 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 competitor over the five fish limit. Every effort must be

made for the competitors to handle his or her own fish when culling. Competitors cannot cull a dead fish. Fish eligible for lunker awards will be presented at the weigh-in alive. Dead fish will not be eligible for lunker awards. All fish (dead or alive), including lunker fish, shall be returned to the tournament waters unless requested by an agent of the Commissioner of 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 team's total weight and the team 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 have their creel culled down, starting with the largest fish and continuing in this manner until a legal limit is reached.
- Condition of fish: any fish showing signs of being abused or mutilated will not be weighed. Any fish the tournament committee 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 fish weighed in.
- the team with the largest number of legal **live** 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.

**14) State Junior Bassmaster Champion:** The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation's Junior Bassmaster Champions will be the highest finishing team in the Championship tournament. The first place team will qualify to compete in the National Junior Bassmaster Championship. The first alternate will be the 2nd place team. Additional alternates will be determined by their final standings in the Championship tournament.