

## 2008 Maine Junior Bassmaster State Champions Crowned



Front L-R: 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Volkernick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kaitlyn Deering  
Back L-R: 3<sup>rd</sup> Collin Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cory Laflamme, 1<sup>st</sup> Nathan King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Deering

The Maine BASS Federation Nation hosted the 2008 Junior Bassmaster State Championship on Highland Lake in Bridgton, Maine on July 19. Twenty four of Maine's top junior bassmasters competed in two age groups vying to be crowned state champion. They faced tough fishing conditions as the temperature soared to near 90 degrees under a bright sun during their five hour tournament.

In the 11-14 division L/A Junior Bassmasters reigned supreme with Brian Volkernick of Dixfield, Maine capturing first place with 10.24 lbs and winning big fish honors with a 4.11 lb largemouth. Second place went to defending state champion Nick Deering of Portland of with 8.93 lbs and third place was awarded to Kaitlyn Deering of Portland who had 5.66 lbs in her first state championship.

Mainely Bass Jr Bassmasters reeled in the trophies in the 15-18 division. First place in the 15-18 division was captured by defending state champion Nathan King of Dayton, with 8.47 lbs, followed by Cory Laflamme of E. Waterboro with 6.70 lbs and finishing third with 5.66lb was Collin Hart of Lyman who also had the group's big fish at 3.07 lbs.

Brian Volkernick and Nathan King will advance to the 2008 Junior Bassmaster Eastern Divisional Qualifier at Lake Winnepesaukee in Laconia, NH on September 19 & 20, 2008. Winners at the Eastern Divisional will advance to the National Championship in November on Milford Lake in Junction City, Kansas.

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<b>Angler</b>	<b># of Fish</b>	<b>Dead</b>	<b>Big Fish</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Penalties</b>	<b>Final Weight</b>	<b>Age Group</b>
Nathan King (Dayton)	4	0	2.69	8.47	0	8.47	15 to 18
Cory Laflamme (E. Waterboro)	4	0	2.48	6.70	0	6.70	15 to 18
Collin Hart (Lyman)	2	0	3.07	5.66	0	5.66	15 to 18
Corey Hart (Lyman)	3	0		3.06	0	3.06	15 to 18
Curtis Robinson (Lewiston)	1	0	2.04	2.04	0	2.04	15 to 18
Truman Salo (Alfred)	1	0	1.06	1.06	0	1.06	15 to 18
Shawn Breton (Lewiston)	1	0	0.85	0.85	0	0.85	15 to 18
Dan Roberts (Poland)	0	0		0.00	0	0.00	15 to 18
Jeff Maylin	0	0		0.00	0	0.00	15 to 18
Tommy Puiia (Rumford)	0	0		0.00	0	0.00	15 to 18
Travis Ruff (Rumford)	0	0		0.00	0	0.00	15 to 18
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Brian Volkernick (Dixfield)	4	0	4.11	10.24	0	10.24	11 to 14
Nick Deering (Portland)	4	0	3.41	8.93	0	8.93	11 to 14
Kaitlyn Deering (Portland)	2	0	3.37	5.66	0	5.66	11 to 14
Chase Laflamme (E. Waterboro)	2	0	3.54	4.34	0	4.34	11 to 14
Cody Beebe (Gardiner)	1	0	4.08	4.08	0	4.08	11 to 14
Alex Williamson (Gorham)	3	0	1.56	3.72	0	3.72	11 to 14
Joel Wells (Litchfield)	1	0	2.44	2.44	0	2.44	11 to 14
Christopher Flanagan (Augusta)	1	0	2.23	2.23	0	2.23	11 to 14
Jonathan Curran (Kennebunk)	1	0	1.09	1.09	0	1.09	11 to 14
Kyle Tourtelatte (Gardiner)	0	0		0.00	0	0.00	11 to 14
Connor Curran (Kennebunk)	0	0		0.00	0	0.00	11 to 14
Dylan Putnam (Kennebunk)	0	0		0.00	0	0.00	11 to 14
Hunter Beyea (Arundel)	0	0		0.00	0	0.00	11 to 14