



## 2009 Massachusetts Bass Federation

### State Championship Entry Form and Rules

1. All Clubs sending a Team must have ALL Club Members FLW#'s to be eligible. No Exceptions.
2. All Entry Forms Must be Postmarked by August 1st
3. All Clubs shall supply a hostage Check in the amount of \$200.00 made out to the Mass Bass Federation. In the event an angler from your club does not show without prior authorization, this fee will be retained by the Federation.
4. All Non-Boaters will Pay \$80 to their 1 Day Boater at the Pairings Meeting.
5. The Lake will be Off-Limits to all Federation Members Tuesday through Thursday. Official Practice is Friday from Dawn to 4pm. ALL TOURNAMENT RULES APPLY.
6. Pre Tournament Meeting at the Hampton Inn, Colchester, Vt and begins Promptly at **5:00pm. There will be no Dinner.**
7. Tournament Headquarters will be announced. Any changes in the Pairings after Day 1 will be made there. Captains Meeting will be at 7:30pm
8. It is Mandatory to provide Hotel Room and Phone #'s and Cell Phone#'s
9. The Entry Fee is \$150.00 and may be paid by check made out to Mass Bass. This must be a separate check from the hostage check.
10. Optional Lunker fee is \$20 and must be paid in cash.
11. Bring a copy of your Fishing License and Boat insurance to the Registration Meeting. NO Exceptions.
12. If you are bringing your boat and wish to be considered for a boater spot if one is available, Make a note on your entry form, and provide insurance.
13. HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE WEEKEND!

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**Club Name**

**Boater Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Non-boater Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **FLW#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Phone/Room #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mandatory**

**Type, Size of Boat**

**Type, Size of Motor**

**Type of Electronics** \_\_\_\_\_

**Model** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type GPS or Map Sys** \_\_\_\_\_

**Model** \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsors



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All participants are responsible for knowing all rules, no exceptions

**• You must have a valid Vermont and New York License to fish this tournament**

• Any and all problems or questions will be answered by the Tournament Director •

• All Federal and State boating and fishing rules apply. •

• All Federation applicable tournament rules apply, including the 1<sup>st</sup> page of this document. •

• Please pay strict attention to all **“NO WAKE”** areas. There are several NO WAKE areas that are heavily patrolled. • • Tournament waters are restricted to U.S waters only. You may not fish or boat in Canadian waters.

**Off Limits:** The water will be off limits for three days prior to the tournament, Tue, Wed, and Thurs. Official practice shall be Friday for this years Championship and is considered part of the tournament. This day is to be treated just like a tournament day with all Federation rules applying. All kill switches and life jackets must be worn etc. Practice shall end at 4:00 P.M. Friday.

**Pre-Tournament Practice:** For 30 days prior to and during the tournament a competitor cannot:

**A.** Be on the water with or solicit information from a known guide or local expert.

**B.** Have the assistance or advice of a professional guide; State or Federal Wildlife agency employee, or any other person deemed a "local expert" on these tournament waters by the Tournament Director, unless he is a contestant in the tournament.

**C.** Nor enter the tournament waters with anyone who has been on the tournament waters during an off-limit period or solicit information from anyone that has been on the tournament waters during the off limits.

Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of these Tournament Rules. The failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these rules or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification. The penalty for any infraction of this rule is a one-year or more suspension from all Federation events.

**LAUNCH AND TAKE OFF SITE WILL BE: Appletree Resort Marina**

1) All boats will be checked for operating live-wells and kill switches. **The live-well CHECK will be the responsibility of the non-boater.**

2) All boats must have a back seat for the non-boater to use if he or she so requires one.

3) Anytime the main motor is running, life vests and kill switch must be worn, no exceptions especially at ramps. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Non-boaters shall supply their own life vests.

4) Nets will be allowed for use by all participants. Boaters must provide a suitable net. You are responsible for your own "netting". If you choose to have someone else help they will be relieved of any responsibility for lost fish etc.

**5) Minimum length fish will be 12" with a penalty for weighing a short fish and dead fish. Limit is five fish per day per participant but will be dropped to 4 fish if weather or fish kill dictates.**

6) Launch times will be by boat number and by designated times. 7) No boat will be launched unless non-boater is in boat or physically present. 8) Non-boaters will be responsible for dropping boat/boater into water and then parking vehicle in designated location. 9) Each club's anglers will be responsible for registration of themselves. This includes a copy or original STATE fishing license, a copy of boat insurance for all boaters (min. \$100,000 liability).

Day one registration and meeting (FRIDAY) will begin promptly at 5:00 at site to be announced. Followed by a briefing of all participants. *There will be no Dinner provided.*

Day TWO PAIRINGS WILL BE POSTED AT the weigh-in site on day 1 if possible and that evening at the host hotel. Each individual will be responsible to get his or her own pairings.

10) Boaters will be issued a numbered identification paper that must be held up by the Non Boaters and visible at tournament launch and weigh-in. It is both the Boater and Non-boaters responsibility not to lose it! You must display your number at the start and at check-in as well as at weigh-in. The numbers will stay with the boat on the second day.

11) You may leave the water immediately after checking-in at the end of the day if you have no fish to weigh. Failure to check in, whether you have fish to weigh or not, will result in a disqualification for that day. There will be a check in boat at the weigh-in site clearly marked. It is your responsibility to make sure you check you in.

12) The non-boater fee will be \$40.00 per day and will be paid to the Day One boater Friday at pairings.

13) Every non-boater will be allowed an equal amount of time on his designated fishing locations. He will be allowed to operate the trolling motor during this time period unencumbered by the other participant but will be responsible financially for any damage to the boat or trolling motor as a result of his misuse. Failure to comply will cause a disqualification of the boater and may impose further sanctions from the Federation for un-sportsman-like conduct.

14) All boaters/non-boaters that weigh fish will return those fish to the designated release area, returning the empty bag to the "beach worker". Failure to comply will result in total loss of weight for that day.

15) All participant must bring a "sanitary vessel" available for use of relieving oneself discreetly. The State/Environmental Police view relieving oneself over the side of the boat as "lewd conduct" and will fine anyone caught doing so.

16) **The speed limit (maximum speed) for the tournament is the allowed State speed limit for the area of the water you are in.** The Tournament Committee will consider any protests or violations as probable cause for disqualification.

16a) **There is a speed limit of 6 (six) mph within One hundred fifty feet (150) of shore, docks, moored vessels, buoy markers and other special areas.**

17) All boaters must carry sufficient fuel to navigate a reasonable amount of water.

18) If either or both the boater and non-boater have fish to weigh **both must be present at the weigh-in** to sign the weigh-in slip. If either is not present, the fish may not be weighed, at the determination of the Tournament Committee.

19) The results of the first day of the tournament will be posted at the host hotel/motel and at the ramp the second day if possible. A list will be given out if possible.

20) There will be an off-limits fishing area posted the second day. The area where day one's fish were released.

21) Protests of any type must be put in writing with as much detail as possible. This must be given to the person or persons responsible for running the tournament prior to the end of the weigh-in on the first and second day.

**22) You must not impede the ferry's or boat traffic at any bridge or passage way. (i.e. Draw Bridges, bridge or passages.**

**23) You cannot tie off to any bridge or Navigation marker buoys.**

24) PLEASE! Respect the rights of the homeowners that live on the water as well as other boaters. Be courteous and respectful of persons in private marinas and on docks. Do not obstruct movement of other boats in and around marinas. Do not cast onto private boats or docks. When you pull your boats, please allow the public equal time at the ramp

**There are no excuses for not knowing all of the rules that will govern this championship. If you are the captain of a team you alone are responsible for making sure all members of your club team are aware of these rules. All anglers are obviously responsible for knowing all Federal, State, Local, TBF and Federation rules, which are readily available to each angler.**

**HAVE FUN! Be patient with the work crew. We will need your cooperation if this is going to be another great experience for all of you.**

**THESE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME !**

**TBF, State and Provincial Federation and TBF Club Event  
Participant Waiver and Release**

Having fully acquainted myself with the rules, in signing this application, and by my presence at the events, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all event rules and safety regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the events and I hereby release The Bass Federation, Inc., (TBF) its partner and affiliate companies, and all its licensees and affiliates, including affiliated State and Provincial Federations, and clubs and all their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, and stockholders, the tournament hosts, sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of death, injury and/or property damage incurred in connection with their events. If I am using a boat during the official practice days or during the tournament, I certify that I now have or will obtain prior to the event, property damage/watercraft liability insurance having a limit of at least \$100,000.00. Said insurance must be issued by a reputable insurer and must cover injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this Tournament. Upon request, I will provide satisfactory evidence of that insurance. I hereby waive my rights of privacy or publicity with regard to the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, video and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with any reproduction of same, video/audio productions and/or articles and press releases by TBF, its partners or affiliate companies, and those acting under their permission, anywhere at any time, through any medium or media. 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 officials reserve the right to reject my application for any reason. I am currently a member in good standing of my home federation, an affiliated TBF member club, TBF and FLW Outdoors. I agree if I qualify for a "State" Team, The Federation National Championship or any other event representing TBF to use any and all "Official" products and equipment so specified and provided, and be bound by the terms and conditions of a STATE TEAM CONTRACT, if applicable.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out 1 copy for each participant