



B.A.S.S. Nation Competition Changes

MN B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting

January 17, 2015



Overview

- B.A.S.S. goals for competition beyond the state Nation level
- New Regional Format
- B.A.S.S. Nation Championship
- Competition Timelines
- Advantages
- MN B.A.S.S. Nation Changes 2015 and beyond



2016 Competition Format

This new B.A.S.S. Nation competition structure will begin with the calendar year 2016. The following concept is designed to provide the best possible competitive fishing program for our B.A.S.S. Nation tournament anglers, while accomplishing the goals of B.A.S.S. as a whole to promote membership growth.



New Regional Format

- Three Super Regionals vs. Six Divisionals
- Bassmaster Open Style Event
- State Teams will consist of 10 boaters, 10 non-boaters, and 2 alternates.
- NEW entry fee - \$200 Boater, \$100 Non-boaters
- Anglers fish for individual cash prizes
- Top state team earns a prize boat
- Top boater AND top non-boater from each state advances to the B.A.S.S. National Championship
 - ❑ Potential for additional anglers to advance
- Final State qualifier must be a Bassmaster Open style event



B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

- 3-day event
- Non-Boater Champion crowned after day 2
- Non-Boater Champion wins:
 - Memorial Trophy
 - Prize Boat
 - Bassmaster Open Entries as a Co-Angler
 - Bassmaster Classic Marshall spot
 - Cash & Merchandise paid down the field



B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

- Field narrowed to top 10 boaters, plus 6 divisional lead boaters
- These anglers will fish with marshalls on day 3
- Boater Champion wins:
 - Bassmaster Classic Berth
 - Bassmaster Elite Series Berth
 - Paid Entry to Bassmaster Open Series
 - Prize Boat
 - “Nation’s Best” Prize Package



B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

- Second and Third place Boaters win:
 - Bassmaster Classic Berth
 - Paid Entry to Bassmaster Open Series
 - Prize Boat
 - “Nation’s Best” Prize Package



Competition Timelines

- B.A.S.S. Nation Regionals
 - Office Practice days – Monday/Tuesday
 - Registration/Briefing – Tuesday
 - Competition days – Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
- B.A.S.S. Nation Championship
 - Office Practice days – Monday
 - Registration/Briefing – Tuesday/Wednesday
 - Competition days – Thursday/Friday/Saturday



Advantages

- More members get the opportunity to experience the Regionals (20 per State)
- More members to B.A.S.S. Nation Championship (4 for MN)
- Individual cash payouts
- Potential for more sponsorship benefits
- Potential to recruit other anglers
- Increased exposure for entire B.A.S.S. Nation
- Increased value for Classic contenders



What does this mean for MNBN?

- B.A.S.S. will require state qualifier to be a Pro Am style event
- The board will be working diligently to modify our TOC to meet new requirements
- 2015 will be a transitional year
- Very likely to see the date of the state qualifier earlier in the year
- State Team will be asked to travel farther for regionals
- Additional expenses – extra anglers to regional/BNC
- The board will ask for support from membership to make these changes



Current MN TOC Format

- Clubs qualify members using the calculation provided based on # of members
- Each club gets 1 guaranteed boater
- No entry fee
- Event held the first week of September
- Top 12 finishers advance to Divisional
 - First 6 boaters, second 6 non-boaters
 - 1 MN angler advances to the BNC



2015 MN TOC Format

- Clubs qualify members using the calculation provided based on # of members
- Each club gets 1 guaranteed boater
- \$30 Entry fee for ALL anglers
- Event held the first week of September
- Top 20 finishers advance to 2016 Divisional
 - First 10 boaters, second 10 non-boaters
 - Up to 4 MN anglers advance to the BNC (2B & 2 NB)



2016 MN TOC Format

- Board has a LOT of work to do
- Clubs qualify members using the calculation provided based on # of members
- Each angler will declare boater status before event
- Pro Am style event
- Date TBD
- Top 20 finishers advance to 2017 Divisional
 - Top 10 boaters & top 10 non-boaters
 - Up to 4 MN anglers advance to the BNC (2B & 2 NB)
- Regional Breakout TBD



Board Goals

- Ensuring the state clubs stay vested in the process and the organization
- Creating a smooth transition to the new competition format
- Membership growth
- Overcoming the biggest hurdle – solution to offset additional expenses



A Look at Expenses

- Current budget Divisionals(16 ppl) - \$15,150
 - Equivalent to \$947 per angler
- Current budget BNC(1 person) - \$1,000
- 2016 Regional budget(22 ppl) - \$5,700 Addt'l
- 2016 BNC budget(up to 4 ppl) - \$2,000 Addt'l
- Generates a difference of \$7,700 not accounted for in existing budget



MN TOC Scenarios

The Board is reviewing these potential options to help with these expenses, beginning with state qualifier/TOC in 2016

- Option #1 – Membership dues increase
- Option #2 – Flat entry fee for all anglers at state qualifier
- Option #3 – Entry fees for boater & non-boater pool, with cash payback in the field. Details TBD.



Questions????

