



OFFICIAL RULES OF COMPETITION

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SANCTIONS: The Tournament Director may impose actions or rulings deemed appropriate by them, which may include the following without limitation.

1. Reduction of competition hours as determined by the Tournament Director.
2. Loss of catch for the day of the violation.
3. Disqualification from the current tournament.
4. Forfeiture of prizes and entry fee.
5. Disqualification from future NNBT events, which may be a specific number of events, a specific period of time, or lifetime disqualification.

PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is open to any persons who are 18 years of age or older.

MINORS: Contestants who are under the age of 18, but no younger than 12, may enter with signed approval from his/her legal guardian. The legal guardian must be present at the tournament check in to sign any documents. Proof of age to the tournament officials is the responsibility of the potential contestant.

Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is impaired in such a manner as to endanger the safety and well-being of their partner or themselves may not be eligible.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: During the competition days of any NNBT tournament, no contestant may operate a boat unless that contestant has documented proof of a minimum of \$300,000 per occurrence boat owner's liability insurance covering the boat being used in the tournament. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in that boat. Random checks may be conducted and any contestant who does not have proof of valid insurance with \$300,000 coverage will not be allowed to participate.

The field will be capped as per the discretion of the tournament director in collaboration with the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the hosting park service/county.

WAIVER AND RELEASE: As a condition of participation in each tournament, each contestant must execute a waiver and release of liability and a name and likeness release.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded after the tournament. Contestants must be present and be able to hear their names called at the official weigh-in to be eligible

.PRACTICE: There will be no official practice days for NNBT events.

OFF LIMITS: There will be no off limits dates to tournament waters unless specifically presented by the tournament director, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and/or hosting park service/county.

EQUIPMENT/RESTRICTIONS:

- 1) Any other special rule as deemed by the tournament director and announced prior to blastoff.
- 2) NNBT is allowing nets.
- 3) No underwater cameras, or similar devices will be allowed in practice or during the event day.
- 4) Binoculars are not allowed in the boat at any time.
- 5) Contestants must have a valid fishing license for all tournament waters.
- 6) No contestant may buy or barter a fishing location from anyone for use during any competition day.
- 7) A designated tournament official must be granted access to the contestant's boat at any time during the competition day. Failure to grant such access may result in immediate disqualification.
- 8) Nothing can be placed into the water to attract baitfish, any type of forage. This includes but is not limited to: structure, dog food, fish habitat, bait balls or any substance that would enhance or hold fish in a particular area.

VIOLATION OR INFRACTION: EACH CONTESTANT AGREES TO REPORT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY ANY VIOLATION OR INFRACTION OF ANY TOURNAMENT RULES.

REGISTRATION: Day of, or "walk in" entries are accepted. That being said, it is highly recommended to RSVP. RSVP's either from the Northnevadabass.com website, or through direct contact with the tournament director will be considered as "Entered" for the event. Any Entered contestant who does not either contact the tournament director or register in person 30 minutes before scheduled blast off will forfeit their place in the event of a walk in entry if the event is at full capacity. Each contestant must register in person with the NNBT tournament director at the time(s)

and place(s) designated . Contestants failing to register in person during the prescribed hours may result in ineligibility to participate. It shall be each contestant's responsibility to check the schedule of events or registration time and location or obtain times from the NNBT.

SAFETY: Safe boat conduct must always be observed by contestants. During competition each boat passenger must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver anytime the combustion engine is operating (If present). This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is shut off. Inflatable life vest indicators should be checked daily. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the contestants. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. Weather delays on competition days resulting in half of the tournament day being lost (first flight take-off and check-in) may result in cancellation. NNBT reserves the right to impose boat speed limits during any or all tournaments. Whether or not to impose a speed limit, the area covered by the speed limit and/or the actual speed limit imposed shall be left exclusively to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, CONTESTANTS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND ONCE SAFE, NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONTESTANTS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMINENT.

ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP: Contestants participating in any NNBT event shall abide by this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the event in which they are participating. Contestants shall, always, conduct themselves in a manner becoming of a professional that will not reflect unfavorably on NNBT, its members, sponsors, events or representatives. The favorable public reputation of NNBT as an organization in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its fish care are priority for NNBT. It is an obligation of contestants to refrain from public comments that unreasonably attacks or disparages the integrity of tournaments,

tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow contestants or the NNBT organization.

Anglers will be notified of any known rules infractions at the moment they are discovered or as soon as they are ruled upon by the tournament director. Contestants shall demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any angler who violates any portion of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to permanent disqualification.

PUBLIC CONDUCT, SPORTSMANSHIP AND COMPETITIVE INTEGRITY: Contestants in NNBT tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Contestant agrees that the integrity and competitive honesty of fishing contests is paramount to any bass fishing tournament circuit's continued existence and success. Contestants compete in NNBT contests at the sole discretion of NNBT. The NNBT reserves the right to refuse service to any potential contestant and enforce its tournament rules, including but not limited to this Rule and the Angler Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship Rule, at its sole discretion.

ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any contestant during the open practice or during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future NNBT tournaments. No alcoholic beverages, other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats during the competition day. Any contestant(s) deemed under the influence by the tournament director may be disqualified. Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or crimes involving moral turpitude or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and/or for disqualification after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director.

MAXIMUM COURTESY: must always be practiced, especially regarding boating and angling near non-contestants who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a contestant which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification.

All contestants are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish. Contestants are responsible for research of fishing and boating regulations.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures and biodegradable artificial lures may be used. No “live bait” or “prepared bait” will be permitted during competition, except for pork strips or rinds. Only ONE (1) casting, spin casting, spinning rod or fly rod and reel may be used at any one time. Other rigs as specified above may be in boats ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on each day of competition.

PERMITTED FISHING METHODS: Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the rod in hand. All lures must adhere to NDOW regulations.

BOAT AND MOTOR: NNBT aims to be a series of events NOT catering to the stereotypical “Bass fisherman” With the goal in mind to promote the sport of bass fishing and allow any persons who would like the chance to participate in a bass tournament a legal vessel for NNBT events will fit the following parameters.

- 14 foot or greater in length.
- Meet all State and Federal specifications for size of vessel.
- Have on board an operable livewell capable of sustaining a limit of bass for the extent of the event. For the NNBT fish care is PRIORITY.
- Either combustion or electrically powered. Yes you may fish with just a trolling motor!

MANUFACTURER'S LANYARD/KILL SWITCH: must be attached to the driver's body any time a combustion engine is operating. Any time a combustion engine is operating and in gear there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat.

BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT: During open practice and competition, every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment as well as a functional bilge pump. During open competition every boat must have **LIVEWELL SPACE, PROPERLY AERATED, TO ADEQUATELY MAINTAIN A LIMIT CATCH OF BASS.** NNBT recommends live wells be maintained at full level and aerators/recirculators on manual. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate.

BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Prior to each day's start, each boat MUST be given an inspection check by a tournament official. Contestants will be assigned a boat number at registration and blast off order will be explained by the tournament director during registration.

THE OFFICIAL LENGTH FOR BASS: shall be determined by the Tournament Director and announced at registration. THE OFFICIAL LENGTH FOR BASS SHALL BE 12" UNLESS DICTATED OTHERWISE BY LOCAL REGULATIONS. ALL BASS WILL BE MEASURED ON A FLAT BOARD WITH THE MOUTH CLOSED. ONLY BASS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE WHICH MEASURE THE OFFICIAL LENGTH OR MORE ON THE LONGEST STRAIGHT LINE WITH THE TAIL PINCHED OR SWISHED SHALL BE WEIGHED. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the official length shall result in loss of that bass and a penalty of one (1) pound for each such bass presented. Penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the contestant. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered may be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials.

BIG FISH: All teams presenting legal bass at weigh in will have their largest bass weighed regardless if the contestant has entered the big fish option. The weights will be recorded and given to NDOW as a helping hand in fish surveying.

GOON FISH: The GOON fish is described as any LEGAL game or non game fish caught during the event. The GOON fish will be weighed and entered if the contestant has entered in the GOON fish option. The GOON fish will meet all NDOW regulations. The GOON fish does not need to be alive to be weighed. If the GOON fish is presented deceased it is the contestants responsibility to harvest or dispose in an ethical manner after the weigh in.

CATCH AND RELEASE CULLING OF DEAD BASS IS PROHIBITED. No dead bass will be eligible for Big Bass awards or prizes. For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the contestant shall be penalized 0.5 pound per dead fish to be deducted from their daily score. Dead fish determinations will be made by NNBT staff member(s) in charge of the bump tank. Contestants will not argue, yell, demean, use profanity, or be disrespectful in any way toward this ruling. The Tournament Director or his/her designees shall have sole authority for assessing penalty points.

IN THE EVENT A CONTESTANT OR TEAM PRESENTS A LIMIT OF DECEASED BASS THAT TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!

CONDUCTING A TOURNAMENT ON NEVADA WATERS IS A PRIVILEGE NNBT TAKES VERY SERIOUSLY. THE CONTINUATION OF EVENTS IS BASED SOLELY ON TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AND CONTESTANTS ABILITY TO CONDUCT OURSELVES IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER ON AND OFF THE WATER, AND TO SEE EVERY FISH CAUGHT SAFELY RELEASED BACK INTO THE WATER IF POSSIBLE.

