

SIX MAN TEAM TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

The New Jersey BASS Federation

Chapter Financial Responsibility List and Worksheet

The items below are the responsibility of each chapter annually. All the obligations must be met no later than the December meeting of each year prior to enrolling in the New Jersey Bass Federation.

- All payments must be made by check or money order.
- A copy of this completed form must accompany the payment.
- All rosters must be made at the same time. (TBF invoice will serve as annual roster)
- Payments are non-refundable. (Exception: Notification to Tournament Director of non-participation 2 weeks prior to Team Tournament)

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>AMOUNT DUE</i>
1. Top Six Team Entry Fee (Min \$100) or \$90.00 per contestant	\$540.00
2. FLW Dues	\$35.00 per member
3. TBF Dues	\$15.00 per member
4. Reel To Reel Payment	
No Advertisement	\$100.00
With Advertisement (List Ad)	\$00.00
5. Chapter Dues	\$75.00
6. Member Assessment	\$10.00 per member

CHAPTER _____

CHECK # _____ CONTACT TELE# _____

Fill in the appropriate amounts in the blank spaces

Top Six Team Entry Fee=\$90.00 per entry or: \$540.00 (\$100.00 Minimum)	\$
TBF/FLW Membership dues (\$50.00 per member or the amount as listed on the TBF invoice)	\$
Reel To Reel Payment (No Ad \$100.00) (Ad Name)	\$
Chapter Dues	\$75.00
Member Assessment (\$10.00 per member) # _____ Members	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT	\$

Return with Payment no later than the December meeting

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I. CHAPTER ELIGIBILITY:

To participate in the TEAM TOURNAMENT a Chapter must:

- a. Be in GOOD STANDING
- b. Have turned in a Preliminary roster, and all Dues owed to the NJBF by the regular December meeting, prior to the upcoming TEAM TOURNAMENT.
- c. Have all members appearing on Preliminary Roster be current FLW OUTDOORS and TBF members.
- d. Hand in a Final Roster to the Tournament Director (TD), on a date determined by the TD. The Final Roster must include: all Team Members' names and signatures, Chapter name, contact person with a working phone number and valid insurance paperwork for Boaters.

II. INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY:

To participate in the TEAM TOURNAMENT an individual must:

- a. Be a current member of FLW OUTDOORS and TBF.
- b. Appear on the Preliminary Roster turned in at the Regular DECEMBER meeting.
- c. Be in GOOD STANDINGS with the New Jersey Bass Federation (NJBF).
- d. Appear on the Chapter's Final Roster when submitted to the TD at the designated time.

III. PRACTICE PERIOD:

- a. All times, dates, off-limits, etc. shall be determined by the TD.
- b. During the off-limits period, no family members, Chapter members, or entrants may be on the designated tournament waters.
- c. Only Chapter members listed as contestants on the FINAL ROSTER and one (1) alternate may be on the water during OFFICIAL PRACTICE. (Alternate may not use a boat during this period)
 - 1) An exception applies to an entrant's spouse or children under the age of 16, and not rostered with a NJBF Chapter. They may practice only with the related contestant.

IV. PENALTIES:

- a. Penalties may be assessed against an individual angler, the team or the angler and the team.
- b. Any Chapter which has a contestant leave the TEAM TOURNAMENT unexcused shall be assessed a \$200 fine. The contestant will be banned from the remaining NJBF tournaments for one (1) calendar year and until the fine is paid. Nonpayment of the fine by the Chapter will result in disqualification of the Chapter from future Team Tournaments.

V. PENALTIES:

- a. Any boat failing to check in at the end of the tournament, at their designated time, shall be penalized at a rate of one (1) pound per minute of lateness. After ten (10) minutes all contestants in the boat will be disqualified. There will be no excuses for tardiness. However a co-angler may protest lateness caused by a boater if the co-angler has advised the boater about the time needed to return to check-in on time and the boater did not listen.
- b. All poundage penalties stop at zero (0). FOR EXAMPLE: If a contestant accrues eight (8) pounds of penalty weight and has only six (6) pounds of fish to weigh in, he receives a 0 weight for the day. His penalty does not carry over.

VI. BOAT USE:

Below is a list of the number of boats as related to the number of team members.

- a. 6 members ----- 3 boats
- b. 5 members ----- 3 boats
- c. 4 members ----- 2 boats
- d. 3 members ----- 2 boats
- e. 2 members ----- 1 boat
- f. 1 member ----- 1 boat

VII. EXTRA BOAT DRAW:

A drawing will be held at the regular NJBF meeting one month prior to the Team Tournament to determine the order in which extra boats will be used if the need arises. Any boat that might be used will need proof of insurance provided to the TD at the time Final Rosters are submitted. If a Team loses a boat before or during the tournament they may replace that boat and or boater with another boat and/or boater from their team before another boat is drawn to replace it. The TD must be notified of any changes prior to said change.

VII. TIES:

Ties at the Team Tournament shall be broken as follows:

- a. Total amount of live fish;
- b. Heaviest single day total;
- c. Fish off.

VIII. LOCATION:

- a. The tournament location will be picked by a Tournament Committee.
- b. The tournament will not be in the same location two years in a row.
- c. The tournament will be north of Trenton, New Jersey on even years and south of Trenton on odd years.

IX. BOAT DRAWS AND PAIRING:

The TD shall pair partners through the use of a computer program designed to perform this task. Any cancellations, withdrawals, changes, etc. will be the responsibility of the TD. Two anglers from the same Chapter may not be paired together, nor will a contestant fish with any other contestant not assigned by the TD. With the permission of the TD, alternates may be used up until the start of the tournament. Late withdrawals, no shows, breakdowns, etc. will be handled by the TD on a first come, first served basis.

X. MEETINGS:

A mandatory Captain's meeting followed by a mandatory contestant's meeting will be held at each Team Tournament. The TD will determine the time and location of these meetings. It is the responsibility of each team Captain and team member to attend these meetings.

XI. TOURNAMENT:

All phases and functions of the Team Tournament shall be conducted by the TD and assisted by the Tournament Committee. Chapters may be selected by the TD at random for assistance. **All decisions made by the TD SHALL BE FINAL.**

XII. TOURNAMENT RULES:

All NJBF Points Tournament Rules will apply to Top Six Team Tournament, except where noted otherwise.

**THE NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION
SIX MAN TEAM TOURNAMENT
PRELIMINARY ROSTER**

This is an example of a preliminary roster that may be submitted at the December meeting You may submit your entire club roster as your preliminary roster, The final roster submitted prior to the team tournament must not contain members who are not on the preliminary roster.

THIS ROSTER MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
NO LATER THAN THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE TOURNAMENT.

PLEASE PRINT ONLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

CHAPTER
NAME: _____ **DATE** _____

NAME	TBF/FLW NUMBER	TELEPHONE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET.

**THE NEW JERSEY BASS
FEDERATION
TOP SIX TEAM TOURNAMENT
FINAL ROSTER AND RELEASE
FORM WITH WAIVER**

THIS ROSTER MUST BE RETURNED TO THE
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

**NOTICE-GENERAL RELEASE, WAIVER AND
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE, BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO SUE NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION AND/OR THE BASS FEDERATION, THEIR MEMBERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND ARE RELEASING THEM FROM ALL ACTIONS, CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES, AND EVEN FROM THE EFFECTS OF THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE. THIS RELEASE IS LEGALLY BINDING EVEN IF YOU ARE INJURED OR KILLED DUE TO THE NEGLIGENCE OR WRONGFUL CONDUCT OF NEW JERSEY BASS AND/OR THE BASS FEDERATION AND/OR THEIR MEMBERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

**GENERAL, RELEASE, WAIVER AND HOLD
HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I SEE ADJACENT LIST having read the above Notice, understand that by signing this release and waiver of rights I am giving up my right to sue New Jersey Bass Federation, their members, directors and officers and releasing them and holding them harmless even from the effects of their own negligence, for any personal injuries I may sustain while participating, in a New Jersey Bass Federation and/or The Bass Federation sponsored tournament. I understand that this release is legally binding, and even if I am injured or killed due to the negligence or wrongful conduct of New Jersey Bass Federation and/or The Bass Federation, and/or their members, directors and officers, that I cannot sue or make any claim to recover for such injuries. (If someone intentionally injures me, this release will not prevent me from suing them or making a claim for personal injuries.) This release is intended to be binding upon my spouse, my estate, my personal representative and/or my beneficiaries or dependents.

I understand that there is good and valuable consideration for the making of this release. I understand that I am giving up the right to sue my fellow members of New Jersey Bass Federation and/or The

Bass Federation and likewise they are giving up the right to sue me.

I understand that I do not need to sign this release, waiver and hold harmless agreement, and that I am not forced to sign this release and waiver. However, unless I sign this waiver, intending it to be binding, I cannot participate in the fishing tournament conducted **this day of** _____ **(m/dd/yyyy)**

Sign Here SEE ADJACENT LIST

DATE

CHAPTER NAME

We, the undersigned, have all read the adjacent Release, Waiver, and Hold Harmless Agreement, and understand its' content.

1. Name B / R _____

Signature _____

2. Name B / R _____

Signature _____

3. Name B / R _____

Signature _____

4. Name B / R _____

Signature _____

5. Name B / R _____

Signature _____

6. Name B / R _____

Signature _____

7. Name B / R _____

Signature _____

8. Name B / R _____

Signature _____

Indicate Boater Or Rider --- B / R in qualifying order.

THE NEW JERSEY BASS FEDERATION CHAPTER ROSTER

ANNUAL CHAPTER ROSTERS WILL BE SUBMITTED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING IN THE FORM OF THE BASS FEDERATION REGISTRATION INVOICE RECEIVED FROM THE TBF DURING ANNUAL REGISTRATION.

****NOTE****

The TBF/FLW Registration Invoice and Payment for all registered Club Members (\$50.00) are due not later than the December Meeting Of the New Jersey Bass Federation.

To perform TBF Registration, club secretary must go to the TBF website at the following URL, <http://thebassfederation.com>

Contact NJBF secretary for assistance in registering your club prior to the December meeting. Contact information is available at <http://njbassfederation.com>

New Jersey Bass Federation Official Tournament

Rules and Regulations

1. TOURNAMENT PROGRAM: There is a "Rookie of The Year" award for the highest finishing rookie at the end of the season in each division. A "Rookie" is defined as a person who has never participated in a New Jersey Bass Federation (NJBF) points tournament before. All participants must declare as either a boater or co-angler at the start of the tournament season. This designation will hold throughout the season regardless of any individual tournament flips

2. WHO MAY COMPETE:

(A) Any NJBF or TBF member 16 years of age. Under age 18 must have written approval of parent or guardian;

(B) Anyone not previously banned from competition by NJBF unless reinstated.

3. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee for a one day tournament shall be determined by The Board of Directors. The lunger pool for each tournament will be due and is included with the entrance fee. **NO REFUNDS** will be given for persons entering and unable to attend the tournaments unless written notification is given to the Tournament Director by 4:00 PM on the Wednesday before the tournament. Only checks or money orders will be accepted for payment.

4. APPLICATION & DEADLINE: A completed and signed application form with entrance fee must be received by the Tournament Director on or before FRIDAY (2) WEEKS PRIOR to the tournament. If you register as a boater you must send a copy of current boat insurance policy. Late entries not accepted.

5. OFF LIMITS: All tournament waters are the designated body and its tributaries only, or any other areas identified by the Tournament Director.

6. REGISTRATION/PRE-TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN: Contestants must finish registering/checking in 1/2 hour before the tournament start time. If a contestant fails to register on time they will not be able to fish the tournament and will not receive a refund. It is the responsibility of both boater and the co-angler or observer to contact each other prior to tournament day. It is also their same responsibility to meet prior to boat launch to assist in the launching procedure.

7. TOURNAMENT BRIEFING: All tournament contestants will be briefed on official information, pertaining to that specific tournament, at the regular NJBF monthly meeting prior to each tournament. Information such as off limits, staging areas, and flight times will be stated at such meeting and posted on the Federation website. It is not mandatory to attend the meeting.

8. BOAT OPERATION AND EXPENSE: A full discussion must be held between the two paired anglers prior to the departure as to the fishing schedule and the operation of the boat. The gas, oil and launch fee shall be split 50/50 between boater and co-angler. Both contestants will have equal time (1/2 day) to operate the boat (operation is defined as electing to fish in the front of the boat and having control of the electric motor). In the event that one contestant does not elect to operate the boat, the contestant waiving the right of operation will still have the right to select the fishing waters for 1/2 of the day. Any contestant found operating the boat in an obvious and deliberate manner to handicap his partner and the safe operation of the boat, shall be disqualified. All contestants must have a discussion prior to take off concerning safe operation of the boat or any physical limitations one party may have that could hinder the normal operation of the boat. Coast Guard certification is necessary for boat operation or trolling motor operation. Observers are not required to contribute to the expenses listed above and are not permitted any control of the boat or fishing locations.

9. BOAT INSPECTION: Boat inspection will end a 1/2 hour prior to start time. In order to have your boat checked you must:

(A) Show that your engine horsepower does not exceed Coast Guard rating plate on boat;

(B) Have a boat at least 17' in length;

(C) Demonstrate a functioning live well capable of sustaining two limits of fish.

10. LATE ARRIVALS: Late arrivals who fail to make boat check deadline will forfeit their boat number and be placed at the back of the starting field. The Tournament Director will reserve from close of boat check until 15 minutes before start of tournament to make last minute changes or alterations. After that, no boats will be checked in. If you arrive later than 15 minutes before start time, you will forfeit your entry fee and not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

11. TOURNAMENT HOURS AND TAKEOFF: All tournaments will start and end at the printed time on the application regardless of the weather or lateness of contestants or at the discretion of the Tournament Director. In the case of fog or bad weather, boats will take off with a 5 MPH RESTRICTION, which if exceeded, will cause automatic disqualification for that and all future NJBF

tournaments. At the beginning of the tournament, each boat will idle past starter boat before getting on plane.

12. PAIRING CONTESTANTS: All contestants will be paired with a partner by random drawings of completed applications. No contestants from the same club or relatives will be paired together. If such a pair occurs, contestants must notify the Tournament Director to arrange for a new pairing. co-angler/observer applications will be dated and the earliest date used to select co-angler/observers if there are not enough boats. Boaters will not be paired together. You will be notified by mail who your partner will be. It will be your responsibility to contact your partner by phone for a meeting tournament morning. If you do not receive pairing by Thursday prior to tournament, call the Tournament Director.

13. SCORING: Contestants will proceed to the weigh-in area with their day's catch in an official tournament bag. Scoring shall be determined by a total weight. The tournament winner will be determined by the total weight accumulated during the tournament. A penalty of .40 pounds will be given for each legal bass not kept alive. Legal fish include: largemouth and smallmouth bass only. Contestants who obtain or use services of an agent to locate fish on Tournament Day will be banned from that and all future NJBF tournaments. During the tournament day each partner's fish shall be tagged or kept separated throughout the fishing day. At no time shall the contestant have more fish than the legal limit. Periodic checks by the Officials, both State and Tournament, may be made and any contestant having more than the legal limit will have his fish culled by the Official with the largest fish culled first. The weigh in area is off limits to non-tournament officials and all other contestants except those whose fish are on the scales. Once fish are turned over to the Tournament Officials at the scales, they are then to be handled by Tournament Officials only. State laws supersede all NJBF length and number of fish per limits. However, a bass will not be counted or weighed if it is less than 12 inches in length as measured on the weigh-in table. Fish are to be measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with the fish laid flat, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together. Fish presented for weigh-in which fail to measure 12 inches shall accrue a penalty of one (1) pound for each fish. Any fish that is mangled in any way will be measured and weighed only at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

14. TOURNAMENT POINTS: The tournament winner will receive 200 points and second place will receive 199 points and so on until all points are awarded or no catch is reported. Ties will be handled as follows:

(A) During regular point tournaments, money and points will be distributed equally between the tied contestants;

(B) End of the year point standing ties will be broken by:

1) Total weight caught;

2) Total number of fish alive;

3) Heaviest single stringer at any point event fished.

15. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures may be used. No "live" or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork or pork type strips, rinds, etc. Only baitcasting, spinning or spincasting reels and rods may be used. Only one rod may be used at any time. Other rigged rods may be present, but only one shall be in use at any time. If any lure is fouled it must be retrieved or broken off before another rod can be used by that contestant. No rod over the length of 8 feet will be allowed. Electronic depth finders, thermometers, oxygen gauges, PH Meters and water clarity devices are permitted along with hand held nets to land legally hooked fish.

16. CARE AND DISPOSITION OF FISH: Contestants must exert all effort regarding care and release of fish. It is the sole responsibility of the angler to keep, consume, or dispose of all fish not kept alive. It is illegal to dispose of dead fish at the tournament site. A contestant shall be granted the right to keep a trophy fish for mounting purposes at the discretion of the Tournament Director and will lose .40 pounds if the fish was still alive. Only fish brought to the weigh-in table in an official NJBF weigh in bag will be weighed in. If not, they will be returned to the water without being weighed.

17. LATE PENALTY: Contestants not cleared at end of tournament check-in point on time shall be penalized one (1) pound per minute for each minute late. A contestant arriving at the dock more than ten (10) minutes late shall lose all weight for that day. There will be no excuse for tardiness and no one will be allowed to make up fishing time. Each contestant will be given ample time to proceed from the dock to the weight station and must not leave the presence of their partner or will lose the credit for their catch.

18. PROTEST: A contestant wishing to protest his partners or another angler's actions must do so in writing within ten (10) minutes after the scales close and deliver it to the Tournament Director. Partners not reporting a violation will face the same punishment as their partners.

19. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Fishing on tournament waters will be permitted everywhere except:

(A) Within fifty (50) yards of another competitor's anchored boat first anchored (by use of anchor and rope or by Pro-Pole style shallow water anchoring system) with its trolling motor in a stored position, an angler may not place anchor down for the sole purpose

of precluding another boat from approaching an area, communication between anglers at this point is required;

(B) Contestants must not depart the boat to land fish;

(C) Within any area declared off limits by the Tournament Director;

(D) Tournament boats must not leave the tournament water or be trailered during the tournament hours;

(E) Anywhere that you are asked to leave by State Officials or law enforcement officers.

20. SAFETY: All contestants must wear a life vest approved by the Coast Guard while the boat's gasoline engine is on. This vest must be secure while persons are in transit or automatic disqualification will result. All boats must be equipped with a kill switch system for their gasoline engine and it must be used when the engine is in operation. No wake zones will require the boater to proceed without white water developing from the boat and a wake of less than 3 inches. **THERE WILL BE NO PASSING IN A NO WAKE ZONE.** All boat owners are to operate their boats in a safe manner and abide by all local, State and federal laws.

21. SPORTSMANSHIP: Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from all contestants. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles will be deemed cause for disciplinary action. Any violation of these rules will be cause for disciplinary action to be decided and taken by the Tournament Director.

22. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances shall be allowed in the possession of any contestants during the tournament hours.

23. RULE DECISION: The interpretation of these rules shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Director. ***The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final.*** These rules and regulations are subject to amendment at any time by the Tournament Director and approval by the NJBF Board of Directors. Any changes will be made known to the contestants prior to the tournament by posting to the NJBF website.

24. WEIGH-INS: Both contestants must sign their partner's weigh-in slips prior to weighing in. Any contestant whose weigh-in slip is not signed will not receive credit for their catch.

25. BREAKDOWNS: In the event of a mechanical breakdown, one angler may return alone with both contestants' catch. The following criteria must be met:

1. You must return in another competitor's boat;

2. Catches must be kept separated;

3. You must return in your original flight and be on time;

4. You must advise the Tournament Director of your circumstances before you weigh in;

5. Both weigh slips must be signed before points or prizes will be awarded.

26. ETHICAL TOURNAMENT ANGLING: It is the responsibility of all anglers in the tournament to practice ethical angling. An "Ethical Angler" is an angler who:

(A) Protects and preserves the environment. One who does not pollute or disturb the natural order of the lake or river he is fishing on;

(B) Respects other anglers' rights, both those who are fishing in the tournament and those who are not. He is also courteous, especially when he is a guest on another state's body of water;

(C) Practices catch and release;

(D) Practices safe boating;

(E) Obeys all local fishing and boating laws.

27. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS: During any official competition days of a tournament, a competitor may not use a CB radio, a VHF marine-band radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. Competitors are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. Competitors may listen only to the marine-band weather information channels.

28. Global Position System (GPS) Usage: The use of a GPS by any competitor is permitted, however a GPS may not be used to mark specific locations of the boater by a co-angler and likewise a boater may not mark the GPS locations identified by his co-angler. Any angler found in violation of this rule is subject to disqualification.
