



# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## Event Overview

April 2-8, 2017

For more info: Please contact TBF at 580.765.9031 [www.bassfederation.com](http://www.bassfederation.com)

### Competition Waters:

Table Rock Lake – Kimberling City, Missouri

### Local Hosts:

Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce  
417.739.2564

### Local Authorized Ranger Dealer:

Full Services all major brands  
Branson West Marine  
9209 East St Hwy 76  
Branson West, Mo. 65737  
417-272-1000

### Daily Takeoff: 7:00am CDT Monday-Saturday

Port of Kimberling  
201 Marina Way  
Kimberling City, MO 65686

### Official Housing:

Port of Kimberling Marina & Resort  
201 Marina Way  
Kimberling City, MO 65686  
(417) 739-5377

Kimberling Inn  
11863 S. State Hwy 13  
Kimberling City, MO 65686  
(417)-739-4311

Best Western Branson Inn  
8514 E State Highway 76  
Branson West, MO 65737  
(417) 338-2141

### Overview:

The 2017 TBF National Championship, Presented by FLW, is the ultimate dream goal for a grassroots TBF member. The largest event of its kind with a unique format where anglers only have to compete against other anglers from their own state and geographic division to advance, make it a perfectly level playing field on Missouri's fabled Table Rock Lake. At least the top two Boaters and two Co-angler from each TBF state and Canada will compete on first two days April 3-4. Then the field will be cut to only the top one boater and co-angler from each state federation. These anglers will all be matched up in identical Ranger Boats powered by Evinrudes for the next two competition days on April 6-7 and then the field is cut again to the top boater and top co-angler from each of the 7 TBF geographical divisions.

These 14 division champions, 7 boaters and 7 co-anglers all earn spots, cash and prize packages in the 2017 BFL All-American and will compete one final day on Saturday April 8, for the titles of Boater and Co-angler TBF National Champions based on their heaviest cumulative weight from the final three days of competition. Both the National Champion Boater and National Champion Co-Angler will receive a "Living the Dream" prize package.

Each state federation qualified its top anglers based on in-state participation and membership to attend one of 23 close to home TBF National Semi-Final events where over 1500 anglers competed nationwide. More than 100 boaters and co-anglers qualified at those TBF National Semi-Final events to compete in this one of a kind event.

The first-place prize package on the boater's side is a \$100,000.00 "Living the Dream" prize package includes use of a wrapped Ranger boat powered by Evinrude as well as a tow vehicle, fully paid entry into the 2018 FLW Tour, a cash award, an

### Mandatory- Competitors Check in and Dinner:

Sunday April 2 at 4:00-5:30pm Dinner starts at 5:00  
Reeds Spring High School  
20281 State Hwy 413, Reeds Spring, MO 65737  
6:00pm Mandatory Boat & Equipment Briefing & Rules meeting

**Official Ranger Boat Yard:** Port of Kimberling

### **Daily Weigh-In: April 3, 4 & 6, 7, 8**

Port of Kimberling Weigh-in starts promptly at 3:00pm CDT each day

automatic berth into the 2017 BFL All-American and the 2017 Forrest Wood Cup. First place on the co-anglers side is a Living The Dream prize package including paid entry fees into the 2018 FLW series, a cash award, and an automatic berth into the 2017 BFL All-American. As stated all 7 Division Champions (7 boaters and 7 co-anglers) will advance to the 2017 BFL All-American.

**Format:**

- **Cash and Prizes** – Well over \$300,000.00 in cash, stipends, bonus’s and prizes will be awarded
- **April 3, 4 – Competition Days 1 & 2** – Full Field; 102 Boaters & Co-anglers, compete on Monday and Tuesday representing their home state. Field is cut to top boater and top co-angler from each state federation. Weigh in at 3pm CDT
- **April 5 – Official Day 3** is final practice day and equipment check out All anglers matched up in new Ranger boats
- **April 6, 7- Competition Days 4 & 5** – 49 Boaters & 49 Co-anglers compete top angler from each state. Weigh-in at 3pm CDT. Friday April 7, field is cut to top boater and top co-angler from each of the 7 TBF geographical Divisions.
- **April 8 – Competition Day 5 – Division Champions compete:** Top 7 Division Champion Boaters and 7 Division Champion Co-anglers based on accumulated three day total weight via for national titles and Living The Dream packages. Weigh-in at 3pm CDT

**Key Rules:**

- Off-Limits started 5pm CST Wednesday March 1, 2017
- Each angler may weigh in five bass per day.
- Missouri and Arkansas (where required) fishing license is required
- 15” length limit
- Only artificial lures are permitted
- Bass must be kept alive. Anglers are assessed an 8-ounce penalty for each bass brought to the weigh-in not alive
- Anglers who are late for the official check-in are assessed a 1 pound-per-minute penalty



**Registration & Meal Time and Location:**

**Sunday, April 2** — 4:00-5:30 p.m. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO CHECK IN!** Reeds Spring High, 20281 State Highway 413, Reeds Spring, MO 65737

- Mandatory Equipment orientation begins at 6:00 p.m. SHARP!
- Mandatory Rules Briefing 6:30pm Reeds Spring Middle School Auditorium, 345 Morrill Lane, Reeds Spring, MO 65737

**Schedule of Events: (events are mandatory for all contenders they are not optional)**

- **Sunday, April 2-Registration** –Reeds Spring High
  - 4:00 to 5:30 pm Angler Check in /Welcome Dinner
  - 6:00 to 6:25 pm Boat Orientation
  - 6:30 pm Welcome /Rules Briefing
  - 10:00pm Boatyard access closes
- **Monday, April 3 – Competition Day 1-All Contenders**
  - 6:45 am Takeoff ceremonies begin Port of Kimberling
  - 7:00 am Takeoff at Port of Kimberling
  - 3:00 pm **Weigh-in begins at Port of Kimberling**
  - 10:00 pm Boatyard access closes
- **Tuesday, April 4 -Competition Day 2-All Contenders**
  - 6:45 am Takeoff ceremonies begin Port of Kimberling
  - 7:00 am Takeoff at Port of Kimberling
  - 3:00 pm **Weigh-in begins at Port of Kimberling**
  - 10:00 pm Boatyard access closes
- **Wednesday, April 5 -Official Practice**
  - 5:00 am Contestant’s breakfast
  - 5:45 am Contestants leave boatyard
  - 7:00 am Takeoff at Port of Kimberling
  - 10:00 pm Boatyard access closes
- **Thursday, April 6 – Competition Day 3- Contenders**
  - 5:00 am Contestant’s breakfast
  - 5:45 am Contestants leave boatyard
- 7:00 am Takeoff at Port of Kimberling
- 3:00 pm CDT **Weigh-in at Port of Kimberling**
- 10:00 pm Boatyard access closes
- **Friday, April 7 – Competition Day 4- Contenders**
  - 5:00 am Contestant’s breakfast
  - 5:45 am Contestants leave boatyard
  - 7:00 am Takeoff at Port of Kimberling
  - 3:00 pm CDT **Weigh-in at Port of Kimberling**
  - 10:00 pm Boatyard access closes
- Boater and Co-angler finalists-(Field cut to the 7 Division-leading “boaters” and 7 Division-leading co-anglers)
- **Saturday, April 8 -- FINAL Competition Day 5 of the TBF Federation National Championship**
  - 5:00 am Contestant’s breakfast –
  - 5:45 am Contestants leave boatyard
  - 7:00 am Takeoff at Port of Kimberling
  - 3:00 pm CDT **Final weigh-in activities begin, Port of Kimberling**

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PLEASE CHECK THE FRONT DESK UPON ARRIVAL FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE FINAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

