

Official Tournament Entry Form and Rules Effective Jan 1, 2016

These rules & safety regulations have been "time tested" over 45 years of federation history, great effort, study and research has gone into their formulation. The following rules of this tournament will remain unchanged, except for special tournaments conducted by The Bass Federation, Inc., herein after (TBF). Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Officials. In the event of a rules violation, the Tournament Official may impose such sanctions, as deemed appropriate including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decisions of the TBF Tournament Officials shall be final in all matters.

1. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation is by invitation only and open only to members of TBF and FLW who are 16 years of age or older and active members in good standing of their home State TBF Federation and who have participated in the appropriate State Federation format. Proof of age is the responsibility of the competitor. All participants must have in their possession a valid fishing license covering the waters to be fished. **DURING ANY OFFICIAL PRACTICE AND COMPETITION DAYS OF ANY TBF EVENT NO CONTESTANT MAY OPERATE A BOAT UNLESS THAT CONTESTANT HAS DOCUMENTED PROOF OF AN INSURANCE POLICY IN FORCE, THAT COVER THE EVENT DATES WITH A MINIMUM OF \$300,000 BOATING LIABILITY COVERAGE ON THAT PARTICULAR BOAT. PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE WITH THE BOAT BEING USED AND MUST COVER THE COMPETITOR USING THAT BOAT. RANDOM CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED. EACH POLICY MUST SHOW \$300,000.00 LIABILITY AND A VALID EXPIRATION DATE.** NOTE: Statements of "No fixed expiration date" are NOT acceptable. Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Tournament Committee, is handicapped in such a manner as to unfairly hinder their partner or endanger the safety and well-being of their partner or their self shall not be eligible. PROPERLY, FULLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED OFFICIAL ENTRY DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TBF BEFORE THE EVENT DEADLINE OR A LATE FEE WILL APPLY. Tournament Officials reserves the right to discontinue or extend the acceptance of applications prior to or after this deadline. As a participant in a TBF tournament you agree, if you qualify and are invited to be a member of the "STATE TEAM", to be bound by and adhere to, all conditions set out in any "STATE TEAM CONTRACTS" and to use while representing the TBF any and all official products and equipment so specified and provided by TBF.

2. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE: There will be a published number of official practice days immediately preceding the first day of the tournament, these days will be listed on the event fact sheet. The exact dates and times of the practice period must be obtained from TBF and each competitor must know and observe these dates. There will be no off-limits period for any regular tournament unless specified by the Tournament Officials. **DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE, AND DURING THE TOURNAMENT, A COMPETITOR MAY NOT SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE OF ANYONE FOR THE PURPOSES OF LOCATING OR CATCHING BASS, NOR ENTER THE TOURNAMENT WATERS WITH ANYONE WHO IS DEEMED AN "EXPERT" ON THE TOURNAMENT WATERS BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS, UNLESS THEY ARE A CONTESTANT IN THE SAME TOURNAMENT.** On any official practice or tournament day, a competitor may not "SKIN DIVE" or "SCUBA DIVE" on the tournament waters. During the 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. Contestants are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in an emergency. If so equipped, contestants may listen to marine band weather information. **EACH CONTESTANT AGREES TO REPORT TO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS 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 SLIPS WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION. EACH COMPETITOR AGREES, BY THEIR SIGNATURE ON THIS DOCUMENT, TO SUBMIT TO ATRUTH VERIFICATION TEST OR POLYGRAPH TEST SHOULD THEY BE ASKED TO FOR ANY REASON and abide by its conclusion.** Failure to pass the examination will result in disqualification. The administration and interpretation of the truth verification test shall be the sole responsibility of Tournament Officials, and their agent(s), and shall be used (or not used) at their discretion. Without limiting anything herein, Tournament Officials shall have sole discretion to select the place at which such a truth verification test shall be administered, the individual who administers such a truth verification test, and the scope of the questions which may be asked during such test. The participant shall be available, at their own expense, at the location stipulated and shall cooperate in all respects.

3. REGISTRATION: Each competitor must register in person with official TBF staff at the time and place prescribed in the registration materials. Failure to register in person during the prescribed times shall result in a one pound penalty deducted from the total catch. NO EXCEPTIONS. IT SHALL BE EACH COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FACT SHEET FOR REGISTRATION TIME AND LOCATION. Contestants are expected to compete in all days that they are qualified; failure to do so may result in ineligibility to compete in future events.

4. SAFETY: Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors. During any official practice or tournament days, each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved, Type III, chest-type life preserver. This preserver must

be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the competitor reaches their fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Tournament Officials have the right to delay or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. In the event of a thunderstorm, lightning, severe weather or any unsafe condition, participants should remove themselves from the competition and seek safety or shelter until it is safe to continue fishing. Participants may not leave their boats during tournament hours except in case of emergency. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. TBF further reserves the right to impose boat speed limits on any or all tournaments. Whether or not to impose a speed limit, the area covered and/or the actual speed limit imposed shall be left exclusively to the discretion of the Tournament Director. TBF will announce emergency contact numbers and instructions at the pre tournament briefing. The rules of this event, particularly the safety rules are the responsibility of BOTH contestants in the boat to personally verify and adhere to.

5. SPORTSMANSHIP: *Competitors in an TBF tournament are expected to follow the very highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.*

Any violation of these basic sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those drugs purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor during the official practice, during the tournament or during the weigh-in will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future TBF tournaments. The "Federation" is the "grassroots ambassadors" of fishing. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of any competitor which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesies shall be reason for disqualification. All competitors are bound by prevailing state statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats during official practice, competition days or when in the weigh-in area. Chemical substance addition or abuse, conviction of a felony or other 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 for disqualification. Any disqualification or suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding, any tournament or fishing organization, may be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and for disqualification.

6. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or "prepared bait" will be permitted, with the exception of pork rinds, strips, etc. Only ONE (1) fishing rod (8-foot maximum length from butt of the handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. All other types prohibited. Other rigs as specified may be in the boat ready to use, however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. All bass must be caught alive in a conventional and sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their day's catch disqualified. When fishing for bass you can see, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and *must be verified* by your partner before being unhooked to be counted as a legal fish. No gaffs OR "GRIPPERS" may be used to land bass nor be permitted in boat at any time.

7. HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS: Maximum horsepower for all outboard motors used in official practice and in tournament competition will be 250hp for any boat 21 foot, 6 inches or less and 300HP for any boat over 21 foot 6 inches or more. In no case may the horsepower of your outboard exceed the rating specified on the rating plate or the horsepower limit set by TBF. WHERE REQUIRED, EACH BOAT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH A U.S. COAST GUARD RATING PLATE, WHICH MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BOAT BY THE MANUFACTURER. Each competitor agrees to submit, by their signature on the official entry form and wavier, the boat and motor used in the tournament to an inspection by factory-trained personal if so requested. Normal maintenance to increase performance of your engine is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts of your motor to INCREASE THE HORSEPOWER OVER THE FACTORY HORSEPOWER RATING IS FORBIDDEN, and will result in disqualification. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or ratings plate also would be cause for immediate disqualification from TBF Sanctioned Events.

8. BOAT AND MOTOR: For the safety of all contestants, ALL BOATS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH SOME TYPE OF OPERABLE IGNITION KILL SWITCH SAFETY DEVICE. This engine stop device must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. Fishing boats may be used that are 17 feet in total length or longer, propeller driven and must have a rear deck. Any raised platforms or decks cannot be higher than the gunnel of the boat. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Only gas tanks that are factory installed options or auxiliary tanks installed by a factory authorized dealer are legal. Boats that do not have factory installed gas tanks are restricted to a maximum of 18 gallons of gasoline in tanks properly secured or strapped in a boat, that meet U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to all contenders and/or the public. No "barges" or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. A competitor answering affirmatively the question "Will you bring a boat and motor?" will be expected to make that boat and motor

available for tournament use by their self and their daily partner, if so requested by tournament officials. Those answering the same question negatively will be presumed not to have a boat available and will be paired with one who does when possible. It shall be the responsibility of the fishing partners to mutually agree on a meeting location, and the basis for sharing expenses. If partners are unable to agree, the Tournament Director shall make such determination, which shall be binding upon the partners.

9. BASIC BOAT & SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Every boat must have all the required Coast Guard safety equipment. Great Lakes and Canadian border water tournaments require flares. In addition, it must have a functional bilge pump and livewell space, properly aerated, to sufficiently maintain, in a healthy condition a limit catch by BOTH competitors using the boat. TBF recommends the use of livewell additives to promote the healthy release of all fish to their natural habitat. Further TBF recommends the use of ICE to cool livewell water and improve oxygen levels during "summer" months. The Tournament Director shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is "proper and adequate".

10. BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Each boat MUST be given, prior to each day's start, a livewell and SAFETY INSPECTION check by a tournament official and a boat marker which MUST remain in the boat and be turned in during check-in at the end of each day.

11. BOAT OPERATION AND EXPENSE: *A full discussion MUST be held between the two partners prior to a morning departure as to the schedule of boat operations.* This schedule MUST permit each partner equal time to fish from the front of the boat and to operate the trolling motor, so as to afford each partner the opportunity to fish his selected waters an equal number of hours. Distance traveled to fishing locations must be considered in order not to deprive either partner fishing time while traveling to and from fishing waters. If a contestant waives the above rights, he shall retain the right to select the fishing waters for one-half the tournament day. Any contestant who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, operates the boat in such a manner as to unfairly handicap his partner shall be disqualified.

12. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Tournament waters shall be established and published for each event. Each competitor must obtain this information from TBF. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except water within tournament boundaries posted "off-limits or no fishing" by state or federal agencies which will be OFF-LIMITS. Also, the live-bass release area established by the Tournament Director will be OFF-LIMITS and will be announced at the tournament briefing. No contestant may "Buy" or "Barter" a fishing location. Only that water open to ALL public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any water closed to public fishing will be closed to tournament contestants. All angling must be done from the boat. The cutting of trees, bushes and/or logs after the start of the official practice or the pretournament meeting and/or the removal of official local, state or federal barricades or barriers at any time to make an area more accessible by boat is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from the tournament. The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a boat into fishing waters is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the tournament.

13. CONTESTANTS, BOATS AND BREAKDOWNS: Contestants must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to the check-in by boat and all boats must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. No boats may be loaded on a trailer before the weigh-in except with the permission of the tournament director. In the event of equipment failure or emergency the tournament director must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so. There are only two permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by both paired anglers remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) with permission from the tournament director, by one or both paired anglers entering the boat of another tournament contestant, at which point all fishing must cease by all parties. Under these two conditions both contestants' catches may be counted without a penalty (except for late penalties, dead-fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules) provided that all contestants fish are adequately marked so as to provide clear distinction between their catches to the tournament director. Contestants who elect to return to the check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day's catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Otherwise contestants must remain together and within sight of each other at all times. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for a restroom break is permitted. However, ALL FISHING MUST CEASE, anytime partners are separated.

14. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT: There shall be an official safety checkpoint for check-out in the morning and check-in in the afternoon. Failure to go through this check point will result in disqualification. At the time of check-out all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformance with all safety and tournament rules. At check-in all boats shall identify themselves, and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. Rule 13 applies otherwise. Partners must stay together, through check-in and weigh-in until weigh-in slips have been issued. YOU MUST CHECK-IN EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FISH. All fishing MUST cease upon check-in.

15. SCORING: Tournament standing, awards and final standings shall be determined by a method of scoring set forth, and announced in the pre-tournament briefing. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Red Eye or Shoal Bass will be weighed. The limit shall be five (5) of the above species and varieties per day, unless the prevailing state limit is less than five (5), or a special limit is established for a particular tournament by the Tournament Director. At no time shall a competitor have in possession more than

the tournament limit. Tournament Officials will conduct checks for violations of this provision, and in the event a competitor has in their possession more than the stated limit, shall cull, starting with the largest fish first, down to the stated limit. The official length shall be announced at the tournament briefing. In most cases it will be the longest state limit covering the tournament waters. Only bass which measure the official length or more on the longest straight line, shall be weighed-in. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the official length shall accrue penalties at the rate of one pound for each non-legal fish. This penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor. Any fish that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of Tournament Officials. After a competitor checks in at the official checkpoint he MUST present all LEGAL fish in his possession to a Tournament Official to be counted, measured and weighed. Once a competitor's catch has been measured, counted or verified by a Tournament Official, that contestant may not return to his boat until his catch has been weighed and recorded. Bass must not be "stringered" at any time during the tournament. This would also include any device that would hold more than one fish the livewell. Balance beams can be used for sorting fish but cannot be left attached to a fish in the livewell. Each contestants catch must be presented in an official weigh-in bag, you may not use your own weigh in bag.

16. CATCH AND RELEASE: For each legal dead fish presented to weigh-in officials, the competitor shall be penalized eight (8) ounces of weight, to be deducted from their daily score. Tournament Officials shall have sole authority for accessing penalty points.

17. LATE PENALTY: Competitors who are not in the official safety checkpoint area as described in rule 14 at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute to be deducted from the total weight of their catch that day, including any "Big Bass Award". Any competitors more than fifteen (15) minutes late shall lose all credit for that days catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness and in no case will a competitor be allowed to make up "lost time". After proper recognition at the check-in point, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site; however, all fishing must stop upon check-in. After the pre-tournament briefing begins, fishing the tournament waters is prohibited except during tournament hours. Exact starting and check-in times will be announced at the tournament briefing.

18. TIES: In case of a tie for first place team or team champion, the following tie breakers will be used in this order: 1.) The team or individual with the largest number of legal fish weighed-in during the competition; 2.) The team or individual with the largest number of legal LIVE fish weighed-in during the competition; 3.) The team or individual with the heaviest single days catch during competition; 4.) The team or individual with the second heaviest single days catch during competition. In the unlikely event a tie remains after these four tiebreakers are employed; a flip of a coin will be used to determine the winner(s) and the money, if any will be equally split. Ties for lesser positions shall be resolved by means selected by the Tournament Director.

19. PAIRING OF CONTESTANTS: Wherever possible two contestants will be assigned to each boat. When possible contestants from the same Club/State Federation will not be paired together, nor shall two competitors fish together more than one day in any single event. Announcement of your first days partner shall be made at the pre-tournament rules and safety briefing which must be attended by each competitor. Subsequent days partners shall be posted at each weigh-in. It is the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually agreed upon location with sufficient time remaining to check out at the official checkpoint and start on time. Tournament Officials shall have no responsibility for finding missing partners. The Tournament Director, at his sole discretion, may reassign partners prior to the morning take-off. It is suggested that a minimum of 30 minutes is required for preparation to depart to the checkout point. Once you are paired by the draw you must inform Tournament Officials if you decided not to fish or fines and penalties will apply. A contestant must not allow any bass caught by them to be counted on the score of another contestant. In such a case, both contestants shall be disqualified from this and all future tournaments conducted by TBF.

20. PATCHES AND/OR SIGNAGE: TBF encourages the use of patches, logos and other signage to promote various sponsors. Realizing we are in a television media/sponsorship field that MAY sometimes restrict the use of such signage, etc. that promote or advertise products, TBF reserves the right to RESTRICT THE USE OF SUCH SIGNAGE, with as much advance notice as possible.

21. STATE TEAM QUALIFICATION: Under no circumstances shall an individual be allowed to attempt to qualify for a state team in more than one state in the same qualifying year. Anyone qualifying or attempting to qualify through more than one state for the same Federation National Championship shall be removed from this and possibly all future state teams. Because this is a TBF national rule not a STATE rule, you can also be removed from another state's team.

22. STATE TEAM BOATS: Each twelve-person state team will designate six boaters and six non-boaters during the official tournament competition days. TBF recommends that each state team bring at least one extra boat that meets tournament rules and safety regulations in case of breakdowns.

23. STATE TEAM ALTERNATES: Each twelve-person state team will be allowed three (3) official alternates, one (1) alternate team member to replace an official team member if an official team member becomes ill or injured or has to leave the tournament due to personal business. In addition, the State Federation President or his designated

representative will be considered a second alternate. And finally the state conservation director will be considered the third alternate. TBF must receive a completed entry form from the alternate team member and the State Federation President or his designated representative and the State Conservation Director on or before the tournament entry deadline date or the state will not be allowed an alternate team member. The Tournament Director must approve the reason for the leaving of the official team member before a replacement of the official team member with the alternate will be allowed. If the official tournament competition has begun, the team score will be determined by using the score of the official team member on the competition days in which he participated and the score of the alternate on the competition days in which he participated as a team member. The scores for the individual competition will be taken from each competitor's own scores. After an official team member has been replaced by any alternate, the official team member cannot then return to the competition for any reason, as either an official team member, or as an individual competitor.

2016 Dates & Locations

NW Division Championship, Presented by Ranger Boats and hosted by Oregon TBF Federation

Dates & Location: May 8-13, Columbia River, Cascade Locks, OR.

SW Division Championship, Presented by Cabela's and hosted by the Utah TBF

Dates & Location: May 15-20, Lake Powell, Bull Frog Marina

Southern Division Championship, Presented by Berkley and hosted by and South Carolina Bass Federation

Dates & Location: June 12-17, Santee-Cooper, Summerton, SC.

Central Divisional Championship, Presented by Evinrude E-Tec and hosted by the Nebraska TBF Federation.

Dates & Location: June 19-24, Truman Lake, Clinton, MO.

Northern Divisional Championship, Presented by Lowrance and hosted by South Dakota TBF Federation.

Dates & Location: Sept. 4-9, Lake Oahe, Pierre, SD.

Eastern Divisional Championship, Presented By Cabela's and Hosted by the Canadian Bass Anglers Federation of TBF.

Dates & Location: Sept. 11-16, Lake Ontario, Kingston, Ont. Can.

Mid-Atlantic Divisional Championship, Presented by Minn Kota and hosted by West Virginia Bass Federation

Dates & Location: Sept. 18-23, Monongahela River, Morgantown, WV.



Be sure to sign up each year for:

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Ponca City, OK. 74601

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Entry forms, rules, safety regulations
& event dates can be found at:

bassfederation.com

TBF Division Championship Series Official Entry Form – Return This Portion (Please fill all blanks)

Tournament _____

State Federation _____

Club Name or Number _____

TBF Member No. _____

FLW Member No. _____

Social Security No. _____

Name _____

Sex: M ___ F ___ Birth Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Home: Area Code () No. _____

Cell: Area Code () No. _____

Are you a designated state team boater? Yes ___ No ___

Horsepower of your motor _____

Horsepower rating on boat _____
(READ RULE NO.7 CAREFULLY)

Brand of Motor _____

Brand of Boat _____ Model _____

Brand of Trolling Motor _____

Are you Ranger Cup Qualified? Yes ___ No ___

If you don't plan to use your boat, will you have a properly insured boat available if needed? Yes ___ No ___

Ever competed in a TBF tournament? Yes ___ No ___

Do you have Boating Liability Insurance? Yes ___ No ___
(SEE RULE NO.1)

Any boating accident(s) last five (5) years? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, explain _____

Do you have any physical impairment's? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, explain _____

PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY – READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in tournaments, events, programs, and related activities conducted by The Bass Federation, (doing business as TBF) and/or FLW, Inc., (doing business as FLW), either jointly or separately, I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that: The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and, I have been advised by TBF and/or FLW, and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; and,

I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE BASS FEDERATION, INC. and/or FLW, INC. OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS, AND/OR EMPLOYEES, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, AND SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES AND PROPERTY USED TO CONDUCT THE EVENT ("RELEASEES") OR OTHERS, AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION; AND, I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest official; and, I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS RELEASEES, WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHICH I SUFFER OR WHICH I AM FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

I agree to submit, by signature on this document, to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination. Hereinafter known as a truth verification test, and abide by its conclusion. Truth verification test(s) will be used at TBF's sole discretion, and administered by TBF or its agents. I understand that failure to pass the examination as determined by TBF will result in disqualification. I certify that the number shown on these forms is my correct taxpayer identification number.

Having fully acquainted myself with the tournament rules, I have completed this application and submit it for my entry into the tournament. In signing this application, and by my presence at the event, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules, participant release of liability and safety regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the tournament and I hereby release The Bass Federation, Inc., (TBF), FLW, INC. (dba FLW) and its parent, and affiliate companies, its licensees and affiliates, and all their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, and stockholders, the tournament hosts, tournament sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of death, injury and/or property damage incurred in connection with this tournament. If I am using a boat during the official practice 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 no less than \$300,000 and covering the dates and my participation in all events I attend. Upon request, I will provide satisfactory evidence of said 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, FLW, their parent 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 whatsoever. I am currently a member in good standing of my home state federation, an affiliated member club, TBF and FLW. I agree if I qualify for 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 or LIVING THE DREAM CONTRACT, if applicable.

The Participant signifies by their signature below that they have read and understands the foregoing provisions.

Dated _____ Age _____ Signed _____