



Ontario B.A.S.S. Federation Qualifier Entry Form - 2011



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There will be a cash payout at this event



Qualifier's Name _____
 Address _____ Apt. _____
 City _____ P/C _____
 Phone # (_____) _____ Cell # (_____) _____
 E-Mail _____

() BOATER () NON - BOATER
 OBF Chapter _____
 Send all entries along with club cheque to:
 Ontario Bass Federation
 2542 Robin Dr, Mississauga, ON. L5K 2H9

Boat Make _____
 Model _____
 Motor Make _____
 HP _____
 Insurance Company _____
 Policy # _____
 Expiry Date _____
 A copy of insurance form can be mailed in with registration or it must be present in your boat when asked and must be on your person at the mandatory meeting Friday night.

Documents that will be checked at Friday night meeting

B.A.S.S. Membership No # _____
 Valid Fishing Licence/Card # _____
 Boat Insurance Certificate
 Parent/Guardian Signature for entrant under 18 _____

No one under 18 will fish without Parent/Guardian consent
 Check your BASS Card & BASS Federation card for validity, they are different. Fishing licence cannot be a conservation licence. Photocopy of your 2010 fishing licence must be sent in with your entry form. **You must have a valid Ontario Fishing License. Competitors are not required to have a Quebec Fishing License.**

Staying (where) _____ Room # _____ Phone # (____) _____
 Team Captain _____ Staying at _____ Phone # (____) _____

Signature _____ DATE _____ No entries accepted after Aug 13, 2010
 Chapter Presidents Signature _____ DATE _____ Member in good standing ___Y___N

(Office only) received by OBF on _____ Cheque received on _____

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TOURNAMENT DATE & PLACE

Upper Ottawa River, Petawawa, Ontario, August 27 & 28, 2011 - Entry Fee-\$200.00

Meeting on Friday Aug 26th is MANDATORY. Location and time will be made available on the OBFN website and to each Chapter President when it is determined.

Friday night meeting must be attended in person and you will be required to show Insurance (boater only), Valid BASS Federation & BASS Card, and Valid fishing license (not just a valid card). A Conservation license is not acceptable.

No one entering into any Qualifying event will hold any sponsors, officials or hosts responsible for any damage or injury incurred in these events, for any reason.

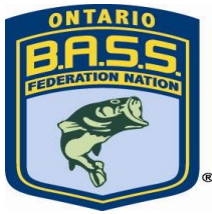
All rules & regulations of the OBF attached hereto apply, failure to adhere could result in disqualification & or loss of membership.





Ontario BASS Federation Nation Tournament Rules Supplement

1. In case of conflict between this supplement and the official BASS rules, this supplement will supersede.
2. Entry fees and deposits are refundable until 2 weeks prior to the event, in the case of Work, Family or Medical emergencies. No refunds will be given for any other reason or after August 12 2011.
3. The entry deadline is Friday August 12, 2011. All entries must be received in the OBFN office or post marked no later than August 12, 2011.
4. You must be a member in good standing with your respective OBFN club and BASS by no later than June 30 of the same competition year. Your name must appear on the BASS electronic roster. Please verify with your club executive prior to submitting your entry form.
5. Zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct. Automatic disqualification will result without refund. (ethics are different, do not confuse).
6. No live bait allowed (artificial lures only).
7. Official pre-fish will be defined as the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, prior to the event. Competitors must be off the water by 3:00 pm the day prior to the event. During this period, all tournament rules will apply.
8. You are not allowed to have the species of fish you are competing for in your live wells during pre-fish.
9. Minimum size for Bass is 12".
10. Short fish will not be weighed and a 1 lb. penalty will be applied for each short fish.
11. Event Fish Limit: **5 BASS FOR EACH ANGLER**. The penalty for retaining more than the event limit is as follows whether you are running or you are weighing-in:
 - You will be asked to cull down to the event limit.
 - The Tournament Director will cull the same amount of fish you are over with a maximum of 5 fish starting with the biggest fish.
 - If you have retained more than double the event fish limit, this will result in disqualification
12. When culling you must possess one less than the legal limit. No traveling with more than the event fish limit.
13. You must have an operating live well.
14. A dead fish may be "Big Fish" (if a "Big Fish" is dead the penalty already applied for a dead fish would be deducted directly from the "Big Fish" and if remains "Big Fish" it will stand as "Big Fish").
15. Cell Phones are for Emergency Use Only.
16. You must wear an approved floatation device while the outboard is running. Suspenders or inflatable life jackets are only acceptable if worn constantly, if using one of these PFD's they must be worn at all times during the competition or they are not considered a PFD by Canadian Coast Guard Rules and you will be subject to disqualification. If you choose to wear, at your own risk, a U.S. COAST GUARD approved life jacket you must have an approved Department of Transport Canada life jacket within your vessel (if in question, Tournament Official's decision will stand).
17. Zero tolerance of alcohol or illegal drugs.
18. A fishing license is required and you may be asked to produce it at any time. Please ensure it is on your person at all times during the tournament. Failure to produce your license will not allow you to fish. A Conservation license not acceptable.
19. All Federal and Provincial fishing, boating and criminal laws must be obeyed at all times.
20. 10k zones are shoreline to shoreline. Speeding in a 10k zone will result in a 10 lb. penalty. No passing allowed in a 10k zone unless you are waived through
21. No fishing within 100 yards of a ministry net.
22. No locking allowed.



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23. Boundaries are any water accessible by boat except when legally marked "no trespassing" or "sanctioned".
24. Identification numbers must be affixed on motor, outside windshield or flag post and made clearly visible.
25. You must maintain 50 yards of another competitor's boat. However in circumstances where there are 2 teams on river systems less than 50 yards, they may cross one another on opposite sides and Sportsmanlike conduct will apply in this situation and other situations where there is less than 50 yards.
26. Do not board or approach another vessel during the event unless there is an emergency.
27. If in need of fuel or repairs, one competitor is to remain with the boat at all times and a receipt must be kept to show officials if required.
28. If your boat is deemed no longer functional you may acquire tow by another vessel (competitor or non-competitor). If the towing team feels for any reason that they cannot tow you as it may jeopardize their standings, you must respect their decision and either abort your fish and seek a ride back or wait for another boat.
29. Fish can be transferred to another competitor's boat only, one of the downed team members must stay with the fish. If you choose to transfer your fish into a competitor's live well, the live well must be separate or you must use an approved fish friendly perforated sack complete with draw string ensuring your fish cannot be combined with the rescuing team's fish. Tagging systems are not acceptable and if fish are combined accidentally or otherwise both weights will not be accepted. No fishing allowed while rescued competitor is in the boat and you must proceed directly to the check-in point where fish will be transferred to the check-in boat for weigh-in show. Once your fish have been transferred, the downed boat must be brought back directly to the tournament site for inspection. If, after inspection the boat is found tampered with then disqualification may result and the rescuing team questioned. If in payout position, prizes will be held until boats are inspected. Your team is responsible in making sure the rescued angler(s) is wearing a DTC approved life jacket, failure to do so will result in disqualification. Make all efforts in using the emergency number in keeping the officials informed.
30. If a broken down team requires a tow by one of the event officials, the competitors must release their fish. The OBFN acting as the Tournament Official must keep it fair and equal to all competing anglers and therefore cannot act in individual cases as it may conflict and could possibly alter the final results.
31. If a broken down boat returns to the tournament site and the team manages to repair their vessel or are changing boats, prior to transferring fish the boat must be rechecked by OBFN Tournament Official.
32. YOU MUST REPORT TO CHECK-IN BOAT. You may check in at the tournament site up to 30 minutes prior to the check-in time otherwise you must return to the check-in boat (if different, you will be notified). Any boats arriving after the allowed time will be penalized 1 lb. per minute.
33. If in case of extreme weather conditions or state of emergency, the event may be delayed, rescheduled or cancelled.
34. Boats must be 16' or greater and canoes are not permitted.
35. All boats must carry a minimal of \$1,000,000.00 insurance liability. Proof of insurance must be made available upon request.
36. Horsepower limits – all OBFN events are the maximum horsepower rated for your vessel. With a note that the maximum horsepower allowed will be 250 hp, and or plate rated or less. Kickers are permitted. The OBFN reserve the right to refuse an unsafe vessel at our discretion.
37. All motors must have a working kill switch and must be worn when outboard is running.



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38. Any protest of violations made prior to check-in time must be made at the check-in boat. Any violations occurring after check-in can be made to the Tournament Official. Protest cost is \$75
39. If you witness a rule being broken it is an infraction not to report it to the Tournament Official and may lead to a disqualification.
40. In the event of a disqualification the competitor may be fined or required to compensate to continue to fish in other events. No refunds if disqualified.
41. Tournament Official rulings are final.
42. All competitors must wear an official Ontario Bass Federation Nation Logo. Failure to do so will result in a \$75 fine.

2006-2007 OFFICIAL RULES BASS FEDERATION NATION TOURNAMENTS

(Effective January 1, 2006)

The following rules shall apply to all tournaments except that (i) rules for special tournaments may differ from those contained herein and (ii) these rules may be changed by BASS immediately upon notice by BASS to its members which notice may be published on the BASS internet site at <http://espn.go.com/outdoors/bassmaster/>. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director or his/her designee at a tournament. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director or a rules committee may impose such sanctions, as deemed appropriate by them, including, without limitation, disqualification, and forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Subject to the appeal process set forth in paragraph 21, below, the decision of the Tournament Director or his/her designee shall be final in all matters. Penalties for rules violations may include the following: (a) Loss of catch for the day of the violation, (b) Disqualification from the tournament in question, (c) Disqualification from future BASS events, which disqualification may be from a specific number of events or for a specific period of time or may be a lifetime disqualification. (d) Any different or additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director.

1. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:

- (i) Participation in this tournament is by invitation only. This tournament is open only to members of BASS who are 16 years of age or older and who are active members of BASS-affiliated chapters and who have participated in the appropriate state Federation Nation qualifying tournament(s). Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of potential competitor. Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is disabled in such a manner as to unfairly hinder his/her partner or endanger the safety and well-being of his/her partner or themselves shall not be eligible.
- (ii) **DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE & COMPETITION DAYS OF ANY BASS TOURNAMENT, NO COMPETITOR MAY OPERATE A BOAT UNLESS THAT COMPETITOR HAS DOCUMENTED PROOF OF A MINIMUM OF \$300,000 BOATING LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERING THE BOAT BEING USED IN THE TOURNAMENT. PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE WITH THE BOAT BEING USED AND MUST COVER THE COMPETITORS USING THAT BOAT. RANDOM CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND ANY COMPETITOR WHO DOES NOT HAVE PROOF OF IN-FORCE INSURANCE WITH \$300,000 COVERAGE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- (iii) **A PROPERLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BASS FEDERATION NATION DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE. ENTRY DEADLINE DATE FOR EACH TOURNAMENT SHALL BE 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST COMPETITION DAY OF EACH TOURNAMENT OR 7 DAYS AFTER THE FINAL DAY OF THE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT IF THE TOURNAMENT FALLS WITHIN THE 21-DAY PERIOD.** The Tournament Director reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to deadline and also the right to extend the acceptance date. As a participant in BASS tournaments, you agree, if you qualify and are invited to be a competitor in the BASS Federation Nation National Championship, BASS Club World Championship or the CITGO Bassmaster Classic conducted by BASS, to use during the Federation Nation National Championship, BASS Club World Championship or the CITGO Bassmaster Classic competition any and all official products and equipment so specified and provided by BASS.
- (iv) Each six person team entry for a BASS Club World Championship Regional tournament must be accompanied by the \$1500 per team entry fee.

2. ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT

Anglers participating in any BASS sanctioned event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming of anglers that will not reflect unfavorably on BASS, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors. To this end, anglers shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of fishing. Any angler who violates any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to fines, forfeiture of tournament winnings, suspension from competing in individual BASS sanctioned events, permanent ban from competition, or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by BASS.

MEDIA COMMENTS, PUBLIC ATTACKS

The favorable public reputation of BASS as a sanctioning organization in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its media properties are valuable assets and tangible benefits for BASS. Accordingly, it is an obligation of competitors to refrain from comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage the integrity of tournaments, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow anglers or the BASS organization. Competitors are encouraged to express themselves and have the right to question the rules officials. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with BASS policies are encouraged as opposed to attacks upon the integrity of the rules or officials. However, public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of BASS, BASS officials or sponsors shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional and will result in disciplinary action.

3. PRACTICE AND COMPETITION:

- (i) There will be no off-limits period for any tournament unless specified by the Tournament Director.
- (ii) There will be an official practice period immediately proceeding the first day of the tournament. The exact dates and times of the practice period must be obtained from the BASS Federation Nation Department. The competitor must know and observe these dates. **During competition a competitor can only have the assistance or advice of another competitor for the purposes of locating or catching bass on tournament waters. During the official practice the competitor can only have the assistance or advice of another competitor, or someone who has no knowledge of the tournament waters for the purpose of locating or catching bass.**
- (iii) Anglers renting boat slips may launch boats and proceed immediately to slip location. Testing of engines after the weigh-in is only allowed with permission from the Tournament Director. No exceptions. During the official practice and during the tournament, a competitor may not **"SKIN DIVE"** or **"SCUBA DIVE"** in the tournament waters.
- (iv) **No competitor may buy or barter a fishing location from any other competitor for use during any competition day.**
- (v) During the official competition days of 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. Competitors are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. Cell phones cannot be used until fish have been weighed. If so equipped, competitors may listen to the marine-band weather information.
- (vi) A designated tournament official must be granted access to the competitor's boat at any time during the official practice or competition days. Failure to grant such access may result in immediate disqualification.
- (vii) Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of any Tournament Rules. Failure to report violations or suggestions to another competitor that they violate these Rules or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification.

By his/her signature on the official tournament entry form, each competitor agrees to submit to a polygraph examination and abide by its conclusion should he/she be accused of any rule violation. The BASS Tournament Director or rules committee or such person designated by the Tournament Director shall have the discretion to determine the need for a polygraph examination. The BASS Tournament Director or his/her designee shall be responsible for selecting an independent expert to administer and interpret the results and establishing, in consultation with the expert administrator, the scope of the questions which may be asked during the polygraph examination. The BASS Tournament Director or his/her designee shall attempt to have the location of such polygraph examination as close in proximity to the angler's permanent address or such other mutually convenient as possible. The competitor shall make himself/herself available at the location selected by the Tournament Director and shall cooperate in all respects with such examination.

4. REGISTRATION: Each competitor must register in person with official BASS staff at the time and place designated in the schedule of events. Failure to register in person during the prescribed hours shall result in a penalty of 1 pound off your total catch. **NO EXCEPTIONS. IT SHALL BE EACH COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO EITHER CHECK THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR REGISTRATION TIME AND LOCATION OR OBTAIN TIMES FROM BASS FEDERATION NATION DEPARTMENT.**

5. SAFETY:

- (i) Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors. During the official practice and competition, each competitor must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver. This preserver must be worn at all times the combustion engine is operating. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.
- (ii) 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 competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. Weather delays on full field days resulting in half of the tournament day being lost (first flight take off and check in) shall result in cancellation. Full fields may be carried over to cut days.
- (iii) BASS reserves the right to impose boat speed limits on 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.
- (iv) **IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, COMPETITORS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND THEN NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.**
- (v) **COMPETITORS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMIMENT.**

6. SPORTSMANSHIP: Competitors in BASS tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

- (i) Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor during the official practice or during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future BASS tournaments. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats during the official practice or competition days or when in the weigh-in area.
- (ii) 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 a competitor which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification.

- (iii) All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish.
- (iv) Chemical-substance addiction 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/or for disqualification after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director. Any disqualification, suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation in a BASS tournament and/or for disqualification from a BASS tournament after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: The use of grippers in landing bass is prohibited. Only artificial lures and biodegradable artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or "prepared bait" will be permitted during official practice and competition, with the exception of pork strips or rinds. Only ONE casting, spin-casting or spinning rod (8-foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. Other rigs as specified above may be in boat 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. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have his/her catch disqualified. When visually fishing for bedding bass, to be counted as a legal fish all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and **must be verified** by your partner before being unhooked.

8. HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS: MAXIMUM HORSEPOWER FOR ALL OUTBOARD MOTORBOATS USED IN OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT PRACTICE AND IN TOURNAMENT COMPETITION WILL BE 250 HP. Horsepower cannot exceed the limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard. When required, each boat MUST have a U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must NOT exceed the rating specified on this plate or the horsepower maximum set by BASS. Each competitor agrees to submit, by his/her signature on the official entry form, the boat and outboard motor used in the tournament to an inspection by factory-trained personnel, if there is any reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating. Normal maintenance of engines is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts of a competitor's engine 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-rating numbers on the engine is also cause for immediate disqualification from BASS tournaments. Posted speed limits must be observed and all boats must be operated in a safe manner.

9. BOAT AND MOTOR: For the safety of all competitors, **ALL BOATS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AN APPROVED TYPE OF OPERABLE IGNITION KILL SWITCH.** This ignition-kill 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 that are 16 feet or more in length may be used. Any raised platform or decks cannot be higher than the gunnel of the boat. Standing on the outboard or seats while fishing is not allowed. An electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering; however, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. All **BLADDER** tanks and any other type of **AUXILIARY** gas tanks that are not installed by the boat manufacturer are prohibited. Additional gas tanks that are factory options and installed by a manufacturer's authorized dealer are permitted. Boats that do not have factory-installed gas tanks are restricted to a maximum of 18 gallons of

gasoline in tanks that meet U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Gas tanks must be properly secured or strapped in a boat. During the official practice and during the tournament, no portable gas tanks or containers capable of holding gasoline can be placed anywhere on the tournament waters or shoreline for use by any tournament competitor. No "barges" or similar craft will be permitted. **NO BOAT EQUIPPED WITH "STICK STEERING" SHALL BE PERMITTED TO BE USED DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE OR DURING THE TOURNAMENT BY ANY COMPETITOR.** "Stick steering" shall be as defined by the Tournament Director.

10. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT: Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment as well as a functional bilge pump and **LIVWELL SPACE, PROPERLY AERATED, TO ADEQUATELY MAINTAIN ALIVE A LIMIT CATCH OF BASS BY BOTH COMPETITORS USING THE BOAT.** BASS recommends livewells be maintained at full level and recirculators on manual. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate. Boaters must make a back seat available for non boaters each competition day.

11. BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Prior to each day's start, each boat MUST be given an inspection check by a tournament official. Each day, each boat will be given a number, which MUST remain with the boat until turned in each day at the check-in. This number must be displayed upon the request of tournament officials, and turned in to the officials at each check-in.

12. 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/her 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 competitor waives the above rights, he/she shall retain the right to select the fishing waters for one-half the tournament day. Any competitor who, in the judgment of the officials, operates the boat in such a manner as to unfairly handicap his/her partner shall be disqualified. In view of the large expense involved in operating and maintaining a tournament bass boat, it is suggested that the non-boater partner share, at minimum, the cost of gas and oil for the competition day.

13. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Tournament waters shall be established by the Tournament Director for each tournament. Each competitor must obtain this information from the BASS Federation Nation Department. Any water within these boundaries posted Off-Limits or No Fishing by state or federal agencies as well as the live-bass release area established by the Tournament Director will be **OFF-LIMITS** and will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. Only that water open to **ALL** public fishing will be considered tournament waters. All angling must be done from the boat. During official practice and competition, competitors wishing to change fish habitat by placing any object in the tournament waters may do so if such action does not violate state or federal regulations.

14. COMPETITORS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT: During the competition days, competitors must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Competitors must leave from and return to official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergency or with permission from the Tournament Director. In such an emergency, or with permission from the Tournament Director, competitors may be removed from their boat to either **A BOAT OPERATED BY OTHER COMPETITORS OR A RESCUE BOAT DESIGNATED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.** Partners must remain together at all times, in sight of each other and each other's catch

under the conditions cited above, in order for their catch of that day to be scored in the tournament. **In the event of a needed restroom break, competitors are allowed to leave the boat upon which all fishing must cease until the partners are back together in the boat.** If a competitor violates any of the above conditions to contact a tournament official by phone or other means or to report an emergency or breakdown, both competitors must cease fishing at this point, and their catch must be verified by a tournament official in order to be counted in the tournament. If after the emergency situation is resolved by tournament officials and enough time is left for the competitors to resume fishing, a **RESTART** will be allowed and the competitors will continue and their catch will be counted. This applies only to dire emergency situations as determined by the Tournament Director or his/her designee. Towing boats on trailers during tournament hours is prohibited, except by the direction of tournament officials.

15. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT: There shall be only one official point for check-out in the morning and check-in in the afternoon, which points shall be designated at the tournament briefing. At the time of check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformity with all rules set forth by the Tournament Director. At check-in, all boats shall identify themselves by means of the numbers described in Rule 11 and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. Partners must stay together, and numbers must be turned in at check-in.

16. SCORING: Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound and ounce weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Redeye or Shoal bass will be weighed. The limit shall be 5 of the above species and varieties per day, unless otherwise specified by tournament officials. At no time shall a competitor have in his or her possession more than the tournament limit. Tournament officials will conduct checks for violation of this provision, and in the event a competitor has reduced more than the above-described limits to possession, shall cull down to the limit described, beginning with the largest bass. The official length for bass shall be determined by the Tournament Director and announced at the tournament briefing. In most cases it will be the **longest** state limit covering the tournament waters. Only bass as described above which measure the official length or more on the longest straight line, shall be weighed. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the official length shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass, which penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials. After competitors check-in at the official checkpoint they **MUST** present all **LEGAL** fish in their possession to a tournament official to be counted, measured and weighed. Once a competitor's catch is measured, counted and verified by a tournament official, that competitor may not return to the boat until their catch has been weighed and recorded. Bass must not be stringered at any time during the tournament. Culling tags or clips are allowed. Specially designed bags which increase survival rate will be furnished by the Tournament Director and must be used for the weigh-in.

17. CATCH AND RELEASE: CULLING OF DEAD BASS IS PROHIBITED. For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the competitor shall be penalized the following, to be deducted from their daily score: 1 Dead Fish - 4 oz., 2 Dead Fish - 10 oz., 3 Dead Fish - 18 oz., 4 Dead Fish - 28 oz., 5 Dead Fish - 40 oz. The Tournament Director or his designees shall have sole authority for accessing penalty points.

18. LATE PENALTY: Competitors who are not in the official checkpoint area as described in Rule 15 at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute late to be deducted from the total weight of his/her catch that day, including any weight to be counted toward a "big bass award". Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness and in no case shall 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 cease upon check-in. After the tournament begins, fishing the tournament waters is prohibited except during the tournament hours. Exact starting and check-in times will be announced at the tournament briefing. It is each angler's responsibility to confirm check-in times each day on the daily pairings.

19. TIES: In case of a tie for first-place team or for team champion, the following tie-breakers will be used in 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-day catch during competition; 4) The team or individual with the second-heaviest single-day catch during competition. In the unlikely event that teams or team champions remain tied after these four tie-breakers are employed, then 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.

20. PAIRING OF COMPETITORS: Two competitors will be assigned to each boat. Wherever possible, no competitors from the same city or state will be paired, nor shall two competitors fish together more than one day. Announcement of your first-day fishing partner shall be made at the tournament briefing, which **MUST BE ATTENDED** by each competitor. It shall be 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/her 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 check-out point. When two competitors check out at the beginning of the day, they must stay together and within sight of each other and each other's catch throughout the day until the weigh-in, except in case of dire emergency (see Rule 14). A competitor must not allow any bass caught by him/her to be counted on the score of another competitor. In such a case, both competitors shall be disqualified from this tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by BASS.

21. RULES VIOLATIONS & APPEALS COMMITTEE: An appeals committee will be established by BASS, which shall be comprised of one BASS employee not affiliated with the Tournament Department, and two anglers. Appeals must be sent in writing seven days from the date of ruling to the Tournament Director. If a competitor admits to a rule violation, he/she may not file an appeal of either the finding that he/she has violated the rules or the penalty imposed for the violation. Decisions of the appeals committee shall be final. Appeals of non-competition rulings must be presented in writing to BASS Angler Relations within seven days of ruling for review and final decision to be determined by BASS

22. PATCHES AND/OR SIGNAGE: Anglers are encouraged to wear their own clothing which may bear patches, logos and other signage promoting the angler's sponsors. BASS may, however, restrict the use of patches, logos, signage, etc. that promote or advertise products which are, in BASS' sole judgment, in poor taste. BASS will provide as much advance notice as possible to the competitors in such instances. By signing this document, each competitor agrees to wear an official BASS patch on the front left or right shoulder of his/her shirt, vest or hat during competition, including the weigh-in. This patch may be embroidered. In addition, if BASS provides any ancillary clothing or products (such as life vests) bearing the logos of BASS or the official sponsors of BASS, each competitor shall wear such clothing or utilize such products in a manner requested by BASS. This includes all BASS Federation Nation Divisional Tournaments, the BASS Federation Nation National Championship, the BASS Club World Championship regional tournaments, the BASS Club World Championship and the CITGO Bassmaster Classic.

23. BASS SPONSOR BOATS. When using BASS sponsor boats at the BASS Federation Nation National Championship, anglers are responsible for physical care of the boat. Damage to the boat which is determined by the Tournament Director to be excessive or wanton shall result in the angler being responsible for all costs of repair.

24. TAXES: Where and when state laws require income taxes be paid on cash awards to non-residents, the taxes will be automatically deducted prior to the awards being presented to the winners.

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

26. STATE TEAM BOATS: Each twelve-person state team will designate six boaters and six non-boaters during the official tournament competition days. Each six-person BASS Club World Championship team will designate three boaters and three non-boaters during the official tournament competition days. BASS recommends that each team bring at least one extra boat that meets BASS regulations.

27. STATE TEAM ALTERNATES: Each twelve-person state team will be allowed one 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 or tragedy. In addition, the State Federation Nation president or his/her designated representative will be considered a second alternate. **BASS Headquarters must receive a completed entry form from the alternate team member and the State Federation Nation president or his/her designated representative on or before the tournament entry deadline date or the state will not be allowed an alternate team member.** Each six-person BASS Club World Championship team will be allowed one alternate. **BASS Headquarters must receive a completed entry form from the alternate team member on or before the tournament entry deadline date or the state will not be allowed an alternate team member.** Teams may compete with less than a full team; however, the team must have an equal number of boaters and non-boaters. 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 an alternate, the official team member cannot return to the competition for any reason as either a team member or as an individual competitor.

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**ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION
TEAM ONTARIO CONTRACT**

This agreement made the _____ day of _____ 2011 _____, by and between the ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION, 2542 Robin Dr, Mississauga Ontario, L5K 2H9 and _____.

Whereas, the ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION, is the recognized affiliate of the NATIONAL B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION, the ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION desires to engage the promotional and the team support of

_____ as a PROVINCIAL TEAM MEMBER.

It is understood and agreed that the NATIONAL B.A.S.S. FEDERATION does not invite individuals to the DIVISIONAL Tournaments, but rather extends an invitation to the ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION, and specifically to the Provincial Federation President to do the following: to bring a Provincial Team to the Divisional Tournament, to define the boaters and non-boaters, and to manage and direct said team in all regards, up to and including replacing or expelling team members.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, as well as good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Term of this agreement shall be for one (1) year beginning October, 1, 2011_____ and ending October, 1, 2012_____.
2. The ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION agrees to provide each Team member with the opportunity for sponsorship by our Provincial Federation sponsors. Any sponsorships accepted must be carried through the 2012 B.A.S.S. Federation National Championship.
3. The ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION agrees to provide each Team member with the opportunity to qualify for the B.A.S.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.
4. The ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION agrees to provide each Team member with the OFFICIAL provincial Team apparel as according to the discretion of the Ontario Bass Federation.
5. The ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION agrees to pay in it's discretion as much of each Team members expenses as is reasonable and possible, to and from the EASTERN DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT, as well as expenses while there, **up to the limit set forth by it's Board of Directors.**

6. Each TEAM MEMBER **agrees to represent the ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION as a PROVINCIAL TEAM MEMBER in a minimum of two (2) functions during the term of this agreement**, one being the Provincial Casting Kids event, and the other to be chosen by the Provincial President or their designee.
7. Each TEAM MEMBER agrees to participate fully, openly, sharing knowledge and experience at the Divisional Event and honestly, with the PROVINCIAL TEAM, and to conduct themselves honorably and in a sportsman-like manner at all times, failing which the Ontario B.A.S.S. Federation in it's discretion may remove such a member from the Team.
8. No PROVINCIAL TEAM MEMBER shall enter into any contract or agreement on behalf of the ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION, nor seek to bind the ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION of the PROVINCIAL TEAM in any fashion.
9. The person who becomes the OBFN National Contender must remain at the Divisional Tournament one day after competition to assist with the Junior Bassmasters Program, including participating as a boater for 2 Junior Bassmasters.

It is understood that a failure by a provincial team member to abide by any or all of these terms, shall mean a immediate removal from any and all future Provincial Team functions, and (b) forfeiture of any and all prizes, products or endorsements (c) Such removal shall be effective as a t the time of the Provincial team members failure to abide by these terms.

I agree fully to the terms listed and agree to be a member of the ONTARIO B.A.S.S. FEDERATION, 2012__ PROVINCIAL TEAM.

Signed_____ Date_____

I do not wish to participate as a PROVINCIAL TEAM MEMBER at this time. By doing so I understand I will forfeit any and all prizes, products and/or endorsements, and I will not be a member of the 2012__ Provincial Team.

Signed_____ Date_____

OBF Signed_____ Date_____

Kenneth Hamilton
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 Ontario B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
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