

NO ENTRY TOC

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#### 2025 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. REGISTRATION - Entry fee is \$180 per event and a one-time \$25 membership fee per person. **MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THREE EVENTS. NO SINGLE ENTRIES. TEAM MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID FOR 3 TOURNAMENTS TO FISH UP NORTH BASS. 3 EVENT TEAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2025 AND WILL BE PLACED ACCORDINLY BY DATE RECEIVED AND AVAILABILITY. ALL REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT.** 125 goes towards payout, \$25 towards big bass & \$30 towards the TOC. Boat draw will be completed by Wednesday before the tournament and available on weighfish.com

2. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE – Off limits will be the Monday prior to the tournament. No pre fishing of any kind will be allowed Monday through the evening leading up to tournament morning on the tournament body of water. This includes recreational boating on the lake.

3. TOURNAMENT HOURS – Tournament hours will be from 7am to 3pm. Our best effort will be given to allow at least 8 hours fishing time. In the case of adverse weather conditions, the tournament director will open weigh-in early. **Late to weigh-in will accessed a 1lb penalty for every minute up to 5 minutes before team is disqualified.**

4. SCORING - Each competitors catch will determine tournament standings and placement. Only largemouth or smallmouth bass will be weighed. The limit shall be five (5). At no time shall a competitor have in his/her possession more than the tournament limit. Culling must be done immediately. Minimum length will be 12 inches. **A penalty of .50lbs will be deducted from the total weight for each short fish and a penalty of .50lbs will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish. Fish must be able to stay/swim upright to be considered as a live fish. Whether a fish is dead or not will be determined by the weigh master or tournament director. A dead fish CANNOT be weighed for big bass. If a team weighs in 5 dead fish that team will be disqualified for the tournament and lose participation points for the tournament. The Tournament Director and his designated appointees shall have sole authority for accessing penalty points.** A contestant that presents more fish than the tournament limit will be disqualified immediately. All live fish will be returned to the lake immediately. Tournament director will dispose of any dead fish. Points earned will be determined on place of finish. Example: 1st place = 100pts, 2nd place = 98 points 3rd place = 96 points etc. Final points are determined based on 4 events.

5. WEIGH-IN – Tournament weigh in will start at 3:05pm. All teams must use the provided Accu Cull bag with mesh liner provided by Up North Bass & no more than 6 bags will be active at any one time in compliance with new 2019 MNDNR Regulations. PLEASE follow this rule. Failure to comply with use of MANDATORY weigh bags could result in a Disqualification. To be considered for big bass your fish must be marked with the provided clip

6. SUBSTITUTION – One substitution of either team member will be allowed, for a total of 1 sub. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FISH AN EVENT IF YOU BRING ANOTHER SUB TO AN EVENT AND YOU WILL FORFEIT ENTRY AND POINTS IF YOU FISH WITH 2 SUBS. WHEN YOU REGISTER YOU ARE REGISTERING AND PAYING FOR A TEAM AND WE DO NOT ALLOW SINGLE ENTRIES WHICH IS WHAT YOU WOULD BE DOING.** Membership fees will apply to substitution participants.

**No substitutes are allowed for the TOC.** Each competitor must tag their big bass with the tournament provided clip. If no clip is in the big bass you will not weigh a big bass.

7. TIE - In case of a tie, big bass will be tie breaker. No big bass weighed-in by contestant will equal 0.00 lbs. If both parties do not weigh a big fish, it is then determined by most fish alive. If still a tie, then coin flip will determine place. Big Bass tie breaker will be total weight. **IN DETERMINING WHAT TEAM MAKES THE CUT FOR TOC IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, THE TIE WILL BE BROKEN BY TOTAL YEARLY WEIGHT. Ex: if 15<sup>th</sup> place and 16<sup>th</sup> place have the same number of points and the cut line is 15 boats the tie will be determined by which team has the highest total weight for the year.**

8. WAIVER AND LIABILITY: Your payment of entry into event automatically acknowledges participants agreement of waiver of liability to Up North Bass and its organizers. Up North Bass assumes no liability for participants, boats, equipment etc.

9. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT - Only artificial lures with the exception of pork rind may be used. Only one rod and reel combination may be used at one time not to exceed 8'. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. Citizen band radios, marine radios and cellular phones are allowed in the boat for emergency use only. Any transmission of information via any communicative device concerning any aspect of fishing is prohibited during the tournament.

10. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS – There will be no off limits unless specified prior to the tournament or at the morning meeting. An angler may not leave their boat to land a fish. Leaving of the boat in case of emergencies is allowed. (weather, bathroom etc)

11. TOC REQUIREMENTS- No entry fee (**Big Bass of \$50 fee**). Ease off will be determined based on final points standings after 5 events. **You must fish 4 events and be in the top 10 in points to qualify. If you fish all 5 events you must be in the top 15 in points to qualify. We will be capping the TOC to 15 boats for 2023.**

#### **Ways to qualify**

- 1) Fish 4 events and be in the top 10 in points at the end of the season**
- 2) Fish all five and be in the top 15 in points**

**If you are unclear as to how this will work please reach out.**

12. PARKING PLAN- Due to new regulations with the DNR. We may be assigning landings that can be used for each tournaments. They are requiring a parking plan for each circuit to assure that not more than 50% of a landing is used. Should this need to be done we will ask that each angler let us know prior to the tournament what landing they plan on using and if we deem that more than 50% of a landing will be used we will need to assign landing to anglers.

13. RECEIVING OF INFORMATION- **You are not allowed to receive any information from a past partner, family member, or person who were on the lake during the off limits. This goes for day of tournament as well. If you receive information from a non entered participant and it is reported to**

**the tournament directors regardless of if you acted on the information or directly caught a fish you may be disqualified immediately or at a later date and lose all points and a refund of any monies won will be owed to Up North Bass.**