Sunshine State BASS Nation Tournament Series, Inc.

d.b.a. Florida BASS Nation a 501(c)3 Corporation

Team Tournament Rules 2024 - 2025

Team Format

The Florida B.A.S.S. Nation (hereinafter referred to as FBN) Tournament format shall be Team vs. Team. This Format shall be effective in all FBN Team Tournaments, including but not limited to Regional Qualifying Tournaments, and the State Championship Tournament.

REGIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

Each participating Region, in the State, Northeast, Central and South, shall conduct four (4) 1-day Regional Qualifying Tournaments to qualifying FBN members for participation in the State Championship Tournament.

Teams will be awarded points based on the Points System that follows **(Table 1)**. If an angler participates and does not weigh in a legal fish, they will receive 10 points less than the points received by the last place finisher that weighed a legal catch. Points awarded for a Regional Qualifier will stay in the region they were earned. Anyone may fish all qualifiers from any of the regions but only earn points within that region.

QUALIFYING FOR THE Team STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

To qualify for the Team State Championship Tournament teams must finish in the top 85% of the field in that Region. All teams will compete for points in the Qualifying Tournaments in each of the three (3) Regions. At the end of the season, after all four (4) Regional Qualifiers have been completed, the points from that Region's events fished will be totaled and the top 85% of the field will qualify to fish the State Championship Tournament from that Region.

No minimum number of Qualifiers shall be required to qualify for the State Championship Tournament. However, only the top 85% of the field from each Region will qualify for the State Championship Tournament.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The FBN will conduct a two-day State Championship Tournament after all Qualifying Tournaments have been completed. The location and date of the State Championship Tournament will be established by the Tournament Officials of the FBN.

A mandatory meeting will be held the Friday before the two-day State Championship Tournament.

The results of the State Championship Tournament will establish the overall Team of the year for the State of Florida. Additionally, the State Championship Tournament will determine the teams that will advance to the BASS Nation National Tournament. The number of teams qualifying will be determined by B.A.S.S., which will be based on the number of members registered in the state.

The first place qualifying for the National Championships will be awarded to the over-all Team of the year. The remainder of the National Qualifiers will be based on the State Championship results.

PAYBACKS

There will be an 80% payback in all Regional Qualifying Tournaments, and the State Championship Tournament. Paybacks will be based on the Payback Schedule voted on by the FBN Board of Directors in 2023 (1 in 7 payback). A copy of the Payback Schedule is attached **(Table 2)**.

Entry Rules and Registration

All entries must be submitted through the Official on-line Entry Process, currently, the Fishing Chaos website. All fees will be paid through the site and a copy of current boat insurance will need to be downloaded with the registration. Online registration is considered the Official Entry Form of the FBN and acceptance of all the Tournament Rules.

The Team entry fees for all FBN Regional Qualifying Tournaments will be $160.00 per team (includes $20 Big Bass Side Pot with the payout of 80% of $140). The Team entry fees for FBN State Championship Tournament will be $250.00 per team (includes $10 Big Bass Side Pot each day with the payout of 80% of $230). Tournament Officials reserve the right to suspend the acceptance of Official Tournament Entry Forms prior to the established deadline, as well as the right to extend the acceptance date deadline.

All teams must check-in, in person, with the Tournament Officials at the date, time and location prescribed, and must attend the Tournament Meeting in person, unless previously arranged with Tournament Officials.

Upon registering on-line, a team agrees to submit to a polygraph examination for verification of tournament results or inquiries, if deemed necessary by Tournament Officials. The administration of the polygraph examination shall be the responsibility of the FBN, and it shall be administered at their discretion by a credible firm. The date, time, location, and the scope of the questions to be asked during the polygraph examination will be determined by FBN. Any competitor summonsed to take a polygraph examination agrees to be available for the examination at the selected date and time. Failure of the competitor to cooperate completely in this matter is grounds for immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all FBN Tournament winnings, and/or other sanctions or penalties determined by the FBN.

All winners will be required to fill out an IRS Form W-9 prior to receiving their check and will receive an IRS Form 1099 at the end of the year if their total winnings for the year total $600 or more.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All competitors operating a boat on tournament waters during the actual competition days of an FBN Tournament must carry a current copy of their boat insurance policy as proof of insurance to the Tournament Officials. The policy must contain coverage of at least $300,000 combined limited liability boating insurance, specifically name the boater as an “insured user” and have the expiration date printed on the policy. If entering more than one tournament, a copy of the valid insurance policy must be on file with FBN. Tournament officials at any time may randomly request a copy of a boater’s insurance policy during the tournament. Failure to produce an active policy could result in a loss of that day’s weight.

Big Bass Side Pot

If a tie should occur between two or more anglers for a Big Bass Award, the tie breaker will be the angler with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the tournament. Should a tie remain, then the angler with the largest number of legal LIVE fish weighed in during the tournament will prevail. In the event a tie remains, the side pot will be split.

POINTS SYSTEM

The following points system will be used to determine the Regional Angler and Co-Angler of the Year and the overall Angler and Co-Angler of the Year for the State of Florida. Separate points will be awarded to the top 100-anglers and co-anglers in all FBN Tournaments held around the State including the State Championship. The points system will start with the first-place finisher in each tournament receiving 200 points and will reduce in increments of 2-points through the 100th place finisher. Table 1 below lists the points an angler can expect to receive if he/she finishes within the top 100 of the Division of a Regional Qualifying Tournament or the State Championship Tournament.

If a tie should occur between two or more anglers, the tie breaker will be the angler with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the tournament. Should a tie remain, then the angler with the largest number of legal LIVE fish weighed in during the tournament will prevail. In the event a tie still exists, both anglers will receive the same points for the tied position.

Table 1 – Points System

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	200	26th	150	51st	100	76th	50
2nd	198	27th	148	52nd	98	77th	48
3rd	196	28th	146	53rd	96	78th	46
4th	194	29th	144	54th	94	79th	44
5th	192	30th	142	55th	92	80th	42
6th	190	31st	140	56th	90	81st	40
7th	188	32nd	138	57th	88	82nd	38
8th	186	33rd	136	58th	86	83rd	36
9th	184	34th	134	59th	84	84th	34
10th	182	35th	132	60th	82	85th	32
11th	180	36th	130	61st	80	86th	30
12th	178	37th	128	62nd	78	87th	28
13th	176	38th	126	63rd	76	88th	26
14th	174	39th	124	64th	74	89th	24
15th	172	40th	122	65th	72	90th	22
16th	170	41st	120	66th	70	91st	20
17th	168	42nd	118	67th	68	92nd	18
18th	166	43rd	116	68th	66	93rd	16
19th	164	44th	114	69th	64	94th	14
20th	162	45th	112	70th	62	95th	12
21st	160	46th	110	71st	60	96th	10
22nd	158	47th	108	72nd	58	97th	8
23rd	156	48th	106	73rd	56	98th	6
24th	154	49th	104	74th	54	99th	4
25th	152	50th	102	75th	52	100th	2

If a team participates and does not weigh in a legal fish, they will receive 10 points less than the points received by the last place finisher that weighed a legal catch.

TOURNAMENT RULES

GENERAL

1. The following Tournament Rules were developed for the Florida B.A.S.S. Nation (hereinafter referred to as the "FBN") and approved by the Board of Directors. These rules shall apply to all FBN Qualifying Tournaments, and the State Championship Tournament.

2. The interpretation and enforcement of these rules is the responsibility of the State Tournament Director and the tournament staff (hereinafter referred to as "Tournament Officials") of the FBN, which may impose appropriate sanctions for rules violations that may include but are not limited to disqualification, forfeiture of prizes or prize money or suspension from participation in future FBN Tournaments.

3. Competitors are expected to obey all applicable Florida Boating or Fishing and Wildlife Statutes and Rules. Violation of such statutes or rules may result in your disqualification from tournaments and being banned from future participation in FBN Tournaments. All local, state, and federal laws supersede FBN Tournament Rules and By-laws, should there be a conflict.

4. It is the duty and responsibility of every competitor in an FBN Tournament to report any violations or infractions of these Tournament Rules to the Tournament Officials. Failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these rules is cause for disqualification.

5. Competitors who wish to lodge a protest concerning a "rules violation" during an FBN Tournament, must do so within fifteen (15) minutes after the tournament weigh-in has been completed, but prior to the presentation of the awards. All protests must be presented in writing to a Tournament Official. The protest will be resolved prior to presentation of the awards. The protest committee will be comprised of the first 2 boaters not involved in the protest and the Tournament Director.

6. Falsifying any official weigh-in form or any other official FBN Tournament document will be cause for disqualification.

7. The decision of the Tournament Officials shall be final in these and all tournament related matters.

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Competitors in FBN Tournaments are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infractions of these basic and fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

2. The use of alcohol or illicit drugs by any competitor during an FBN Tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from the current tournament and future FBN Tournaments.

3. It is the duty and responsibility of all FBN Tournament competitors to show extreme courtesy toward non-competitors who may be angling or boating on the tournament waters. Any actions of tournament competitors that may reflect unfavorably on FBN's efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, courtesy, and safety are grounds for disqualification from the tournament.

4. Any competitor registered for an FBN Tournament not showing up on tournament morning will be suspended for a period of one (1) year from the infraction date. Petitions for reconsideration of penalties may be entertained by the FBN in the event of a health issue or other emergency situations that resulted in the "no-show" by the competitor.

5. Alcoholic beverages, illegal stimulants or depressants will not be allowed in a competitor's boat during an FBN Tournament. This rule shall apply to the weigh-in area as well.

6. Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of any felony, crimes involving moral turpitude, or any other conduct that may reflect unfavorably upon the FBN and its efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair and healthy competition, or inhibit compliance with these tournament rules will be grounds for rejection of an application for participation in a tournament or disqualification.

7. 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 B.A.S.S. tournament, and/or disqualification from a B.A.S.S. tournament after circumstances have been reviewed by the Tournament Director.

8. Code of Conduct violations will expire 5 years from the violation date.

SAFETY

1. Safe boat operation is the responsibility of all tournament competitors during an FBN Tournament.

2. All competitors are required to wear a Coast Guard approved "chest-type" life preserver anytime the combustion engine is running. The preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely, and remain in that condition until the combustion engine is out of gear and shut off. A violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.

3. When boating in low visibility situations, i.e. fog, or heavy rain, during both practice and competition, competitors must operate their boats at a safe speed and in a safe manner as determined by tournament officials.

4. Tournament Officials have the right to delay, shorten, or cancel the start of an FBN Tournament for inclement weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Additionally, tournament waters may be restricted because of inclement weather or other safety reasons during the event.

5. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, COMPETITORS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND ONCE SAFE NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. COMPETITORS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMINENT.

PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Participation in FBN tournaments is by invitation and is open to "members in good standing", who are sixteen (16) years of age or older, and who are active members of an FBN affiliated club.

2. Affiliated club members must be sixteen (16) years of age or older to participate in any FBN Tournament as an Angler. It is the responsibility of the competitor to provide Tournament Officials with the appropriate documentation to satisfy any "proof of age" concerns or discrepancies.

3. A candidate for competition in an FBN Tournament who, in the judgment of the Tournament Officials, is handicapped in such a manner as to unfairly hinder or endanger the safety and well-being of other competitors shall not be eligible to participate.

4. Disqualification, suspension, or any other disciplinary action taken against an angler by any other fishing organization shall be grounds for rejection of an application for participation in an FBN Tournament.

ASSIGNING OF LAUNCH ORDER

1. All teams for an event must be registered by 5:00 pm on the Wednesday before the tournament.

2. Launch order assignments will be random and done on the evening before the tournament. The announcement of your starting position shall be done by "E-Mail Messaging", no later than 6:00 pm on the day before the event.

3. Once a boat leaves the launch area at the start of the tournament, the team must stay together throughout the day until weigh-in is completed, except for "natures call" or a credible emergency. A team will not allow any bass caught by them to be counted on the score (weight) of another team. In such a case, both teams shall be disqualified from this tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by the Florida B.A.S.S. Nation.

BOAT AND MOTOR

1. All boats must be equipped with all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.

2. The maximum horsepower rating for all outboard motors used in FBN Tournament competition shall be 250 hp and a minimum 40 hp. Additionally, the maximum horsepower of an outboard motor shall not exceed the rating set by the U.S. Coast Guard for the boat it is mounted on and listed on a "manufacturers" plate attached to the boat. At the start of an event all outboard and trolling motors must be in good operating conditions.

3. Any boat manufactured prior to November 1, 1972, must adhere to the rating set by the U.S. Coast Guard for similar boats. Upon paying the FBN Official Registration, all competitors agree to submit to a boat inspection and have the outboard motor checked by factory trained personnel, if there is any reason to suspect the horsepower of the outboard motor exceeds the maximum rating (250 hp) or exceeds the listed boat manufacturer's plate attached to the boat.

4. Normal maintenance to increase the performance of an outboard motor is authorized, however, changing or altering standard factory parts of an outboard motor to increase the horsepower over the factory horsepower rating is forbidden, and will result in disqualification.

5. For the safety of all competitors, all boats must be equipped with an approved type of operable ignition kill switch and lanyard. Only one manufacturer's lanyard may be used and must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating and in gear.

6. Anytime a boat is "under way" with the combustion engine running, a driver/boat operator must be in the driver's seat and in full control of the craft.

7. Fishing boats seventeen feet or more in length and must be equipped with wheel steering may be used in an FBN Tournament. **No boat equipped with "stick steering" shall be permitted**.

8. Boats with "Raised Platforms" higher than the "gunnels" of the boat will not be allowed.

9. An electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering. The use of the electric controlling motor or the combustion engine for trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.
10. Bladder tanks and other types of auxiliary gas tanks that are not installed by the boat manufacturer are prohibited. Additional "factory options" gasoline tanks that are installed by a manufacturer's authorized dealer are allowed. Boats that do not have factory installed gasoline tanks are restricted to a maximum of 18 gallons of gasoline in portable tanks, which must meet U.S. Coast Guard regulations, and must be properly secured in the boat.

11. No portable tanks or containers capable of holding gasoline may be placed anywhere on the tournament waters or shoreline, for use by tournament competitors during an FBN Tournament.

12. Barges or similar cumbersome watercrafts are not permitted for use in an FBN Tournament. Tournament boats must be capable of reaching all tournament waters and returning in a reasonable amount of time, so as not to handicap any contestant.

13. No air boats may be used to fish during an FBN Tournament.

14. All boats must have a functional "bilge pump" and live-well, properly aerated to adequately maintain alive, a limit catch of bass by two anglers in the boat. The Tournament Officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is "proper and adequate."

15. None of the aforementioned rules shall prohibit a properly designated Tournament Official from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat at any time during the actual FBN Tournament competition for the purpose of inspecting the boat for violations of these rules. A Competitor who refuses to allow his/her boat to be inspected by an FBN Tournament Official shall be disqualified from the tournament and all entry fees and prizes or prize money shall be forfeited. The Tournament Director, at his discretion, may impose additional sanctions regarding future FBN Tournaments.

BOAT OPERATION

1. During tournament hours, teams may not obtain or receive assistance from non-competitors, follow a non-competitor's boat or participate in the practice of "hole-sitting" or the placing of markers by anyone.

2. The use of mobile communication devices, including, but not limited to, cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CB radios, etc., during tournament hours, is strictly prohibited except in an emergency (severe weather, disabled boat, etc.) or to communicate with lockmasters.

3. Teams are expected to remain on tournament waters and compete until the official end of the tournament, emergency situations notwithstanding. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility to compete in future FBN Tournaments.

4. A team member may not leave the boat to land a fish.

5. In a credible emergency-situation, such as an inoperable boat, one or both team members may transfer to another tournament boat, or a rescue boat, for immediate return to the weigh-in site. Should one team member elect to stay behind with the boat to await rescue, the returning team member may transfer their catch to the rescue boat and transfer them to the weigh-in-site, under scrutiny of the rescue boat occupants.

6. A team member who chooses to remain with the disabled boat to await rescue, waives the right to protest or challenge the official weight of his catch. All team members involved in the rescue must cease fishing at this point, and their catch must be verified by a Tournament Official to be counted in the official tournament weigh-in.

7. If after the emergency-situation is resolved by the Tournament Officials and enough time is left for the anglers to resume fishing, a "restart" will be allowed, and the team may continue fishing and their catch will be counted. The aforementioned procedure applies only to a credible emergency.

8. Failure of a team to render assistance to another competitor in a credible emergency-situation, when requested, may be cause for immediate disqualification.

9. The boat in use must remain in tournament waters at all times during tournament hours. Teams must leave and return to the official check-in point by boat, and both team members must remain in the boat at all times except in the case of "natures call" or a credible emergency.

10. No Trailering: Loading a boat onto a trailer and driving to a ramp other than the official tournament launch site, during tournament hours, is strictly prohibited, except under the express direction and authority of the Tournament Officials.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Competitors in an FBN Tournament may use only artificial lures as bait. No "live bait," dead bait," or "prepared bait" will be permitted, with the exception of, pork strips or rinds.

2. Only one casting, spin-casting or spinning rod (maximum length ten (10) feet) and one reel may be used by a competitor at any one time. Other similar types of rigs may be in the boat, ready for use, however only one (1) rig is permitted to be used at a time. If a competitor breaks their line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, they are allowed to make an attempt with the rod being used or with their hands to secure the visible line and land the fish for it to be counted as legal. You may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod, reel, or other device.

3. Any umbrella-type rigging, harness, or other device designed to hold more than one lure at a time – with or without hooks – is allowed in the State of Florida.

4. All bass must be caught alive, and in a conventional sporting manner. A competitor who is guilty of "snatching" or "snagging" fish on spawning beds will have their day's catch disqualified. When visually fishing for "bedding bass", all bass must be hooked inside of the mouth to be counted as a legal fish.

5. The use of "grippers" for landing bass is prohibited.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS

1. The Tournament Officials shall establish any boundaries on the tournament waters for all FBN Tournaments. It is the responsibility of each competitor to obtain this information from the Tournament Officials prior to any tournaments.

2. Only that water open to all public fishing will be considered "Tournament Waters". Fishing on the tournament waters is permitted anywhere except:
    - (a.) Within 50-yards of any marina gas pump.
    - (b.) Within 50-yards (150-feet) of another angler's boat which is first anchored or secured in a fixed position with the trolling motor up. Anchored includes shallow water anchoring systems such as Power Poles or Talons. Competitors are not permitted to allow select competitors to fish within the 100-yard circle and exclude other anglers.
    - (c.) Any water within these boundaries posted "Off-Limits" or "NO Fishing" by state or federal agencies will be off limits. This includes positioning boats outside areas posted "Off-Limits" or "NO Fishing" and casting into the posted areas. This action is strictly forbidden and any competitor violating this rule will be disqualified from the tournament.
    - (d.) The live bass release area established by Tournament Officials will be off limits and will be announced at the tournament briefing.
    - (e.) Any waters closed to public fishing will be closed to tournament anglers.

3. All fishing must be done from the boat.

4. During any FBN Tournament, a competitor may not "SKIN DIVE" or "SCUBA DIVE" on tournament waters.

5. The use of drones for the purpose of locating or catching fish or to gain a competitive advantage is prohibited.

6. A competitor may not buy or barter for "fishing locations" from other competitors for use during a competition day.

OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT

1. The Official launch site and “check-in” points will be established by the Tournament Officials for each FBN Tournament.

2. The Tournament Officials will announce a blast off time, otherwise tournament hours are safe daylight until 3:00 p.m. Tournament hours can be increased or decreased by the Tournament Officials.

3. Prior to launch time, all team’s boats will be inspected by a Tournament Official for compliance with tournament requirements.

4. Prior to the start of an FBN Tournament, each boat operator will be assigned a boat/team number. At the end of the tournament day, all teams will “check-in” with this assigned boat/team number before proceeding to the weigh-in area. This includes boats with no fish. Any boat that fails to “check-in” at the end of the tournament day may be subject to disqualification. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disqualification from the tournament and all future FBN Tournaments.

5. After proper recognition at the check-in point, all fishing must cease, and teams should immediately proceed to the weigh-in area.

6. Upon the commencement of the two-day FBN State Championship Tournament, fishing or being on the tournament waters is prohibited except during the tournament hours.

SCORING AND FISH CARE DURING TOURNAMENTS

1. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Red Eyes, Shoal and Suwannee Bass will be weighed at FBN Tournaments.

2. The tournament limit for each team shall be five (5) bass. A competitor may not have more than the tournament limit of bass in the “live well” at any given time during the tournament. **Any team bringing in more than five (5) bass will be penalized that days catch**.

3. The recorded weight of each team’s catch during the tournament shall determine the tournament standings, auxiliary awards, and final winners of all FBN Tournaments.

4. The Official Tournament length for bass shall be twelve (12) inches, unless the state limit is different, in which case the state limit will prevail. Only bass described above that measure 12 inches or more in length on an "Official Golden Rule" with mouth closed will be weighed. The exception to this rule occurs when "exemption" cards have been made available by the Tournament Official to each competitor prior to the start of the tournament. **A "short" fish brought to the scales for weigh-in shall result in the loss of that fish and be assessed a one (1) pound penalty**. No courtesy measurements will be permitted at the weigh-in station.

5. **Don't Kill Your Catch!** A competitor should make every effort to maintain the welfare of his catch throughout the day.

   CULLING OF DEAD BASS IS PROHIBITED. For each legal dead bass presented to weigh in officials, the competitor shall be penalized **0.50 pounds (1/2 pound)**. to be deducted from their daily score. The Tournament Director, or his/her designees, shall have sole authority for assessing penalty points. In addition, the Tournament Director, or his/her designees, may reduce tournament hours or tournament limits for fish care purposes. It is suggested in warm weather tournaments anglers keep extra ice for fish care. Competitors are allowed to purchase ice on the water. Competitors are allowed to obtain ice and other items for fish care from contestants and/or non-competitors. Anglers may be allowed to weigh- in early with permission from the Tournament Director. SMALL DIP NETS FOR CULLING PURPOSES ARE ENCOURAGED. It is recommended competitors keep all bass in live wells during the culling process. Placing bass on the boat carpet during culling is not an advised practice. Only **non-penetrating culling clips and culling beams** are allowed for use. Any clip or device that penetrates or is designed to penetrate the skin or mouth of a fish is **not allowed**. Proper fizzing technique is suggested when needed. For instructions on acceptable fizzing practices please contact B.A.S.S. officials

   A bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered may, at the Tournament Officials discretion, not be weighed-in.

6. Each team must present their catch to the weigh-in official. Partners should stay together until their fish are weighed.

7. Penalty Points: Tournament Officials shall have the sole authority for assessing penalty points.

   (a.) Dead fish will be determined at the scales by the Tournament Official. For the purpose of this rule, a "Dead Fish" will be considered any fish that is not moving. For each legal dead fish presented at weigh-in, the angler will be penalized a **half of a pound of weight (0.50 pound)**.

   (b.) Anglers will be penalized 1 pound for each minute they are late checking in at the official check point designated by Tournament Officials. After 15 minutes, the angler's catch for that day will be disqualified.

8. The Tournament Officials may make available special weigh-in bags that are designed to help increase the survival rate of the bass. These bags will be available to all competitors in the weigh-in area. No other bags are to be used to bring fish to the weigh-in area when these bags are in use. These weigh-in bags are the property of the FBN and must be returned. Anyone caught with an FBN weigh-in bag in their possession after a tournament is over may be disqualified from future FBN tournaments.

9. Ties: In case of a tie, the following measures should be employed in this order to break the tie.
   a) The team with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the competition.
   b) The team with the largest number of legal LIVE fish weighed in during the competition.
   c) The team with the heaviest single day's catch during competition.
   d) The team with the second heaviest single day's catch during competition.
   e) In the unlikely event that there is still a tie, a "coin toss" will be used to determine the winner, and the monies for first and second place shall be evenly split between the two competitors.

Awards

REGIONAL TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Using the point system above, the Regional Team of the Year honors will be awarded to the team with the highest points from all four regional tournaments. To be eligible for the Regional Team the of Year honors, teams must meet the following requirements:

1. May only count points received for participating in tournaments of their own Region.

2. Must fish at least three of the four tournaments offered in the Region.

3. Must fish the State Championship event.

In case of a tie, the team with the heaviest weight caught at the State Championship Tournament will serve as the tie breaker. Should a tie still occur, then the team with the largest bass in the State Championship Tournament will be the tie breaker.

STATE TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each region's Team of the Year for the current year will have the opportunity to compete for the State Team of the Year Award. The State Team for the State of Florida will go to the Regional Team with the heaviest overall weights in the State Championship Tournament. The State Team will be the first qualifiers for the B.A.S.S. National event.

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STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

The team with the heaviest weights at the State Championship Tournament will be recognized as the State Tournament Champion.

BIG BASS AWARDS OF THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The team catching the Big Bass each day of the State Championship Tournament will be recognized and awarded.

Team Payout

Place	Team													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1	$112	$224	$336	$448	$560	$672	$784	$896	$1,008	$1,120	$1,232	$1,344	$1,456	
Total	$112	$224	$336	$448	$560	$672	$784	$896	$1,008	$1,120	$1,232	$1,344	$1,456	
Place	Team													
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	$941	$1,008	$1,075	$1,142	$1,210	$1,277	$1,344	$1,176	$1,232	$1,288	$1,344	$1,400	$1,456	$1,512
2	$627	$672	$717	$762	$806	$851	$896	$706	$739	$773	$806	$840	$874	$907
3								$470	$493	$515	$538	$560	$582	$605
Total	$1,568	$1,680	$1,792	$1,904	$2,016	$2,128	$2,240	$2,352	$2,464	$2,576	$2,688	$2,800	$2,912	$3,024
Place	Team													
	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
1	$1,254	$1,299	$1,344	$1,389	$1,434	$1,478	$1,523	$1,372	$1,411	$1,450	$1,490	$1,529	$1,568	$1,607
2	$941	$974	$1,008	$1,042	$1,075	$1,109	$1,142	$1,176	$1,210	$1,243	$1,277	$1,310	$1,344	$1,378
3	$627	$650	$672	$694	$717	$739	$762	$784	$806	$829	$851	$874	$896	$918
4	$314	$325	$336	$347	$358	$370	$381	$382	$393	$404	$415	$426	$437	$448
5								$206	$212	$218	$223	$229	$235	$241
Total	$3,136	$3,248	$3,360	$3,472	$3,584	$3,696	$3,808	$3,920	$4,032	$4,144	$4,256	$4,368	$4,480	$4,592
Place	Team													
	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
1	$1,646	$1,686	$1,725	$1,764	$1,803	$1,842	$1,882	$1,921	$1,960	$1,999	$2,038	$2,078	$2,117	$2,156
2	$1,082	$1,108	$1,133	$1,159	$1,185	$1,121	$1,236	$1,262	$1,288	$1,314	$1,340	$1,365	$1,391	$1,417
3	$894	$915	$936	$958	$979	$1,000	$1,021	$1,043	$1,064	$1,085	$1,107	$1,128	$1,149	$1,170
4	$517	$530	$542	$554	$567	$579	$591	$604	$616	$628	$641	$653	$665	$678
5	$329	$337	$345	$353	$361	$368	$376	$384	$392	$400	$408	$416	$423	$431
6	$235	$241	$246	$252	$258	$263	$269	$274	$280	$286	$291	$297	$302	$308
7								$220	$224	$228	$233	$237	$242	$246
Total	4,704.00	4,816.00	4,928.00	5,040.00	5,152.00	5,264.00	5,376.00	5,488.00	5,600.00	5,712.00	5,824.00	5,936.00	6,048.00	6,160.00
Place	Team													
	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
1	$2,007	$2,043	$2,079	$2,115	$2,150	$2,186	$2,222	$2,223	$2,258	$2,293	$2,328	$2,364	$2,399	$2,434
2	$1,317	$1,341	$1,364	$1,388	$1,411	$1,435	$1,458	$1,482	$1,434	$1,456	$1,478	$1,501	$1,523	$1,546
3	$1,066	$1,085	$1,104	$1,123	$1,142	$1,161	$1,180	$1,058	$1,147	$1,165	$1,183	$1,201	$1,219	$1,236
4	$627	$638	$650	$661	$672	$683	$694	$706	$717	$728	$739	$750	$762	$773
5	$408	$415	$422	$430	$437	$444	$451	$423	$430	$437	$444	$450	$457	$464
6	$345	$351	$357	$363	$370	$376	$382	$370	$376	$382	$388	$394	$400	$406
7	$282	$287	$292	$297	$302	$307	$312	$318	$323	$328	$333	$338	$343	$348
8	$220	$223	$227	$231	$235	$239	$243	$265	$269	$273	$277	$281	$286	$290
9								$212	$215	$218	$222	$225	$228	$232
Total	$6,272	$6,384	$6,496	$6,608	$6,720	$6,832	$6,944	$7,056	$7,168	$7,280	$7,392	$7,504	$7,616	$7,728

Place	Team													
	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83
1	$2,470	$2,505	$2,540	$2,575	$2,611	$2,646	$2,681	$2,695	$2,730	$2,765	$2,800	$2,835	$2,870	$2,905
2	$1,490	$1,511	$1,532	$1,553	$1,575	$1,596	$1,617	$1,626	$1,647	$1,668	$1,689	$1,710	$1,731	$1,752
3	$1,176	$1,193	$1,210	$1,226	$1,243	$1,260	$1,277	$1,272	$1,289	$1,305	$1,322	$1,338	$1,355	$1,371
4	$784	$795	$806	$818	$829	$840	$851	$841	$852	$863	$874	$885	$895	$906
5	$470	$477	$484	$491	$497	$504	$511	$496	$502	$509	$515	$522	$528	$535
6	$412	$417	$423	$429	$435	$441	$447	$431	$437	$442	$448	$454	$459	$465
7	$353	$358	$363	$368	$373	$378	$383	$382	$387	$392	$396	$401	$406	$411
8	$294	$298	$302	$307	$311	$315	$319	$317	$321	$325	$329	$333	$338	$342
9	$235	$239	$242	$245	$249	$252	$255	$237	$240	$243	$246	$249	$253	$256
10	$157	$159	$161	$164	$166	$168	$170	$172	$175	$177	$179	$181	$184	$186
11								$155	$157	$159	$161	$163	$165	$167
Total	$7,840	$7,952	$8,064	$8,176	$8,288	$8,400	$8,512	$8,624	$8,736	$8,848	$8,960	$9,072	$9,184	$9,296
Place	Team													
	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97
1	$2,916	$2,951	$2,986	$3,021	$3,055	$3,090	$3,125	$3,132	$3,166	$3,201	$3,235	$3,270	$3,304	$3,339
2	$1,759	$1,780	$1,801	$1,822	$1,843	$1,864	$1,885	$1,886	$1,906	$1,927	$1,948	$1,968	$1,989	$2,010
3	$1,304	$1,319	$1,335	$1,351	$1,366	$1,382	$1,397	$1,398	$1,413	$1,429	$1,444	$1,459	$1,475	$1,490
4	$908	$919	$930	$941	$952	$962	$973	$973	$984	$995	$1,005	$1,016	$1,027	$1,038
5	$536	$543	$549	$555	$562	$568	$575	$572	$578	$584	$591	$597	$603	$609
6	$460	$466	$471	$476	$482	$487	$493	$487	$493	$498	$503	$509	$514	$519
7	$409	$414	$419	$424	$429	$434	$438	$431	$435	$440	$445	$450	$454	$459
8	$341	$345	$349	$353	$357	$361	$365	$359	$363	$367	$371	$375	$378	$382
9	$256	$259	$262	$266	$269	$272	$275	$265	$268	$271	$274	$277	$280	$282
10	$188	$190	$193	$195	$197	$199	$202	$194	$196	$198	$200	$202	$204	$206
11	$169	$171	$173	$175	$177	$179	$181	$173	$175	$177	$179	$181	$183	$185
12	$160	$162	$164	$166	$168	$169	$171	$167	$169	$171	$173	$174	$176	$178
13								$156	$158	$159	$161	$163	$165	$166
Total	$9,408	$9,520	$9,632	$9,744	$9,856	$9,968	$10,080	$10,192	$10,304	$10,416	$10,528	$10,640	$10,752	$10,864