

# TEXAS B.A.S.S. NATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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The Texas B.A.S.S. Nation State Championship is designed to foster competition among the individual anglers of Texas B.A.S.S. Nation for the State Team Slots awarded to our State Organization from BASS Nation. These slots (4 boaters and 4 co-anglers) will compete at the Central Regional BASS Nation Tournament the following year after the Texas State Championship Tournament.

Texas B.A.S.S. Affiliated Clubs authorized the following:

- Clubs are allowed to send up to 60% of the paid membership, rounded “up” when unequal numbers exist (Affiliated Texas BASS Nation clubs consisting of the required 6 members will be able to send 4 members: 2 boaters and 2 co-anglers).
- Boaters/Co-Anglers must be equal – anyone not attending, then the last entry on either side (boater or co-angler from same club will be dropped).
- Club President will be responsible to assemble the forms, and entry fees to be sent to Texas B.A.S.S. Nation President.
- All Clubs, and individual members, must be in good standing with BASSMASTER, BASS Nation and Texas BASS Nation for the qualifying year and current year for qualification. (Note: The BASS Nation roster is reset on September 1<sup>st</sup> but all Nation memberships are good until December 31st).
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Texas B.A.S.S. Affiliated Regions authorized the following:

- Regions are allowed to send up to 50% of the total average amount of anglers that competed in the qualifying year’s tournament trail, rounded down when unequal numbers exist (example: Region event average is 50 – Region is allowed to send 12 boaters and 12 co-anglers) An angler must compete in a minimum of 3 events in Regions that have 4 qualifying events and 4 events in Regions having 6 qualifying events per existing qualifying guidelines. Directors have discretion – if angler is already qualified through the club route, the Director may go down the list to complete the total maximum allowed participants.
- Boaters/Co-Anglers must be equally matched. If anyone does not attend, the last entry on either side (boater or co-angler from same region will be dropped).
- Region Director will be responsible to assemble the forms, and entry fees to be sent to Texas B.A.S.S. Nation President.
- All Regions, and any individual members, must be in good standing with BASSMASTER, BASS Nation and Texas BASS Nation for the qualifying year and current year for qualification. Restricted to affiliated club members only. (Note: The BASS Nation roster is reset on September 1<sup>st</sup> but all Nation memberships are good until December 31st).
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PRIZES, AWARDS, and FORMAT:

- Awarded spots (4 boater and 4 co-anglers) go to top finishers at State Championship with the following exception: No more than (2) Boater and Co-Angler spots awarded by Region at Championship.
- Boater entry fee — \$125 w/payout to only Boater side (1-in 5 payout): Co-Angler entry fee — \$75 w/payout to only Co-Angler side (1-in 5 payout).
- Big Bass fee — included in entry fee with payout to individual (boater or co-angler) with two largest fish (1<sup>st</sup>: \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$250, plus plaques).
- Plaques awarded to Places 1-4 for Boater and Co-Angler.
- Paid Entry Fee for all Boater / Co-Angler Qualifiers to BASSMASTER B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Championship.
- Photos, recognition on State website for full year, article possibly published in BASS Times.
- Two-Day Championship Friday-Saturday event to be held between November/December of each year.

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- **Championship off-limits period: (No off-limits), with Official Practice Days being Wednesday & Thursday preceding the tournament.**
- **Entry Forms must be received 15 days prior to Official Practice period.**
- **Championship Lake submitted by nominations from the Regional Directors, and shall be approved by majority vote of the Regional Directors / President / and State Officers at 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter board meeting. Lake acceptance is pending on acceptable community participation.**
- **State President can add to qualified anglers to complete the full draw field of boaters and co-anglers as required.**

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