

10. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT: Every boat must have all required safety equipment. In addition, it must have a functional bilge pump and livewell space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive a limit catch of bass by both fishermen using the boat. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is "proper and adequate."

11. BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Each boat will be numbered and a boat is officially checked-in when anglers check-in with a designated BASS official at a designated location,

12. BOAT OPERATION: A full discussion between partners must be held prior to the 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 operate the trolling motor, so as to afford each partner the opportunity to fish his selected water an equal number of hours. Distance traveled to fishing locations must be considered in order not to deprive either partner fishing time while traveling to and from fishing waters. If a contestant waives the above rights, he shall retain the right to select the fishing water for one-half the tournament day. Any contestant, who, in the judgment of the officials operates the boat in such a manner as to unfairly handicap his partner, shall be disqualified. The boat captain has sole discretion to repudiate any selected location for safety reasons,

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 will be **OFF-LIMITS**. Also, the live-bass-release area established by the Tournament Director will be **OFF-LIMITS** and will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. Only that water open to ALL public fishing will be considered tournament waters. All angling must be done from the boat. 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. CONTESTANTS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT: The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks is permitted. Otherwise, contestants may not leave their boats to land a fish or make the boats more accessible to fishing waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. In such an emergency, competitors may be removed from their boats to 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. If a competitor must violate 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. Trailering of boats 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, and this point shall be designated at the Tournament Briefing. At the time of check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformance with all rules set forth by the Tournament Director; at check-in, all boats shall identify themselves by means of the numbers and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. Partners must stay together.

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, or Spotted bass will be weighed. **The official competition limit shall be (5) five of the above species and varieties per BOAT**, unless 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 the largest bass first, down to the limit described. 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 in. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the official length, shall accrue penalties at the rate of 1 pound for each such bass. This 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 his catch has been weighed and recorded.

Bass must not be stringered at any time during the tournament. Specially designed bags, which increase survival rate, will be furnished by the Tournament Director, and must be used for the weigh-in.

17. CATCH-&-RELEASE: If it becomes necessary for a contender to cull his catch, every effort must be made by the contender to handle his own fish.

18. DON'T KILL YOUR CATCH: Each contender is expected to keep his bass alive by the proper use of the boat's livewell system. 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 assessing penalty points. The Tournament Director and his designated appointees shall have sole authority for assessing penalty points. The few bass which do not survive will be used for scientific study and for charity.

19. 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, to be deducted from the total weight of his catch that day, including any weight to be counted toward a "big bass award," for each 1 minute he is late. 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 tournament hours. Exact starting and check-in times will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. It is the angler's responsibility to confirm check-in times each day on the daily pairings.

20. TIES: In case of a tie for champions, the following tie-breakers will be used in order: 1) The individual with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the official competition. 2) If the tie is not broken, the individual with the largest number of legal LIVE fish weighed in during the official competition. 3) If the tie is not broken, the individual with the biggest bass weighed in during the official competition. In the unlikely event that individuals remain tied after these three tie-breakers are employed, then a flip of a coin will be used to determine the winner (s), and the awards, if any, will be equally divided. Ties for lesser positions shall be resolved by means selected by the Tournament Director.

21. PAIRING OF CONTESTANTS: Whenever possible, two contestants will be assigned to each boat, with one boat captain (pro angler). If for any reason only one contestant is available to go with a boat captain, an observer will be assigned to ride in that boat with them. Whenever possible, no contestants from the same club, state or age group will be paired together. Announcement of your partner and boat captain/pro angler will be made at the kickoff banquet, which must be attended by each competitor or their representative. Pairings will remain the same for both days of the event. The Tournament Director may reassign partners at any time prior to takeoff. A contestant must not allow any bass caught by him to be counted on the score of another contestant. In such cases, both contestants will be disqualified from this tournament and all future BASS Tournaments.

22. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS: None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat at any time during the Celebrity Pro/Junior Tournament and Practice or during the official competition.

23. 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 competition with the products or services of official BASS sponsors or 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 boater agrees to wear an official BASS member patch on the front left or right shoulder of their shirt during competition, including the weigh-in. BASS suggest this BASS member patch be placed on the left breast with the top of the patch hitting the left collarbone. This patch may be embroidered.

24. PROFESSIONAL ANGLER BOAT CAPTAINS: Professional Angler Boat captains will only fish during the Celebrity Pro/Junior Tournament and practice. Pro anglers will not fish during the official competition; they are there to act as boat captains and observers. With the exception of an emergency situation, pro anglers will not assist the Junior Bassmaster Anglers in a manner as to ultimately impact the final outcome of the official tournament standings. Pro angler captains shall not select fishing areas, determine baits, tie knots, cast lines or lures, set the hook, play or bring fish to the boat and/or net any fish.

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

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The 5th Annual Junior Partners Tournament 2009



ENTRY FEE is \$75.00

Complete this ENTRY FORM, cut along the dotted line and send this with a \$75.00 check or money order, payable to; NY B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation, MAIL to: 5th Annual JR. / Partners Tournament, C/O Mickey Fortunato / 123 Boyden St. / Syracuse, NY 13203

The New York Junior BASS Chapter Federation presents the annual **Junior / Partners Tournament!**

□ The 5th Annual Junior/Partners Tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, August 8, 2009** from 6AM until 1PM, on Oneida Lake, launching out of **Oneida Shores County Park**. This is a TEAM event where the junior seeks out a senior boater/partner and pays the team entry fee of \$75.00, which includes "lunker". Each team will compete for the projected top prize of **\$1,500 cash** for the boater and a **\$1,000 gift certificate** for the junior with a total payout of \$4,000, **all based on a full field of 75 boats**. Note: **NO Off-Limits or Tourney Meeting!**

Complete ENTRY FORM, then cut along dotted line and mail with a \$75.00 check to Mickey Fortunato, 123 Boyden St., Syracuse, NY 13203

MAIL-IN OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

JUNIOR Name _____

JR. Club Name / Number _____

State Federation _____ Shirt Size _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone (____) ____-____ (Circle) Sex **M** or **F**

Cell Phone (____) ____-____ DOB _____

Age 11-14 _____ Age 15-18 _____

(Must be above age as of December 31, 2009)

Do you have any physical impairment? YES ___ NO ___

IF YES, explain _____

PLEASE NOTE:

The Boater's Safety Course is now a **REQUIREMENT** for all Junior's & Junior-Pro's for all Tournament entries!

Check with your NY or local US Coast Guard Auxiliary for 2009 Course Schedule

BOATER Name _____

Club Name / Number _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone (____) ____-____ Cell (____) ____-____

Make / Type / Size of Boat _____

Email Address _____

Boater's Signature _____

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application and submit it for entry into this specific tournament. In signing this application, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules and regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release BASS, LLC, its parent, affiliated and subsidiary companies, the host, sponsors and tournament officials from any and all claims of death, injury and/or property damage incurred by me in connection with my participation in this tournament. I hereby waive my rights of privacy or publicity with the regard to the programs of the tournament in which I appear and consent to BASS, LLC's (and its parent, affiliated and subsidiary companies, and those acting under their permission or upon their authority), copy-righting, distributing, televising, publishing and using in any way the audio and visual portions of any television videotape, film and photographs or pictures of me or of interviews, scenes or other sequences in which I may be included, and any reproduction thereof, anywhere at any time through any medium or media for advertising, promotion, trade, television programming or other lawful purpose whatsoever; and I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Director reserves the right to reject my application for any reason. I am a Junior Bassmaster member in good standing with a Junior Bassmaster Chapter and B.A.S.S. State Federation Chapter. I agree, as a qualifier for this Junior Bassmaster Tournament to use during the competition, any and all (official) products and equipment so specified and provided by BASS.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

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2009 Junior Bassmaster Tournament Official Rules and Regulations

1. RULE CHANGES: Great effort, study and research have gone into the formulation of these rules. The rules for this tournament will remain unchanged. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification, and forfeiture of prizes, hotel allowance and prohibition in subsequent tournaments. **The decision of the Tournament Director and tournament officials shall be FINAL in ALL matters.**

2. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation in this tournament is by application and/or invitation only. This tournament is only open to members in good standing with a Jr. Bassmaster Chapter and BASS State Federation Chapter. Contenders must meet age and eligibility requirements as set forth by the following: Contenders must have obtained the age of 11 years, but not yet 19 years, on December 31 of the competition year. For the J/PBMC, BASS will allow only one (1) properly qualified Junior Bassmaster in each age group to represent their BASS State Federation. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of the competitor. Any contestant that is handicapped in such a manner as to unfairly hinder his partner or endanger the safety and well-being of his partner, boat captain or himself shall not be eligible.

3. ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT: Anglers/parents participating in any BASS sanctioned event shall observe the code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. To this end, anglers/parents shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of fishing. Anglers/parents shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming of these basic sporting principles and in a manner that will not reflect unfavorably on BASS, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors. No parent or family member will be permitted to ride, fish, compete or gather with one another, on board the same vessel.

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 or family members 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/parents are encouraged to express themselves and have the right to question the rules or 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 or family member knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of BASS, BASS officials or sponsors shall be considered conduct unbecoming of BASS sportsmanship principles and will result in disciplinary action. Any angler/parent who violates any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to penalties, forfeiture of tournament winnings, forfeiture of travel assistance and hotel casts, suspension from competing in individual BASS sanctioned events, permanent ball from competition, or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by BASS.

4. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE: During official practice and during the tournament, a competitor may not "SKIN DIVE" or "SCUBA DIVE" on the tournament waters. No competitor may buy or barter a fishing location from guides or other contenders for use during any competition day. During competition days of the tournament, a contender may not use a CB Radio, VHF marine band radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. Contenders are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. If so equipped, contestants may listen to the marine-band weather information. Each contestant agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of these Tournament Rules. The failure to report violations or suggestion to violate these Rules, or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification. **There are NO OFF LIMITS!**

By signature on this 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 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.

5. REGISTRATION: Each contender is required to pre-register and return completed entry forms. It shall be the contender's responsibility to check the schedule of events for registration time and location or obtain times from BASS Federation Nation Department.

6. SPORTSMANSHIP AND SAFETY: Contenders in all 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. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any contender 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. 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. All contenders are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats during the official Celebrity Pro/Junior Tournament and practice or competition day, or when in the weigh-in area. 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 for disqualification. Any disqualification or suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and for disqualification.

SAFETY: Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament contenders, observers and boat captains: During the official practice and the tournament, each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver. The preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition **AT ALL TIMES.** Contenders must wear their life preservers **AT ALL TIMES.** The pro angler must wear his life preserver anytime the combustion engine is operating. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. Tournament officials have the right to delay or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or over factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. BASS reserves the right to impose 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. All persons in a tournament boat shall remain seated in a recommended on-plane seating location when the combustion engine is running. Sitting on pedestal seats while the combustion engine is in operation is not permitted. Weather delays resulting in half of the tournament day being lost (first flight take-off and check in) shall result in cancellation.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, COMPETITORS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND THEN NOTION TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS. COMPETITORS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMINENT.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or prepared bait will be permitted, with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. only one casting, spincasting, or spinning rod (8 ft. max. length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. All other types prohibited. Each contender will be allowed six rods and reels, as specified above, in boat ready for use. However, only one outfit is permitted in use at any given time. All bass must be caught alive and in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their day's catch disqualified. When visually fishing for bedding bass, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and must be verified by your partner before unhooked to be counted as a legal fish. Gaffs may not be used to boat bass nor be permitted in the boat at any time. The use of grippers in landing bass is prohibited. Dip nets will be allowed, but not provided.

8. HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS: Maximum horsepower for all outboard motorboats used in practice or tournament competition will be 250 hp, not to exceed the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard in its ruling of Nov. 1, 1972.

9. BOAT AND MOTOR: For everyone's safety, all boats will be equipped with some type of ignition kill switch. The 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. A small electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering; however, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.