

B.A.S.S. Nation Competition 2016



2016 Competition Format

This new B.A.S.S. Nation competition Regional structure will begin with the Calendar Year 2016. The following concept is designed to provide the best possible competitive fishing program for our B.A.S.S. Nation tournament anglers, while accomplishing the goals of B.A.S.S. as a whole and to promote membership growth.

The following slides present:

- Existing Concept
- Timelines
- Advantages
- “Bill Payers” and Benefits

New Regional Format

- Three (3) Regionals
- Bassmaster Opens style event
- State team will consist of 10 boaters and 10 non boaters, 2 Alternates. No HS or Youth. They will both (HS and Juniors) attend the B.A.S.S. High School National Championship and Junior Championship.
- Entry fee Boater \$200 and Non Boater \$100
- Anglers fish for individual cash prizes
- Top state team earns a prize boat
- Top Boater and top Non Boater from each state advances to the BNC. Additional Boater and Non Boater spot awarded for every 500 members per state (working on a two tiered plan to allow smaller state opportunity to send anglers should they meet the growth goal)
- Final state qualifier to determine state team must be a Bassmaster Opens style event. Beginning with your 2016 state qualifications. 2015 will be a transition year and states may make the move or stay the way they are for one year.

B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

- Three day event
- Crown the Non Boater Champion after day two
- Non Boater Champion wins Memorial Trophy, a prize boat, Bassmaster Opens entries as a co-angler, and a Bassmaster Classic marshal spot. Cash and merchandise paid down the field
- Cut to the top 10 Boaters plus 6 Boater divisional leaders after day two (6 divisions still in tact during the BNC for this purpose) Possible 15 anglers make the final day cut.
- Anglers fish with marshals the final day
- Boater Champion earns a Bassmaster Classic Berth, Bassmaster Elite Series Berth, paid Bassmaster Opens Entries to the Division of his choice, prize boat, plus a “Nation’s Best” (Name Ideas welcome) prize package consisting of the use of a Toyota Truck and a fully rigged tournament ready boat for one year.
- Second and Third place Boaters earn a Bassmaster Classic Berth, paid Bassmaster Opens entries to the division of their choice, prize boat, plus a “Nation’s Best” (name ideas welcome) prize package consisting of the use of a Toyota Truck and a fully rigged tournament ready boat for one year.

BN Regional Competition Timeline

- Official Practice Days – Monday-Tuesday
- Registration/Briefing – Tuesday
- Competition Days – Wednesday-Friday

BNC Competition Timeline

- Registration/Briefing – Monday
- Official Practice Days – Tuesday –Wednesday
- Competition Days – Thursday - Saturday

Advantages

- More members get the opportunity to experience the Regionals and the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship
- Pro Am style event members have asked for
- Individual payout members have asked for
- Potentially more sponsorship exposure with three larger Regionals and 1 larger championship
- Potential for greater participation from members, sponsors, new anglers
- Could be an advantage to recruit TBF anglers who have conflicting tournament schedules
- Increased exposure for the entire B.A.S.S. Nation through the “Nation’s Best” program
- Increased value for our Classic Contenders through the “Nation’s Best” program

“Bill Payers” and Benefits

BILL PAYERS

- 3 Classic spots
- Leadership meetings to stand alone event

Three/Four day weekend, Thursday evening kick off dinner and small business items, Friday sponsor meetings and continued business, Saturday team building Fishing/Golf etc.... Sunday travel home.

- Longer travel to regionals for most states
- Sponsorship obligations (3 Regionals vs 6 Divisionals)

BENEFITS

- 3 Classic spots
- More members eligible to advance past the state level
- Pro Am style events
- Investment into the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship to double the number of anglers advancing to the BNC
- “Nations Best” program will **invest** in the future of 3 B.A.S.S. Nation anglers
- Increased exposure