



NJ BASS NATION 2026
TOURNAMENT MANUAL

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****2027 BASS NATION CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS****

-TOP BOATER AND TOP RIDER FROM THE 2026 POINT TRAIL
GO DIRECTLY TO THE 2027 BNC!

**** 2027 INVITATIONAL QUALIFIER FORMAT****

2026 POINTS TRAIL:

TOP 2-11 BOATERS AND TOP 2-11 RIDERS
RECEIVE INVITATION FOR THE 2027 QUALIFIER.

Additional State Team competition is back!

ALTERNATES:

ALL ALTERNATES COME FROM THE FINAL POINTS
STANDINGS AND FROM THEIR RESPECTED DIVISIONS.
(BOATERS REPLACE BOATERS AND RIDERS REPLACE RIDERS)

IN THE 2026 SEASON (Same as 2025), THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A
STATE TEAM FORMAT. ADDITIONALLY, MEMBERS WHO ADVANCE TO
QUALIFIERS AND BEYOND WILL NO LONGER BE FUNDED BY THE
NJBN. MEMBERS WHO ADVANCE, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING
FOR THEIR OWN EXPENSES.

All previous NJBN Rules and Regulations apply
towards the 2026 Season



****NJ BASS NATION 2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE****

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Sat May 9th	Candlewood	Latins
Sun June 7th	North East Flats	Elk Neck
Sun Aug 30th	Hopatcong	Lees Marina
Sun Sept 13th	Delaware	Gloucester

2026 TOURNAMENT TRAIL WILL HAVE 1 DROP
TOURNAMENT.

THERE WILL BE NO OFF-LIMITS TIME FRAME FOR ANY
POINTS EVENTS.

ENTRY WILL BE 160 BOATER, 80 RIDER.

TOURNAMENTS WILL FEATURE 100% PAYOUT

Minus Tournament Expenses

-Awards

-Trailer Expenses



INSERRA SHOPRITE LUNKERMANIA!

ANY ANGLER WHO SIGNS UP AND CATCHES A 6+ POUNDER FOR THE YEAR IS ELIGIBLE! THE BIGGEST LUNKER OVER 6 LBS FOR THE YEAR WINS THE POT!

ONLY 25.00 TO GET IN!

(You must be entered before the first tournament to be eligible)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP!

INSERRA SHOPRITE IS OUR KEY SPONSOR!

THEY DONATED 500.00 AGAIN THIS YEAR!





TOURNAMENT LOGISTICS AND PROCEDURES

REGISTRATION

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION WILL BE VIA THE NJBN WEB SITE
(AS NORMAL)

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION WILL END ON FRIDAY
AT 11:59 PM ONE WEEK BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT

ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID BY 11:59 PM ON THE SAME DAY
REGISTRATION ENDS, FOR THE ANGLER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO FISH.

AFTER 11:59 OF THE FINAL DAY OF REGISTRATION,
THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.

**LATE ENTRESS WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL 50.00. THERE WILL BE NO
WARNING ON LATE FEES AND THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.**

TOURNAMENT PAYOUT WILL BE BASED ON NUMBER OF
REGISTRATIONS, AND CHECKS WILL BE WRITTEN AT THE
TOURNAMENT DRAW.

TOURNAMENT DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY,
THE DAY AFTER REGISTRATION ENDS.
NO ENTREES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE MONDAY FOLLOWING
THE DRAW.

YOUR PAIRINGS, BOAT CHECK AND LAUNCH TIMES, FLIGHTS AND
FLIGHT START TIMES, CHECK IN AND WEIGH IN WILL BE AVAILABLE
VIA EMAIL.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO KNOW THE ABOVE
INFORMATION.



TOURNAMENT MORNING PROCEDURES

1. AS YOU ARRIVE TO THE RAMP, A BOARD MEMBER WILL HAND YOU A NUMERIC KEY FOB TO COORDINATE WITH YOUR DESIGNATED BOAT NUMBER FOR THE EVENT. THIS KEY FOB MUST BE HANDED IN AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT TO THE DESIGNATED CHECK IN BOAT. ALL KEY FOBs MUST BE COLLECTED PRIOR TO THE WEIGH IN.
2. ALL BOATS MUST BE IN THE WATER AND READY TO START **15 MINUTES BEFORE OFFICIAL START TIME**. IF NOT, YOU WILL GO TO THE BACK OF THE LINE, AND STILL CHECK IN AT YOUR DESIGNATED TIME.
3. DESIGNATED BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALWAYS LAUNCH IN THE FIRST FLIGHT. BOARD MEMBERS WILL RETURN IN THE FIRST FLIGHT AND SET UP THE WEIGH IN AT THE END OF THE DAY.
4. BOAT #1 WILL ALWAYS LEAVE 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE ENTIRE FIELD. THIS BOAT WILL ALWAYS BE BACK TO THE LAUNCH SITE 10 MINUTES EARLY TO CHECK IN BOATS AT THE END OF THE DAY. THIS BOAT/MEMBER WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO FIELD PRIOR TO THE 1ST LAUNCH IN THE AM.
5. A BOARD MEMBER WILL ALWAYS LAUNCH BOATS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH TOURNAMENT. THIS PARTICULAR BOARD MEMBER WILL COME IN AT THE END OF THE DAY WITH THE FINAL FLIGHT.
6. AT THE START, ALL BOATS WILL LINE UP IN NUMBER ORDER AND PASS THE BOARD MEMBERS START BOAT. HAVE YOUR LIVEWELLS OPEN AND RUNNING AND LIGHTS IN AND ON. AS SOON AS YOU GET 25 YARDS PAST THE START BOAT, YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE YOUR KILL SWITCH TO THE BOARD MEMBER LAUNCHING THE FIELD.

THE MORNING PROCEDURES WILL BE ENFORCED AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.