

# ***Mississippi Bass Nation***

## ***Tournament Rules*** (revised January 2025)

1. All tournament will follow rules as according to the BASS Nation rules as published on the Bassmaster.com website as of the date(s) of the tournament, except for the following additions.
2. Practice Days begin at safe light (30 minutes before sunrise) two (2) days prior to the tournament. Official practice means that any participant may not SOLICIT, RECEIVE, or GATHER any information via phone, electronic devices or any other means, about locating or catching fish on tournament waters unless that information comes from another participant other than using publicly available information (newspaper and/or internet).
3. Participants shall not share with Day 2 partners spots provided to them by Day 1 partners.
4. The minimum length rule shall be the prevalent rules for the location of tournament. The Boater limit shall be 5, Non-boater limit shall be 3, unless otherwise specified by tournament officials (example – hot weather/fish care concerns). At no time shall a competitor have in his or her possession more than the tournament limit. If a competitor determines they have over the limit they must immediately reduce their catch to the tournament limit with a live bass of their choice from their catch. Each returned bass will result in a 2-pound penalty to be deducted from their daily score. In this case, competitors must attempt to notify tournament officials and, if unsuccessful, must notify officials at check in.
5. Competitors who are not at the official check-in point at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute late to be deducted from the total weight of their catch that day, including any weight to be counted toward a “big bass award”. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day’s catch. Penalty will be .25lbs for each dead fish from total weight.
6. In case of a tie for first place weight in the Boater division at the end of the tournament, there will be a sudden-death fish-off between the tied competitors, under the direction and special rules established by tournament officials. Ties for all positions below first and all Non-boaters at the end of the tournament will be resolved in the following order: (1) individual with heaviest single day catch during competition; (2) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the individual with the second heaviest single day catch during competition; (3) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the individual with the largest number of legal fish weighed during competition; (4) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the individual with the largest number of legal live fish weighed during competition. If the tie is not broken by applying the foregoing procedures, the tie will remain a tie, and monetary prizes for each competitor will be awarded in an equal amount between the tied competitors.
7. Any umbrella-type rigging, harness or other device designed to hold more than one lure at a time – with or without hooks – is not allowed. Such rigging, harness or device cannot be added to a single lure as described above.