



Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation



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Welcome, MICHIGAN B.A.S.S. NATION MEMBERS

It's that time again, to fish for our dream. The Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation State Championship is the first step leading all the way to a spot in the Bass Masters Classic, "Fishing as one of the Pros." Our board would like to wish every angler the "Best of Luck."

This letter is to serve as your club's official notification of eligibility for the 2017 State Championship to be held September 14th, 15th and 16th, at Muskegon Lake. It is the responsibility of the club presidents to ensure that their members who are fishing receive this information. Complete rules are enclosed for the State Championship. The rules can be viewed on-line at <http://www.michiganbassnation.com>. We will continue having early check-in available for anglers this year. We will have tables set up at the banquet hall on Thursday, September 14, 2017, for members to sign in starting at 2:00 p.m. Times and dates will be included in everyone's confirmation packet.

Remember to inform your anglers that the tournament will again be a mandatory two-day event this year. Anglers leaving after day one (unless a verifiable emergency) will not be allowed to fish the 2018 or 2019 State Championships.

The participants that your club can send to the tournament are based on the MBN membership club roster as of May 1, 2017. **All anglers on your roster at that time are eligible this year. Your club can choose who may attend out of your club anglers.**

This year the only license required will be a Michigan Fishing License. At this time, fishing boundaries are limited to **Michigan waters only**. Other restrictions may be imposed by the Tournament Director due to weather conditions. The only other off limits will be on the second day of the tournament around the immediate launch area and the fish release site.

Registration is \$200.00 per boater and \$100.00 per co-angler. This includes one meal for the banquet and one meal for the Bar-B-Q on Friday. Checks for the registration fees should be made payable to Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation, or MBN. Should participants wish to bring additional people to the banquet/picnic, the cost will be \$15.00 for each additional person. Please fill out the banquet form and return with a check made payable to Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation or MBN.

Completed entry forms must be **postmarked by August 20, 2017**. Any applications postmarked after this date will not be considered timely for participation and will be returned. Applications received that do not have all the required information, which includes **proper proof of insurance** for each boater, will not be considered complete. **This year, if you do not complete the entry forms correctly as requested and submit a current Proof of Insurance for Boaters, your club will not be allowed to compete. SO, PLEASE BE SURE YOU DO THEM CORRECTLY!!**



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Refunds of registration/entry fees will NOT be granted for any reason after the registration deadline (August 20, 2017). Clubs will be allowed to make changes in participants on their roster (provided the replacements were on the club's roster by May 1, 2017) as long as they are made before 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2017. Changes in anglers fishing for the team awards will be permitted as long as they are made before that time as well. If a boater has boat issues, he may continue in a co-angler position, but maintains his boater status and five fish limit for advancement. All other co-angler rules will apply.

Clubs can designate up to five people who will be fishing for the Team Awards. Changes in anglers fishing as the "club team" will be allowed up until 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2017. No changes in names will be allowed between day one and day two.

The team award will be a side pot this year with winner takes all. A fee of \$50.00 per team needs to be returned with your team registration. The team awards will be administered by Aaron Litwin (248-921-7241). Call Aaron if you have any questions.

When arriving on tournament morning, **DO NOT** go to the launch ramps. Check-in will be done in the designated parking lot staging area. **DO NOT GO DOWN TO THE RAMP AREA. ALL BOATS WILL BE SENT DOWN AFTER LIVEWELL AND BOAT CHECKS.** At the pre-tournament meeting on Thursday, you will be directed to a lot based on which flight you are in. Anglers who are not registered by **5:30 P.M. Thursday at the banquet** will not be allowed to fish. All contestants must attend the banquet. Tournament entry forms, payment, proof of boater insurance and number of additional people attending the banquet/Bar-B-Q along with payment should be sent to:

Gary Emerson
MBN State Championship Director
16742 Rougeway
Livonia, Michigan 48154

Should you have additional questions, we can be reached by email at: gemerson@michiganbass.net or by phone at 734-536-2506. Do not call with changes to your rosters after you submit them!!



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State Championship Roster Instructions:

Enclosed is your State Championship Roster. There are several things you need to know and do before you send it back to get your club registered for the 2017 State Championship. You will see that this year we have made you a checklist for various things, such as whether the person is actually fishing the State Championship this year and whether they are a Boater, Co-angler or Marshal. **You need to verify your club members' information on the form.**

If you have any member information corrections, please PRINT THE INFORMATION LEGIBLY on the roster forms when you return them. Remember, if the information is not complete and correct the form will be rejected!

Go through and complete the "2017 State Championship Roster Check List." As the form shows, you must be able to answer "YES" to all of the questions on that form to insure your registration forms are complete. It is important that you provide up-to-date Proof of Insurance for the Boaters and Alternate Boaters. If not, it will not be accepted and your club will not be able to fish the State Championship this year.

2010 State Championship Roster Check List

(Please complete this form and return it with your packet)

YES NO Prior to returning your application, go through the following check list.

- Did you verify the complete mailing address, phone numbers and email contact for each angler and marshal who is fishing?
- Is everyone's B.A.S.S. (including BASSMASTER magazine) membership current?
(Be sure to double-check the on-line BN Roster to verify both rosters match)
- Did you identify boaters and co-anglers on your application?
- Did you identify up to 5 people fishing for the team awards?
- Did you include payment of \$200.00 per boater & \$100.00 per co-angler (no refunds)?
- Did you include how many additional people will be attending the banquet/BBQ? (Be sure to include \$15.00 each with your payment)
- Did you include **proof** of insurance for each boater and?
-Even if people fished the Classic Series, proof of insurance must be included again.
-Verify it includes insurance company, expiration date and amount of liability coverage.
-(If the form does not show all 3 it will not be accepted)
- Have you informed your anglers that they will only be required to have a Michigan license this year?
- Did you make a copy of your team roster for your reference?
- Did you include a check for the full amount?



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If you answered **NO** to one or more of these questions, your application is not complete. Please correct prior to sending in your application. If you have questions regarding your application, the State Championship Chairman (Gary Emerson,) can be reached at (734) 536-2506.

If you answered **YES** to all questions, send your team application to:

Gary Emerson
MBN State Championship Chairman
16742 Rougeway
Livonia, Michigan 48154

YOUR ROSTER MUST BE POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 20, 2017. Any entries postmarked after August 20, 2017, will be rejected and returned. All changes to rosters must be made in writing by 5:30^{pm} at the banquet. Do not call with changes, they will not be made via phone or email.

Rosters must include complete payment. **Checks should be made out to:**
"MICHIGAN BASS NATION" or "MBN"

Please return packets before the deadline. You don't have to wait until the deadline to send them!

Each club will receive a confirmation E-mail as soon as they are processed, so it is important that your E-mail addresses are correct.

Presidents, if you have your Team Captain filling out the roster, please review it for correct information.

Again, our Board wishes the very best of luck to all our members.

22 of our members will be moving on to the Regional. One angler and one co-angler will advance to the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.

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The State Championship banquet dinner is going to be held at the Muskegon VFW Hall, #8846, located at 1061 Witham Dr., Muskegon, MI 49445. The banquet will be on Thursday, September 14, 2017, starting at 5:00 p.m.

If you are an angler or marshal and will be attending the banquet, please fill out the form below indicating your choice of either steak or chicken. If you will be bringing family, children, or guests with you, they are also welcome to attend the banquet. A fee of \$15.00 per additional family member or guest needs to be submitted with this form, including their choice of meal. This fee also includes the picnic on Friday afternoon.

Name	Angler	Marshal	Guest	Steak	Chicken
Totals					

Contact Name _____ Phone _____
Club Name _____



2017 State Championship Marshal Program

September 15-16 on Muskegon Lake

Are you interested in becoming a Marshal during our Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation State Championship?

You can sign up to fish alongside one of our “Pro Boaters” at this year’s Adult State Championship.

There is no cost to you, other than if you choose to get into a Tournament Pot for \$20 per Marshal (with 100% payout). That pot is completely optional.

An Optional Big Bass Pot may also be established (\$5 per Marshal)

Marshal Rules are fairly simple.

1. A Three Bass (14”) Limit for each Marshal
2. You are not required or allowed to help the Pro in any way, except in an emergency situation.
3. You can not interfere with the Pro in any way
4. Your fish will be weighed in with the rest of the Anglers at our weigh in.

You will also be invited to a Free Banquet Orientation Dinner the night before the first tournament day, as well as to the picnic lunch on day 1 of the tournament.

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Space may be limited, so participation is first come first serve.

To sign up Send to:

Gary Emerson, 16742 Rougeway St., Livonia, MI 48154

Questions Call: gemerson@michiganbass.net or (734) 536-2506

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Yes I am Interested in being a Marshal?

Both Days Friday 9-15-17 Only Saturday 9-16-17 Only
I would Like Chicken or Steak for the Dinner (Please check one)

Attendance Information: The Banquet is from 6-8 pm on Thursday 9-14-17. You will be required to show up both tournament days between 5 and 6 am for the tournament (we will let you know what time at the banquet). The tournament is over no later than 4 pm.