



2021 State Qualifying Tournament Trail (Four events total)

Chapter Presidents,

Enclosed you will find your 2021 State Qualifying Tournament (SQT) Trail packet.

With the Regional and Championship changes that BASS made this is now a PRO-AM format.

Boaters will be boaters and co-anglers will be co-anglers. There will be no switching options from this point forward.

The trail consists of four individual events with a single event to be dropped at the conclusion.

Boater entry is \$350.00 and non-boater entry is \$225.00 for all 4 events. From a portion of these fees, there will be a structured boater payout and a co-angler payout. Optional Lunker for each event of \$10/per angler will be collected the morning of each event with a Lunker payout to each category: (Boater and Co-Angler)

Please submit your signed Boater and Co-Angler applications together/at the same time if possible.

The forms must be submitted via the secure online portal on the Maryland Bass Nation website; along with the paid entry fees and submit your W-9 forms, by March 31, 2021

Boaters are responsible for providing your own boat for this tournament: (Must provide a current copy of your boat insurance document. \$300,000.00 minimum required. If insurance renews during the tournament season or you purchase a new boat an updated copy must be provided to the Tournament Director, ASAP.) (If you fished last year and we have a current “unexpired” copy on file it is not required to resend at this time.) Email insurance documents to: mbntxdirector@gmail.com

Any boat competitor that is unable to provide proof of valid insurance will not be allowed to use their boat.

All club members in good standing are eligible to fish the SQT Trail.

Please pass it onto members and others even outside of the organization that we do have what we are calling the OPEN applications. Where boaters and riders can sign up at the same time with one application form boater entry is \$125.00 and co-angler entry is \$75.00 for a total of \$200.00 for entering individual events. Deadlines for these are (14) fourteen days prior to event. No points are given, it is ONLY for any monetary prizes.

Questions or concerns before an event date should be made to Cindy Smelgus, 410-977-2604 or email: mbntxdirector@gmail.com

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The point matrix system is established as follows and applies to both boater and non-boater sides.

First place finish receives 200 points. Second place finish receives 199 with subsequent finishers dropping down by a one point margin. Any competitor not catching and weighing fish will receive 0 points.

There will be no tie breakers during the four individual events.

Duplicate weights will receive duplicate points.

(Example, if two anglers tie for second place each will receive 199 points with the next place receiving 197. If three anglers tie for second place each will receive 199 points with the next place receiving 196).

At the conclusion of all four events the tie breakers used to determine the Maryland Bass Nation-State Team status will be as follows:

- 1 Total number of fish caught during all three events
- 2 Highest place finish during all three events
- 3 Total weight caught in all three events

Additional information may be reviewed in the Maryland Bass Nation Tournament Standing Rules posted on our web site.

Substitutes that fish do so to secure the paid contestants spot and are ONLY fishing for payout money ONLY!!

Cindy Smelgus, Tournament Director

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Lets go fishing and make the Maryland Bass Nation Trail a Great Venue to Fish!

Remember the more participation the better the payout! Also remember the ultimate goal is to make the Maryland Bass Nation State Team.