

cials, operates the boat in such a manner as to unfairly handicap his/her partner, shall be disqualified. The boat captain has sole discretion to repudiate any selected location for safety reasons.

12. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Tournament waters shall be established by the Tournament Director for each JBMWC. Each competitor must obtain this information from the BASS National Federation Department. Any water within these boundaries posted Off-Limits or No Fishing by state or federal agencies will be **OFF-LIMITS**. Also, the live-bass-release area established by the Tournament Director will be **OFF-LIMITS** and will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. Only that water open to **ALL** public fishing will be considered tournament waters. All angling must be done from the boat. Competitors wishing to change fish habitat by placing any object in the tournament waters may do so if such action does not violate state or federal regulations.

13. CONTESTANTS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT: The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks is permitted. In the event of a needed restroom break competitors are allowed to leave the boat, upon which all fishing must cease until the partners are back together in the boat. Competitors are allowed to leave the boat and seek safe shelter in bad weather where danger maybe imminent. Otherwise, contestants may not leave their boats to land a fish or make the boats more accessible to fishing waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. In such an emergency, competitors may be removed from their boats to **A BOAT OPERATED BY OTHER COMPETITORS OR A RESCUE BOAT DESIGNATED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**. Partners must remain together at all times, in sight of each other and each other's catch, under the conditions cited above, in order for their catch of that day to be scored in the tournament. If a competitor must violate any of the above conditions (to contact a tournament official by phone or other means or to report an emergency or breakdown), both competitors must cease fishing at this point, and their catch must be verified by a tournament official in order to be counted in the tournament. If after the emergency situation is resolved by tournament officials and enough time is left for the competitors to resume fishing, a **RESTART** will be allowed and the competitors will continue and their catch will be counted. This applies only to dire emergency situations. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited, except by the direction of tournament officials.

14. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT: There shall be only one official point for check-out in the morning and check-in in the afternoon, and this point shall be designated at the Tournament Briefing. At the time of check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformance with all rules set forth by the Tournament Director; at check-in, all boats shall identify themselves by means of the numbers and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. Partners must stay together, and numbers must be turned in at check-in.

15. SCORING: Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound-and-ounce weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Only Largemouth, Spotted, Redeye or Shoal bass will be weighed. The official JBMWC competition limit shall be 5 of the above species and varieties per competitor, unless specified by tournament officials. At no time shall a competitor have reduced to possession more than the tournament limit. Tournament officials will conduct checks for violation of this provision, and in the event a competitor has reduced more than the above-described limits to possession, shall cull the largest bass first, down to the limit described. The official length for bass shall be determined by the Tournament Director and announced at the Tournament Briefing. In most cases it will be the **longest** state limit covering the tournament waters. Only bass as described above which measure the official length or more on the longest straight line, shall be weighed in. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the official length, shall accrue penalties at the rate of 1 pound for each such bass. This penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials. After competitors check-in at the official checkpoint, they **MUST** present all **LEGAL** fish in their possession to a tournament official to be counted, measured and weighed. Once a competitor's catch is measured, counted and verified by a tournament official, that competitor may not return to the boat until his catch has been weighed and recorded. Bass must not be stringered at any time during the tournament. Culling tabs or clips are allowed. Specially designed bags, which increase survival rate, will be furnished by the Tournament Director, and these bags must be used for the weigh-in.

16. CATCH-&-RELEASE: If it becomes necessary for a competitor to cull his/her catch, every effort must be made by the competitor to handle his/her own fish.

17. DON'T KILL YOUR CATCH: Each competitor is expected to keep his/her bass alive by the proper use of the boat's livewell system. For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the competitor shall be penalized the following amounts on that day's weigh-in only: 1 dead fish - 4 oz., 2 dead fish - additional 6 oz. = 10 oz., 3 dead fish - additional 8 oz. = 18 oz., 4 dead fish - additional 10 oz. = 28 oz., 5 dead fish - additional 12 oz. = 40 oz. The Tournament Director and his designated appointees shall have sole authority for assessing penalty points. The few bass which do not survive will be used for scientific study and for charity.

18. LATE PENALTY: Competitors who are not in the official checkpoint area as described in Rule 15 at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute, to be deducted from the total weight of his catch that day, including any weight to be counted toward a "big bass award," for each 1 minute he is late. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness, and in no case shall a competitor be allowed to make up "lost time." After proper recognition at the check-in point, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site; however, all fishing must cease upon check-in. After the tournament begins, fishing the tournament waters is prohibited except during tournament hours. Exact starting and check-in times will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. It is the angler's responsibility to confirm check-in times each day on the daily pairings.

19. TIES: In case of a tie for champions or scholarship awards, the following tie-breakers will be used in order: 1) The individual with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the official JBMWC; 2) The individual with the largest number of legal **LIVE** fish weighed in during the official JBMWC competition. 3) The individual with the biggest bass weighed in during the official JBMWC competition. In the unlikely event that individuals remain tied after these three tie-breakers are employed, then a flip of a coin will be used to determine the winner(s), and the awards, if any, will be equally divided. Final State Standings will be posted. In the event of a State team tie, the same criteria will be used to resolve these ties. Ties for lesser positions shall be resolved by means selected by the Tournament Director.

20. PAIRING OF CONTESTANTS: Whenever possible, two contestants will be assigned to each boat, with one boat captain (pro angler). If for any reason only one contestant is available to go with a boat captain, an observer will be assigned to ride in that boat with them. Whenever possible, no contestants from the same club, state or age group will be paired together. Announcement of your partner and boat captain/pro angler will be made at the kickoff banquet, which must be attended by each competitor and boat captains or their representative. Pairings will remain the same for both days of the competition. The Tournament Director may reassign partners at any time prior to takeoff. A contestant must not allow any bass caught by him/her to be counted on the score of another contestant. In such cases, both contestants will be disqualified from this and all future BASS Tournaments.

21. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS: None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat at any time during the practice Pro/Junior Tournament or during the official JBMWC.

22. PATCHES AND/OR SIGNAGE: Anglers are encouraged to wear their own clothing, which may bear patches, logos and other signage promoting the anglers' sponsors. BASS may, however, restrict the use of patches, logos, signage, etc. that promote or advertise products which are in BASS' sole judgement in competition with the products or services of official BASS sponsors or which are, in BASS' sole judgement, in poor taste. BASS will provide as much advance notice as possible to the competitors in such instances. By signing this document, each competitor agrees to wear an official BASS patch on the front left shoulder and an official BASS Youth patch on the left or right chest. This patch may be embroidered. In addition, if BASS provided any ancillary clothing or products (such as lifevests) bearing the logos of BASS or the official sponsors of BASS, each competitor shall wear such clothing or utilize such products in a manner requested by BASS.

23. PROFESSIONAL ANGLER BOAT CAPTAINS: Professional Angler Boat Captains will only fish during the practice Pro/Junior Tournament. Pro anglers will not fish during the official JBMWC; they are there to act as boat captains and observers. With the exception of an emergency situation, Pro anglers will not assist the Junior Bassmaster Anglers in a manner as to ultimately impact the final outcome of the JBMWC tournament standings. Pro angler captains shall not select fishing areas, determine baits, tie knots, cast lines or lures, set the hook, play or bring fish to the boat and/or net any fish.

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2005 JUNIOR BASSMASTER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



JULY 24-25, 2005 Allegheny River Kittanning, PA

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Junior Club Name/Number _____

State Federation _____

BASS Adult Chapter name _____

Address _____

City, State, & Zip _____

Phone (____) ____-____ Sex: (circle one) M or F

Age ____ DOB _____ Age Group 11-14 ____ 15-18 ____

Will both parents accompany you? Yes ____ No ____

Parents Name(s) _____

Will other family members attend? Yes ____ No ____

Their Names _____

Do you have any physical impairment? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, explain _____

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application and submit it for entry into the Junior Bassmaster World Championship (JBMWC) Tournament. In signing this application, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules and regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the Tournament and I hereby release BASS/ESPN, the host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims or injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this Tournament. I hereby grant BASS/ESPN the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, biographical information, fishing tips and instructions in connection with BASS/ESPN video/audio production and/or articles and press releases, and I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Director has the right to reject my application for any reason. The above named Jr. Angler is currently a member in good standing with a Jr. Bassmaster Chapter and BASS State Federation Chapter. I agree to use during the competition any and all official products and equipment so specified and provided by bass.

Date _____

Signature _____

2005 Junior Bassmaster World Championship Official Rules and Regulations

1. RULE CHANGES: Great effort, study and research have gone into the formulation of these rules. The rules for this tournament will remain unchanged. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification, and forfeiture of prizes, hotel allowance and prohibition in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Director and tournament officials shall be final in all matters.

2. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation in this tournament is by invitation only. This tournament is only open to members in good standing with a Jr. Bassmaster Chapter and BASS State Federation Chapter. Contenders must meet age and eligibility requirements as set forth by the following: Contenders must have obtained the age of 11 years, but not yet 15 years as of Aug. 31 of the World Championship year and 15 years, but not yet 19 years, on August 31 of World Championship competition year. BASS will allow two (2) properly qualified Junior Bassmasters to represent their BASS State Federation. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of the competitor. Any contestant that is handicapped in such a manner as to unfairly hinder his partner or endanger the safety and well-being of his partner, boat captain or himself shall not be eligible. **A PROPERLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED AT BASS HEADQUARTERS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2005.** The Tournament Director reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to deadline and also the right to extend the acceptance date. As a participant in BASS tournaments, you agree that while participating at the Junior Bassmaster World Championship competition and events, to use any and all official products and equipment so specified and provided by BASS.

3. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE: The JBMWC waters will be open to practice prior to midnight June 23, 2005. There will be an off-limits period imposed on JBMWC waters from midnight June 23, 2005 through safe light July 24, 2005. There will be a practice Pro/Junior tournament preceding the first day of the JBMWC tournament. **Starting July 24, 2005 and continuing through the final weigh-in of the 2005 JBMWC, July 25, 2005, competitors cannot solicit, receive, or gather any information via phone, electronic devices, or any other means with regard to locating or catching fish on Junior Bassmaster World Championship waters unless that information comes from another 2005 Junior Bassmaster World Championship competitor or Junior Bassmaster World Championship Pro angler contestant. NO EXCEPTIONS.** During official practice and during the tournament, a competitor may not "SKIN DIVE" or "SCUBA DIVE" on the tournament waters. No competitor may buy or barter a fishing location from guides or other contenders for use during any competition day. During competition days of the tournament, a contender may not use a CB Radio, VHF marine band radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. Contenders are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. Cell phones cannot be used until fish have been weighed. If so equipped, contestants may listen to the marine-band weather information. Each contestant agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of these Tournament Rules. The failure to report violations or suggestion to violate these Rules, or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification.

4. REGISTRATION: Each contender is required to pre-register and return completed entry forms to BASS on or before June 30, 2005. Upon arrival at the host hotel, each contender must check-in at contender registration and obtain his/her registration packet. Failure to register in person during the prescribed hours shall result in a penalty of 1 pound off of your total catch. **No Exceptions. It shall be the contender's responsibility to check the schedule of events for registration time and location or obtain times from BASS National Federation Department.**

5. SPORTSMANSHIP AND SAFETY: Contenders in the JBMWC tournament are expected to follow high standards of **sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.** Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any contender during the official practice or during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future BASS tournaments. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats during the official Pro/Junior practice Tournament or competition day, or when in the weigh-in area. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters,

and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification. All contenders are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish. Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and for disqualification. Any disqualification or suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and for disqualification. **SAFETY:** Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament contenders, observers and boat captains. During the official practice and the tournament, each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved **chest type** life preserver. The contenders must wear their life preservers AT ALL TIMES. The pro angler must wear his life preserver anytime the combustion engine is operating. The preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the competitor reaches his fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. BASS reserves the right to impose speed limits on any or all tournaments. Whether or not to impose a speed limit, the area covered by the speed limit and/or the actual speed limit imposed shall be left exclusively to the discretion of the Tournament Director. In the event of an emergency situation, competitors should call 911 first and then notify tournament officials. All persons in a tournament boat shall remain seated in a recommended on-plane seating location when the combustion engine is running. Sitting on pedestal seats while the combustion engine is in operation is not permitted.

6. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: The use of grippers in landing bass is prohibited. Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or prepared bait will be permitted, with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. Only one casting, spincasting, or spinning rod (8 ft. max. length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. All other types prohibited. Each JBMWC contender will be allowed six rods and reels, as specified above, in boat ready for use. However, only one outfit is permitted in use at any given time. Contenders are limited to two (2) standard "large" tackle systems of their choice no bigger than 17 1/2" x 15" x 9". All bass must be caught alive and in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their day's catch disqualified. When visually fishing for bedding bass, to be counted as legal fish all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and **must be verified** by your partner before being unhooked. Gaffs may not be used to boat bass nor be permitted in the boat at any time. Rubber dip nets will be allowed, but not provided.

7. HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS: Maximum horsepower for all outboard motor-boats used in practice or tournament competition will be 250 hp, not to exceed the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard in its ruling of Nov. 1, 1972.

8. BOAT AND MOTOR: Bassmaster Classic rigs will be used for the JBMWC. For the safety of all, boats will be equipped with some type of ignition kill switch. The ignition-kill device must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. A small electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering; however, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.

9. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT: Every boat must have all required safety equipment. In addition, it must have a functional bilge pump and **livewell space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive a limit catch of bass by both competitors using the boat.** Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is "proper and adequate." BASS recommends livewells be maintained at full level and aerators on manual.

10. BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Prior to each day's start each boat will be given a number, which must remain with the boat until turned in each day at the check-in. A boat is officially checked-in when the number is turned in.

11. BOAT OPERATION: A full discussion must be held between the two partners prior to the morning departure as to the schedule of boat operations. This schedule must permit each partner equal time to fish from the front of the boat and operate the trolling motor, so as to afford each partner the opportunity to fish his/her selected water an equal amount of time. Distance traveled to fishing locations must be considered in order not to deprive either partner fishing time while traveling to and from fishing waters. If a contestant waives the above rights, he/she shall retain the right to select the fishing water for one-half the tournament day. Any contestant who, in the judgment of the offi-

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