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FOR 2012!**

Triton is excited to announce an all new program for 2012. The Triton and Mercury® ABA Alliance! Triton and Mercury® have partnered with the American Bass Anglers® to

offer this exclusive program. These three powerhouses in the fishing industry are ready to get you out on the water. This offer is available on all new (previously unregistered) Triton/Mercury packages.

Owners will receive one year of entry fees paid to the American Bass Angler's trail of their choice!* Plus, a one year free membership in the ABA. This program is valued at over \$1000, and Triton Gold members are still eligible to win contingency money.* See your Triton dealer for full details on this great program or www.tritonboats.com.

ENTRY FEES PAID TO:

- 5 – Weekend Series Tournaments,
- 5 – American Fishing Tour Events,
- 5 – American Couples Tour Tournaments
- Annual Military Team Bass tournament

*ABA Alliance cannot be combined with any other program. Sign up for tournaments at time of purchase. Tournament trails cannot be mixed. Entry fees will be paid for only one trail. Maximum number of tournaments paid is five. See Triton Gold rules for eligibility. Must register annually for Triton Gold. Full ABA Alliance program details can found on tritonboats.com.



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BONUS FOR YOUR AFT WIN

Triton Boats is pleased to announce the continuation of one of the **Richest** contingency programs available, **Triton Gold!**

- **HUGE PAYOUTS**
- **IMPRESSIVE OWNER BENEFITS**

A qualifying Triton Gold member can now bring home up to **\$7,000** for winning an American Fishing Tour tournament event.

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Divisional Qualifiers

- Low Entry Fee - \$70 Includes Big Bass
- Close to Home - One-Day Events
- Fish Any Division Anywhere in the Country
- Draw Format (Boaters and Non-Boaters)
- No Meetings The Night Before
- \$1,000 First Place with Field of 100 + up to \$7,000 Triton Gold
- Top 15% of The Field Get A Check
- No Pros - No Guides Allowed
- Bring Your Boat, Use Your Boat - All Divisional Qualifiers
- Simple Point System - Best 4 One-days Count for Points Total

Divisional Championship

- \$140 Entry Fee Includes Big Bass
- Two-Day Saturday/Sunday Event
- \$2,000 First Place with Field of 100 + Up To \$7,000 Triton Gold
- Fish 4 One-day Divisional Events to Qualify
- Top 500 by Points Advance to Series Championship
- Best Two-Day Counts for Points Total
- Division's Top Angler Advances to the Angler of the Year Final Round

National Championship

- October 24, 25, 26 GRAND LAKE O' THE CHEROKEES, Grove, OK
- First Place - Triton/Mercury/ODYSSEY/Carlisle/MotorGuide package worth more than \$50,000 + up to \$7,000 Triton Gold
- Winner receives entry into 2013 Bassmaster Weekend Series and slot into the 2013 Bassmaster Weekend Series Championship
- Off Limits Begins Sunset September 23, 2012
- \$150 Entry Fee Does Not Include Big Bass Option
- Up to \$5,000 Per Day Big Bass Award
- Event Determines the Best Weekend Anglers in the Country
- 3 Days Practice (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday)
- 3 Days Tournament (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- Competition Team Awards, Draw Prizes, Special Awards
- Awards Banquet Friday Evening
- Drawing for a Triton/Mercury Boat Package

Fish 4 one-day divisional events and 1 two-day divisional championship to be eligible for this special yearend drawing (must be present at championship to win)

Angler of the Year - The Final Round

- The Top Angler by Points From Each Division Can Qualify
- No Entry Fee
- One Day Tournament - Winner Take All Event
- AOY Award: Triton/Mercury/ODYSSEY/Carlisle/MotorGuide Boat Package worth more than \$50,000
- AOY receives entry into 2013 Bassmaster Weekend Series and slot into the 2013 Bassmaster Weekend Series Championship
- AOY Final Round Held The Week of The National Championship
- 2012 AOY Gets Entry Paid Into The 2013 Bassmaster Weekend Series
- Visit www.AmericanBassAnglers.com for information and rules on the AOY Program

Triton Gold bonuses are available only if contingency guidelines are met. For more information about the Triton Boat's bonus programs contact your local Triton dealer. To find a Triton Dealer in your area visit www.tritonboats.com or call 888-887-4866. Triton Boats, Mercury Marine, and ABA, reserve the right to make changes in the rules, payout schedule and bonus programs at anytime without prior notice.

Divisional Payout

Divisional Qualifying Events		Divisional Championship	
1	*\$8,000	1	*\$9,000
2	\$625	2	\$1,250
3	\$400	3	\$800
4	\$350	4	\$700
5	\$325	5	\$650
6	\$300	6	\$600
7	\$250	7	\$500
8	\$220	8	\$370
9	\$185	9	\$376
10	\$180	10	\$360
11	\$160	11	\$320
12	\$140	12	\$280
13	\$110	13	\$220
14	\$90	14	\$180
15	\$65	15	\$130
Big Bass	\$500.00	Big Bass	\$1,000

*First place with 100 entries: \$1,000 for a Divisional Qualifying Events and \$2,000 for a Divisional Championship + Up to \$7,000 Triton Gold if contingency guidelines are met. Payout shown above is based on 100 entries + Triton Gold Bonus. Visit www.tritonboats.com for details on Triton Gold bonus programs.

Triton Gold offers up to \$7,000 and Triton Gold for first place to any AFT tournament with 60 or more boats or up to \$500 for 30 or more boats. See your Triton Dealer for the Triton Gold Details.

American Fishing Tour National Championship Payout

Place		Place		Place	
1	*\$57,000	26	\$500	51	\$175
2	\$10,000	27	\$450	52	\$175
3	\$6,000	28	\$400	53	\$175
4	\$5,000	29	\$375	54	\$175
5	\$4,500	30	\$350	55	\$175
6	\$4,000	31	\$350	56	\$150
7	\$3,500	32	\$350	57	\$150
8	\$3,000	33	\$350	58	\$150
9	\$2,500	34	\$350	59	\$150
10	\$1,750	35	\$350	60	\$150
11	\$1,500	36	\$300	61	\$150
12	\$1,250	37	\$300	62	\$150
13	\$1,200	38	\$300	63	\$150
14	\$1,150	39	\$300	64	\$150
15	\$1,100	40	\$300	65	\$150
16	\$1,000	41	\$250	66	\$150
17	\$975	42	\$250	67	\$150
18	\$900	43	\$250	68	\$150
19	\$850	44	\$250	69	\$150
20	\$750	45	\$200	70	\$150
21	\$700	46	\$200	71	\$150
22	\$650	47	\$200	72	\$150
23	\$600	48	\$200	73	\$150
24	\$575	49	\$200	74	\$150
25	\$550	50	\$175	75	\$150

Championship payout is based on field of 500 entries. *First place is a new Triton/Mercury/ODYSSEY Battery/Carlisle Boat and Motor package + up to \$7,000 Triton Gold if contingency guidelines are met. Triton's decisions will be final in all matters for their contingency programs.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR 2012 FINAL ROUND

EACH DIVISION'S AOY INVITED

NO ENTRY FEE

ONE-DAY PRACTICE

ONE-DAY FISH OFF

WINNER TAKE ALL!

SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED JULY 2, 2012

SEAN ANDERSON
2011 ANGLER OF THE YEAR

Angler of the Year
Lyle West, AOY
2011

**ARE YOU READY
TO BECOME THE NEXT
ANGLER OF THE YEAR?**

THE 2012 ANGLER OF THE YEAR RECEIVES

- A TRITON BOAT, MERCURY OUTBOARD, MOTORGUIDE TROLLING MOTOR, ODYSSEY BATTERIES, CARLISLE TIRES AND WHEELS.

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Alabama West - Division 110
Charles McCaleb - (205)329-1315

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/26	Bankhead	Smiths Camp
3/11	Bankhead	Smiths Camp
3/25	Bankhead	Howtons
4/15	Bankhead	Smiths Camp
5/06	Bankhead	Howtons
6/10	Bankhead	Smiths Camp
7/14-15	Bankhead	Smiths Camp

Alabama Florencia - Division 117
Darrin McCullar - (256)226-4781

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/18	Wilson	Fleet Harbor
3/18	Pickwick	McFarland Park
4/15	Wheeler	First Creek
5/27	Pickwick	McFarland Park
6/17	Wilson	Safety Harbor
7/01	Pickwick	McFarland Park
7/21-22	Wilson	Fleet Harbor

Alabama Mobile - Division 41
Brian Metcalf (850)723-5024

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/29	Tensaw	Cliffs Landing
2/26	Tensaw	Cliffs Landing
3/25	Tensaw	Cliffs Landing
4/29	Tensaw	Cliffs Landing
5/27	Tensaw	Cliffs Landing
6/23-24	Tensaw	Cliffs Landing

Alabama Central - Division 24
Tom Storm (334)567-0351

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/21	Martin	Wind Creek State Park
2/25	Eufaula	Lakepoint State Park
3/24	Martin	Wind Creek State Park
4/21	Lay	State Ramp Near Dam
5/26	Jordan	Near Camp Chandler
6/23-24	Swift Creek	Swift Creek Ramp

Alabama East Central - Division 88
Rhonda Ford (706)936-4530

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/03	Neely Henry	Coosa Landing
4/07	Weiss	Weiss Mart
5/05	Neely Henry	Coosa Landing
6/09	Neely Henry	Coosa Landing
7/07	Weiss	Weiss Mart
8/04-05	Weiss	Weiss Mart

Alabama South Central - Div 75
Tim Harbison (205)856-1646

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/07	Logan Martin	Lakeside
2/25	Lay	Beeswax
3/31	Lay	Beeswax
5/05	Logan Martin	Lakeside
6/02-03	Logan Martin	Lakeside

Alabama North - Division 29
Michael Garlen (256)998-0171

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/21	Wheeler	Ingalls Harbor
2/11	Guntersville	Goose Pond
3/24	Guntersville	Goose Pond
4/14	Wheeler	Ingalls Harbor
5/05	Wheeler	Ingalls Harbor
6/16	Guntersville	Goose Pond
7/07	Guntersville	Goose Pond
7/21-22	Guntersville	Goose Pond

Arkansas Central - Division 47
John Simonof - (501)772-4938

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/07	Ouachita	Mountain Harbor
1/21	Ouachita	Mountain Harbor
2/18	DeGray	Iron Mountain
3/17	Arkansas River	Murray Park LR Pool
4/21-22	Ouachita	Mountain Harbor

Connecticut - Division 6
Tom Dupuis (860)987-7371

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/14	Lillinonah	Steel Bridge
4/28	Candlewood	Latins Cove
5/05	Lillinonah	Steel Bridge
5/19	Highland	State Launch
6/03	Congamond	Southwick, MA
6/30	Candlewood	Squantz Cove
7/21	CT River	Haddam
8/11-12	Candlewood	Latins Cove
	Lillinonah	Steel Bridge

Florida Harris Chain - Division 20
Chester Wagner (352)551-6326

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/14	Harris Chain	Buzzard Beach
2/04	Harris Chain	Buzzard Beach
3/10	Harris Chain	Buzzard Beach
4/14	Harris Chain	Buzzard Beach
5/12	Harris Chain	Buzzard Beach
6/09	Harris Chain	Buzzard Beach
7/14-15	Harris Chain	Buzzard Beach

Florida Istokpoga - Division 28
Frank Derylak (386)740-1576

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/07	Istokpoga	Public Ramp Lorida
2/04	Istokpoga	Public Ramp Lorida
3/03	Istokpoga	Public Ramp Lorida
4/07	Istokpoga	Public Ramp Lorida
5/05	Istokpoga	Public Ramp Lorida
6/02	Istokpoga	Public Ramp Lorida
7/07-08	Istokpoga	Public Ramp Lorida

Florida Seminole - Division 114
Mitchell Oldnettle (850) 376-2628

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/15	Talquin	Talquin Lodge
1/29	Seminole	Seminole Lodge
2/19	Seminole	Seminole Lodge
3/04	Talquin	Talquin Lodge
3/25	Seminole	Seminole Lodge
4/15	Talquin	Talquin Lodge
4/29	Seminole	Seminole Lodge
5/20	Seminole	Seminole Lodge
6/02-03	Seminole	Seminole Lodge

Florida St Johns North - Division 19
Perry Wilson (904)708-5360

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/08	St John River	Palatka City Docks
2/12	St John River	Palatka City Docks
4/15	St John River	Palatka City Docks
5/06	Rodman Res	Kenwood Landing
6/09-10	St John River	Palatka City Docks
	Rodman Res	Kenwood Landing

Florida St. Johns South - Division 106
Ricky Smith (386) 228-0495

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/07	St Johns River So	Midway Marina
2/04	St Johns River So	Midway Marina
3/03	St Johns River So	Midway Marina
4/07	St Johns River So	Midway Marina
5/05	St Johns River So	Midway Marina
6/02	St Johns River So	Midway Marina
7/07-08	St Johns River So	Midway Marina

Florida Lake Toho - Division 23
Craig Maxwell (813)545-4279

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/22	Toho	Kissimmee City Ramp
2/19	Toho	Kissimmee City Ramp
3/18	Toho	Kissimmee City Ramp
4/22	Toho	Kissimmee City Ramp
5/20	Toho	Kissimmee City Ramp
6/10	Toho	Kissimmee City Ramp
7/22	Toho	Kissimmee City Ramp
8/18-19	Toho	Kissimmee City Ramp

Florida West - Division 21
Frank Derylak (386)740-1576

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/21	Johns Lake	FWC
2/18	Johns Lake	FWC
3/17	Johns Lake	FWC
4/21	Johns Lake	FWC
5/19	Johns Lake	FWC
6/16	Johns Lake	FWC
7/21	Johns Lake	FWC
8/04-05	Johns Lake	FWC

Georgia Eufalua - Division 12
Deacon Collins (404) 862-4233

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/28	Eufaula	Lake Point Marina
2/11	Eufaula	Lake Point Marina
3/24	Eufaula	Lake Point Marina
4/14	Eufaula	Lake Point Marina
5/26	Eufaula	Lake Point Marina
6/02	Eufaula	Lake Point Marina
7/07-08	Eufaula	Lake Point Marina

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Georgia Central - Division 72
Dave Fox (478)714-1272

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/21	Sinclair	Little River Park
2/18	Jackson	Berrys Boat Docks
3/31	Oconee	Sugar Creek Marina
4/01	Sinclair	Little River Park
4/14	Sinclair	Little River Park
5/05	Oconee	Sugar Creek Marina
5/06	Sinclair	Little River Park
6/16-17	Sinclair	Little River Park

Georgia East- Division 26
William Hooker (706)533-7329

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/28	Clarks Hill	Wildwood Park
2/18	Clarks Hill	Wildwood Park
3/10	Clarks Hill	Wildwood Park
4/14	Clarks Hill	Wildwood Park
4/28	Clarks Hill	Wildwood Park
5/6	Clarks Hill	Wildwood Park
6/02-03	Clarks Hill	Wildwood Park

Georgia North - Division 125
Matt West - (404)641-6345

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/28	Allatoona	Gatewood
2/18	Allatoona	Gatewood
3/10	Allatoona	Gatewood
3/31	Allatoona	Gatewood
4/21	Allatoona	Gatewood
5/19-20	Allatoona	Gatewood

Georgia West Point - Division 99
Rick Tilson (404)550-3610

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/18	West Point	Highland Marina
3/10	West Point	Highland Marina
4/21	West Point	Highland Marina
5/19	West Point	Highland Marina
6/09	West Point	Highland Marina
6/30-7/01	West Point	Highland Marina

Illinois Central - Division 68
Rick Klanke (217)690-1659

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/31	Coffeen / Newton	TBA
4/22	East Fork	East Fork
5/06	East Fork	East Fork
5/26	East Fork	East Fork
6/30	East Fork	East Fork
7/07-08	East Fork	East Fork

Illinois North- Division 39
Lee Kuusisto (331) 262-9558

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/22	Shelbyville	Eagle Creek
5/06	Clinton	West Side
5/20	Cal-Sag	Waterfront Pub
6/03	Shelbyville	Eagle Creek
6/24	Cal-Sag	Waterfront Pub
7/15	Kankakee River	Desplaines
7/29	Clinton	West Side
8/25-26	Springfield	Main

Indiana Central - Division 35
Mike Eلسa (317) 374-2888

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/14	Dewart	DNR
5/05	Crooked	Main Steubens County
5/26	Winona	Fairgrounds
6/02	Waldron	Dukes Bridge
6/30	Barbee	DNR Kuhn
7/01	Webster	Main
7/28	Hamilton	Main
8/25-26	Wawasee	Syracuse

Iowa - SW/Missouri - NW - Division 59
Terry Cooper (712)382-0322

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/14	Mozingo	City
4/28	Icaria	Northwest
5/29	3 Mile	Main
4/19	Mozingo	City
6/09	3 Mile	Main
6/10	Icaria	Northwest
6/30	Mozingo	City
7/15	Mozingo	City
8/04-05	Mozingo	City

Iowa East- Division 73
Mike Blaesi (563)349-9714

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/22	Geode	Main
5/06	MS Pool 14	Clinton
6/03	MS Pool 12	Bellevue
6/24	MS Pool 17	Muscatine
7/21	MS Pool 10	Bussey
7/22	MS Pool 10	Bussey
8/25-26	MS Pool 9	Lansing

Kansas - Big Hill - Division 58
Jim Zaleski (620)820-3556

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/31	Big Hill	Timberhill
4/28	Bone Creek	Rocky Point
5/06	Grand	Tera Miranda
6/23	Bone Creek	Rocky Point
8/04-05	Big Hill	Timberhill

Kansas South - Division 66
Danny Shepard (316)993-8915

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/15	El Dorado	Bluestem #1
4/22	Melvem	State Park
5/20	Melvem	State Park
6/10	Wilford	Hell Creek
6/24	Wilford	Thunderbird
7/08	Eureka	Main Ramp Dam
8/05	Milford	Thunderbird
8/25-26	Wilson	Hell Creek

Kentucky Lake - Division 32
Steve Cochran (615)974-3536

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/03	Kentucky Lake	Kentucky Dam
3/24	Kentucky Lake	Breakers Marina
4/14	Kentucky Lake	Breakers Marina
4/21	Kentucky Lake	Breakers Marina
5/19	Kentucky Lake	Breakers Marina
5/26	Kentucky Lake	Kentucky Dam
7/14	Kentucky Lake	Breakers Marina
8/04-05	Kentucky Lake	Breakers Marina

Louisiana North - Division 98
Troy Harrison (318)777-1441

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/18	D'Arbonne	Hwy 2
3/10	Claiborne	Kel's Kove
3/24	D'Arbonne	Hwy 2
4/14	Claiborne	Kel's Kove
4/28	D'Arbonne	Hwy 2
5/19	Caney	Ebenezer Landing
6/09	Ouachita	Joe Bob's
6/30-7/01	D'Arbonne	Hwy 2

Louisiana Shreveport - Division 48
Chris Whaynd (318)349-3363

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/21	Cross	Ford Park
2/18	Black Lake Hosston	Hwy 2 Ramp
3/24	Caddo	Earl G Williamson
4/21	Red River	River Bend
5/19	Cross	Ford Park
6/23-24	Red River	Red Oak

Maryland - Division 11
Jerry Jeranka (302)734-2259

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/14	Potomac River	Smallwood
5/06	Potomac River	Smallwood
6/09	Potomac River	Smallwood
6/24	Potomac River	Smallwood
7/22	Potomac River	Smallwood
8/04	Potomac River	Smallwood
8/18-19	Potomac River	Smallwood

Massachusetts - Division 5
Bob Medeiros (508)477-2991

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/15	Wequaquet	Centerville Town
5/06	Long Pond	Harwich Town
5/27	Mashpee Wakeby	Mashpee State
6/10	South Watuppa	Fall River State
7/08	Long Pond	Freetown State
8/18-19	Barton's Cove	State Ramp

Massachusetts - Central - Division 36
Roger Lafleur (609)289-2653

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/29	South Watuppa	Main
5/05	Webster	Main
5/13	Tulley Lake	Main
5/26	Webster	Main
6/09	Nashua River	Main
6/23	Whitehall	Main
7/08	Quabog Pond	Main
7/28-29	Monomac	North of the Border

Massachusetts - Western - Division 97
Jim Pollard (413)589-7343

Michigan - Southeast - Div 115
Leonard Klinert Jr - (704)612-3557

Date	Lake	Ramp
6/02	Saginaw Bay	TBA
6/16	Ponemah	DNR Launch
6/23	Nepeping	DNR Launch
7/14	Pontiac Lake	DNR Launch
7/28	St Clair	DNR Launch
8/11-12	Wixom	DNR Launch

Minnesota - Division 44
Arnold Helgeson - 763-670-6553

Date	Lake	Ramp
5/19	MS River Pools 4 & 5	Wabasha
6/03	Buffalo/Deer/Goose	Public-Sturgis
6/09	Medicine	Three Rivers Park
6/10	Clearwater	BJs
6/23	Cedar Scott County	Public
6/24	Coon	Beach/Park
7/14	Waconia	Public Launch
7/15	Knife	Public Launch
7/28-29	Green	Little Green
	North South Center	Hillcrest RV Park

Mississippi Ross Barnett - Division 129
Michael Murphy (601)720-6067

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/18	Ross Barnett	Tommys Landing
3/24	Ross Barnett	Tommys Landing
4/07	Ross Barnett	Tommys Landing
4/15	Ross Barnett	Tommys Landing
6/24	Ross Barnett	Tommys Landing
7/07-08	Ross Barnett	Tommys Landing

Mississippi Gulf Coast - Division 27
Bill Peeler (228)217-4043

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/14	Jordan River	McLeod State Park
2/11	Back Bay	Gulfport Lake
3/10	Pearl River	Pearlington Co Ramp
4/14	Pascagoula	Indian Point
5/19-20	Pearl River	Pearlington
	Pascagoula	Indian Point

Missouri Stockton - Division 126
Becky Minor (620)421-2935

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/03	Stockton	Old State Park
4/07	Stockton	Hawker Point
5/12	Stockton	Old State Park
6/02	Stockton	Old State Park
7/14	Stockton	Old State Park
8/18-19	Stockton	Old State Park

Missouri - Division 49
Tim Merkh (660)233-2206

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/31	Lake of the Ozarks	Shawnee Bend
4/14	Pomme De Terre	Hermitage
5/12	Pomme De Terre	Hermitage
6/09	Truman	State Park
6/30	Truman	State Park
7/21-22	Pomme De Terre	Hermitage

Missouri - Table Rock - Division 64
Dean Jones (417)831-5480

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/21	Bull Shoals	K Dock
2/25	Bull Shoals	K Dock
3/24	Table Rock	Cape Fair
4/21	Table Rock	Cape Fair
5/26	Table Rock	Cape Fair
6/09-10	Bull Shoals	K Dock

New Hampshire - Division 2
Garry Woodruff (603)370-7172

Date	Lake	Ramp
5/05	Winnisquam	State
6/24	Great East	State
7/08	Northwood	Town
7/22	Bow Lake	State
8/05	Ossipee	Ossipee Marina
8/25-26	Northwood	Town
	Bow Lake	State

New York North - Division 4
Mark Motherzell (585)303-3602

Date	Lake	Ramp
6/16	Black	Town Launch
6/17	Chamout Bay	Town Launch
6/30	Cayuga	Deans Cove
7/21	Port Bay	Town Launch
8/04	Sodus	Town Launch
8/18-19	Oneida	South Shore

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North Carolina - Division 82
Miles Hair - (910)874-2193

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/18	Robinson	Easterling Landing
3/03	Robinson	Easterling Landing
3/24	Roanoke	NCWL
4/07	Sutton	NCWL
4/28	Sutton	NCWL
5/12	Cape Fear	Elwells Ferry
6/24	Roanoke	NCWL
7/28-29	Roanoke	NCWL

North Carolina Central - Division 17
Bob Ogle (919)258-5648

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/10	Roanoke	Plymouth
3/31	Gaston	Stonehouse
4/07	Pamlico	Trainors Creek
4/14	Roanoke	Plymouth
5/12	Chowan	Hwy 13 Bridge
5/26	Roanoke	Plymouth
6/09	Chowan	Hwy 13 Bridge
7/21	Roanoke	Plymouth
8/04-05	Roanoke	Plymouth

North Carolina East - Division 15
Wayne Heaney (910)548-0413

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/12	Neuse/Trent	Lawsons Creek
3/18	Pamlico/Tar	Masons Landing
4/15	Roanoke	Plymouth NCWL
5/20	Pamlico/Tar	Masons Landing
6/03	Chowan	Hwy 17 Bridge
7/14-15	Pamlico/Tar	Masons Landing

North Carolina Piedmont - Division 16
Hilton Glover (910)429-5929

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/24	Gaston	Salmon Landing
4/21	Kerr	Flemingtown
5/05	Jordan	Farrington
5/19	Kerr	Hibernia
5/20	Kerr	Hibernia
6/23	Harris	Crosspointe Hwy 42
7/07-08	Kerr	Flemingtown
	Gaston	Salmon Landing

North Dakota - Division 127
Danny Christ - (701)340-5034

Date	Lake	Ramp
5/19	Nelson	35th Avenue Ramp
6/16	New Johns	West Side
7/14	Nelson	35th Avenue Ramp
7/28	New Johns	West Side
8/18	Nelson	35th Avenue Ramp
9/08-09	Nelson	35th Avenue Ramp

Ohio - Central - Division 93
Barry Davis (614)746-1191

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/21	Buckeye Lake	Liabs Island
5/12	Buckeye Lake	Liabs Island
6/02	Delaware	SW Marina
6/17	Ohio River	Gallipolis City
6/30	O'Shaughnessy	Home Road
7/14	Dillon Reservoir	St. Rt. 146
8/04	Alum Creek	New Galena
8/18-19	O'Shaughnessy	Home Road

Ohio West - Division 37
Deny Dabbelt (419)733-3369

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/07	Indian	Blackhawk
4/21	Indian	Blackhawk
5/12	Grand Lake St. Marys	West Bank
5/19	Loramie	West
6/02	Indian	Blackhawk
6/30	Indian	Blackhawk
7/07	Loramie	West
8/18-19	Indian	Blackhawk

Oklahoma North- Division 122
Mark Fagg (620)660-3611

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/19	Sooner Lake	West
3/17	Sooner Lake	West
4/28	Keystone Lake	New Mannford
5/27	Keystone Lake	New Mannford
6/23	Sooner Lake	West
7/14	Keystone Lake	New Mannford
8/11-12	Hudson	Lions Club

Oklahoma - Division 65
Jack Garrett - (918)207-2901

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/10	Tenkiller	Sizemore West
4/07	Fl. Gibson	Taylor's Ferry North
4/29	Keystone Lake	Mannford
5/12	Hudson Lake	Lion's Club
6/09-10	Tenkiller	Sizemore West

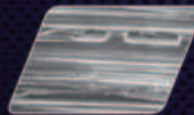
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Pennsylvania - Division 9**Wayne Alker (215)396-7787**

Date	Lake	Ramp
4/29	North East River	Anchor Marina
5/06	North East River	Anchor Marina
5/20	North East River	Anchor Marina
6/24	North East River	Anchor Marina
7/08	Delaware River	Neshaminy
7/22	Delaware River	Neshaminy
8/05	Delaware River	Neshaminy
8/25-26	North East River	Anchor Marina

South Carolina Lowlands - Division 18
Pat Vance (803)494-2364

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/19	Santee Cooper	John C Land
3/11	Waterree	Clearwater Cove Marina
4/15	Santee Cooper	John C Land
5/20	Waterree	Clearwater Cove Marina
6/09-10	Murray	Schull Island Larry Koon

South Carolina, Northwest- Division 25
Toby Hicks (404)392-0034

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/14	Hartwell	Old 29 Gum Branch
2/19	Hartwell	Old 29 Gum Branch
3/03	Hartwell	Old 29 Gum Branch
3/04	Russell	72 Ramp
4/15	Russell	72 Ramp
5/19	Hartwell	Old 29 Gum Branch
5/20	Russell	72 Ramp
6/23-24	Hartwell	Old 29 Gum Branch

South Carolina - Savannah River - Div 94
Dan Martin (843)384-3855

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/14	Savannah River	Houlihan Bridge
2/11	Savannah River	Millstone Landing
3/11	Savannah River	Millstone Landing
4/08	Savannah River	Millstone Landing
5/19-20	Savannah River	Millstone Landing

South Carolina, Greenwood - Division 96
Phil Morris (864)993-0346

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/08	Murray	Dreher Island State Park
2/26	Greenwood	Greenwood State Park
3/18	Murray	Dreher Island State Park
4/22	Clarks Hill	Dorn Facility
5/05-06	Greenwood	Greenwood State Park

Tennessee Southeast - Division 30
Gary Carter (706)280-0711

Date	Lake	Ramp
1/28	Guntersville	Goosepond
2/18	Chickamauga	Chester Frost
3/31	Nickajack	Shellmound
4/22	Nickajack	Shellmound
5/05	Chickamauga	Chester Frost
6/23	Nickajack	Shellmound
7/14-15	Chickamauga	Chester Frost

Tennessee Central - Nashville Division 31
Fred Needham (615)323-7057

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/18	Old Hickory	Bull Creek
4/01	Old Hickory	Bull Creek
4/15	Old Hickory	Bull Creek
4/29	Old Hickory	Bull Creek
5/13	Old Hickory	Bull Creek
5/27	Old Hickory	Bull Creek
6/10	Old Hickory	Bull Creek
6/23-34	Old Hickory	Bull Creek

Tennessee - Northeast - Division 71
Charles Graybeal - (423)956-0942

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/03	Loundon	Canal Ramp
3/31	Douglas	Dandridge
4/21	Watts Bar	Kingston
5/05	Douglas	Dandridge
5/19	Cherokee	25 - E Ramp
6/02	Watts Bar	Kingston
6/16-17	Loundon	Canal Ramp

Tennessee West - Division 40
Dennis Hollis (901)372-6671

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/17	Pickwick	JP Coleman
3/31	Kentucky Lake	Port Road Big Sandy
4/14	Pickwick	JP Coleman
4/28	Kentucky Lake	Port Road Big Sandy
5/12	Pickwick	JP Coleman
5/26	Kentucky Lake	Port Road Big Sandy
6/09	Pickwick	JP Coleman
6/23-24	Kentucky Lake	Port Road Big Sandy

Texas - San Antonio - Division 51
George Kunkle (361)949-2380
Patrick Wilbricht (210)274-2419

Date	Lake	Ramp
02/18	Coletto Creek	Coletto Creek Park
02/19	Coletto Creek	Coletto Creek Park
03/10	Choke Canyon	South Shore
03/11	Choke Canyon	South Shore
04/21	Falcon	Zapata County
04/22	Falcon	Zapata County
06/02-03	Choke Canyon	Calliham

Texas - Amistad - Del Rio - Division 50
Adrian Yeo - (830)422-1563

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/04	Amistad	Diablo East
2/05	Amistad	Diablo East
4/14	Amistad	Diablo East
4/15	Amistad	Diablo East
5/05	Amistad	Diablo East
5/06	Amistad	Diablo East
6/09-10	Amistad	Diablo East

Texas - Houston - Division 119
Rob Anatra - (713)416-3843

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/04	Coletto Creek	Coletto Creek Park
3/03	Coletto Creek	Coletto Creek Park
3/17	Lake Livingston	Lakeside Marina
3/18	Lake Livingston	Lakeside Marina
4/14	Coletto Creek	Coletto Creek Park
4/15	Coletto Creek	Coletto Creek Park
5/05-06	Coletto Creek	Coletto Creek Park

Texas - Wichita Falls - Division 112
Rob Eckle (940)642-7809

Date	Lake	Ramp
2/19	Nocona	Weldon Robb
3/10	Arrowhead	State Park
3/31	Hubbard Creek Dam	
4/01	Hubbard Creek Dam	
4/21	Amon Carter	Selma
5/20	Arrowhead	State Park
6/09-10	Bridgeport	Wise County

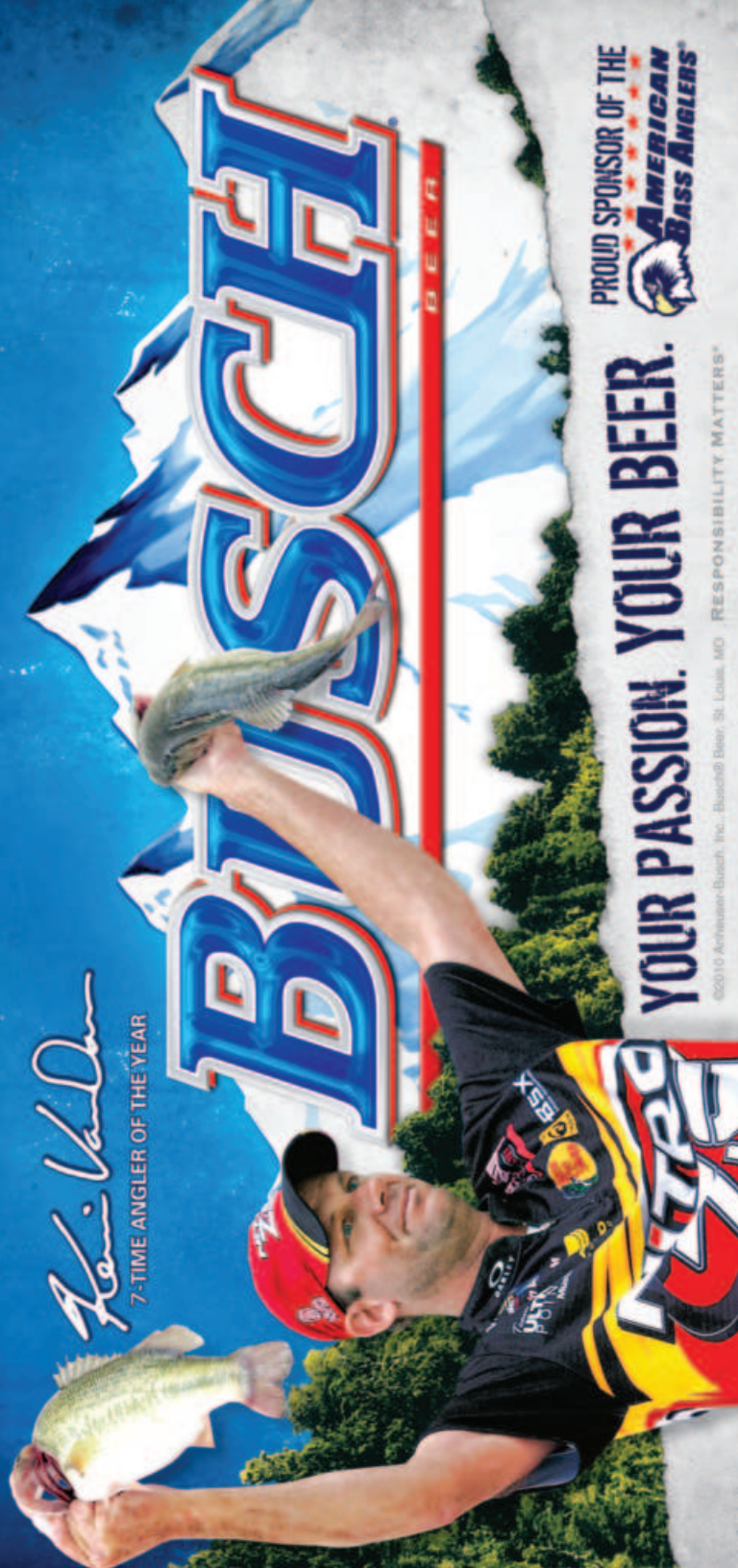
Virginia - Division 13
Gary Conner (757)229-5407

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/18	Gaston	Holley Grove
4/07	Chickahominy	Riverfront
	James River	
5/12	Kerr	Rudds Creek
6/16	Chickahominy	Riverfront Park
	James River	
7/15	Chickahominy	Riverfront
	James	
8/04	Kerr	Rudds Creek
9/08-09	Chickahominy	Riverfront
	James River	

Virginia, Western- Division 102
Elvin L. Jennings (434)907-2393

Date	Lake	Ramp
3/17	Smith Mountain	Penhook
4/21	Kerr	Island Creek
4/29	Kerr	Island Creek
5/12	Philpott	Dam
6/23-24	Kerr	Island Creek

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American Bass Anglers, Inc

American Fishing Tour 2012 Season Rules

Effective: Immediately

RULE CHANGES: The following rules shall apply to American Bass Anglers, Inc. American Fishing Tour tournaments, with the following exceptions: (i) rules for special tournaments may differ from those contained herein and (ii) these rules may be changed by American Bass Anglers at any time upon notice by American Bass Anglers to its members, which notice may be published on the American Bass Anglers internet site at www.americanbassanglers.com.

1. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. In the event of a rule violation, the tournament director and/or American Bass Anglers, Inc. Headquarters may impose such sanctions, as deemed appropriate, including but not limited to, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, forfeiture of entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the tournament director/ABA Headquarters shall be final in all matters. Protests for any rule infraction must be made in writing within 15 minutes of the official announcement, "the scales are now closed".

- a. Each contestant agrees to report any tournament rule infraction to the tournament director.
- b. Failure to report to the tournament director any tournament rules infractions or false reporting of tournament rules infractions will be cause for being disqualified.
- c. Rules infractions will result in penalties that may include
 - (1) Loss of weight for the day of the rules infraction.
 - (2) Disqualification from the event.
 - (3) Disqualification from future American Bass Anglers, Inc., events for a period of time up to a lifetime disqualification.

2. COMPETITOR'S CONDUCT CODE:

a. Members that participate in American Bass Anglers, Inc., events will at all times observe the Competitor's Conduct Code and all applicable tournament/conduct rules for the tournament event in which they are participating as stated here. All Contestants shall conduct themselves professionally at all times. Their actions may not reflect unfavorably on the sport of bass fishing, American Bass Anglers, Inc., its members or affiliates, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors.

b. All competitors will in their best efforts provide a high degree of professionalism, integrity and conservation in the sport of professional angling. Any Competitor who violates any of the Competitor's Conduct Code may be penalized which may include: fines, disqualification from events, forfeiture of winnings, and suspension or non-acceptance of entries from ABA events to include permanent suspension. American Bass Anglers, Inc., may use these actions singularly or in combination as deemed appropriate.

3. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:

a. Participation is open to current members of American Bass Anglers, Inc., who are 14 years of age or older. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of the competitor.

b. Competitors must have a valid fishing license for the body of water the event is being held on.

c. DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE AND COMPETITION DAYS OF AN AMERICAN BASS ANGLERS, INC., TOURNAMENT, NO COMPETITOR MAY OPERATE A BOAT UNLESS THAT CONTESTANT HAS DOCUMENTED PROOF OF A MINIMUM OF \$100,000 BOATING LIABILITY INSURANCE ON THAT PARTICULAR BOAT. PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE WITH THE BOAT BEING USED AND MUST COVER THE COMPETITOR USING THAT BOAT. RANDOM CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED. EACH POLICY MUST SHOW A MINIMUM OF \$100,000 LIABILITY AND VALID EXPIRATION DATE.

d. Anglers must sign the Release of Liability form at the event and if not pre-registered with headquarters must present their entry fee to the tournament director prior to the tournament. Tournament officials reserve the right to refund any membership and/or entry fee, if they shall choose for any reason not to accept the application for entrance.

e. Any person entering a tournament that is under 18 years of age must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the entry form.

4. POLYGRAPH:

By signing the official entry form contestants agree to submit to a polygraph/voice test examination should he/she be accused of any rule violation. ABA may also conduct random polygraph/voice test examination throughout the year. Any person convicted of violating tournament rules or failing to successfully pass a polygraph/voice test in this or any other tournament will not be allowed membership or entry into any American Bass Anglers, Inc., events. The administration and interpretation of the polygraph/voice test shall be solely the responsibility of the American Bass Anglers, Inc., its tournament Directors or agents, and shall be used (or not used) at their discretion. Without limiting the foregoing, the American Bass Anglers, Inc., shall have sole discretion to select the place at which such polygraph/voice test shall be administered, the individual who administers such polygraph/voice test, and the scope of the questions, which may be asked during such test. Failure to take and pass the polygraph/voice test examination, if required, will result in immediate disqualification without recourse.

5. PROFESSIONALS:

Individuals who have fished two or more tournaments as a designated Professional in a Pro/Am event requiring an individual entry fee of \$675 or more in the preceding six months are not eligible to fish. This rule does not apply to Amateur status anglers.

6. GUIDES:

Individuals who are serving as a licensed guide or are paid for guiding on tournament waters within the previous 30 day period are not eligible to compete in American Bass Anglers, Inc., events on that lake(s).

7. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE/OFF-LIMITS:

There will be no official practice period (Except for National Championship or special events) prior to the pre-tournament meeting. No contestant may enter the tournament water for the purpose of catching or locating possible fishing locations after day one weigh-in in multiple day tournaments. Off-limits areas not covered in Rule 17, will be designated and explained at pre-tournament meeting by the tournament director.

8. REGISTRATION:

It is recommended that contestants pre-register through National headquarters. Contestant desiring to register at the ramp must do so in person during the official registration period. Registration period is defined as 1 and ½ hours preceding 5am local time during daylight savings time and 6am local time during standard time or the time established by the local tournament director. Once the Safety and Rules briefing begins no tournament entries can be accepted. Failure to attend the pre-tournament meeting of any American Bass Anglers, Inc., tournament will result in forfeiture of entry fee and disqualification from the tournament in question.

9. ENTRY FEE:

Entry fee for Divisional Qualifying events will be \$70.00 which includes big bass. Entry Fee for Divisional Championships will be \$140.00, which includes big bass. The entry fee for the National Championship is \$150.00 and does not include big bass.

10. LATE FEE:

All mail in entries must be postmarked or called-in to headquarters with a charge card 10 days prior to the scheduled tournament. Divisional Qualifying Events and Divisional Championship entries not meeting this deadline will be subject to a \$5.00 late fee (see Rule 24 for National Championship Late Fee). All pre-registrations must be sent to the Athens office only, except where noted on schedule. New or renewing members signing up at the tournament, active duty military members, life members, visiting directors, assistant director for that division, and 2009 frequent fishermen anglers are not subject to the late fee for Divisional Qualifying Events and Divisional Championship tournaments ONLY.

11. SAFETY:

a. Contestants understand that participating in fishing tournaments in an open boat is inherently dangerous. Safe boating conduct will be observed at all times.

b. During the official practice and competition, each competitor is required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver (PFD). This preserver must be worn any time the combustion engine is in gear. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is no longer in gear.

c. The boat operator must have a safety-stop switch attached to his/her person when the combustion engine is in gear. During practice and tournament hours extreme caution must be exercised by boat operator during bad weather.

d. In addition, extreme caution must be exercised and boat operator must be aware that there could be large cruisers and/or barges operating on tournament waters that displace extremely large volumes of water, which create unusually large wakes and turbulence.

e. Weather and water turbulence can be extremely hazardous and extreme caution should be exercised at all times. Violation of either the PFD or safety-stop switch portion of this rule will result in disqualification.

12. SPORTSMANSHIP:

a. All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.

b. All contestants must adhere to all State, Federal and local laws governing water activities. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

c. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, shall be allowed in the boats during the official practice or competition days, or when in the weigh-in area.

d. Each contestant must keep the waters clean and bring trash back to the dock for disposal.

e. Chemical substance addition or abuse, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving immoral turpitude, or other conduct reflecting unfavorable upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting applications for membership, participation and for disqualification.

f. Any disqualification or suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for membership, participation and for disqualification.

13. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:

Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or "prepared bait" will be permitted during official practice and competition, with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. Only one rod and reel combination may be used at one time. No fly rods or rods over 8 feet are allowed. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. All angling must be done from the boat and anglers must stay on tournament waters during tournament hours. Anglers are not permitted to leave the boat to land a fish or leave the boat to gain

access to secluded waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament day/days. Competitors 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 boat to: A BOAT OPERATED BY OTHER COMPETITORS, A RESCUE BOAT DESIGNATED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR TO DISLODGE THEIR BOAT FROM A HAZARD. 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. Citizen band radios, marine radios and cellular phones are allowed in the boat for emergency use only. Any transmission of information via any communicative device concerning any aspect of fishing is prohibited during tournament hours.

14. HORSEPOWER REGULATION:

MAXIMUM HORSEPOWER FOR ALL OUTBOARD MOTORBOATS USED IN OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT PRACTICE AND IN TOURNAMENT COMPETITION WILL BE 250 HP. Horsepower cannot exceed the limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard. It is required that all boats have a U.S. Coast Guard or Manufacturer's horsepower-rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating specified on this plate nor the horsepower maximum set by American Bass Anglers, Inc. Each competitor agrees to submit, by their signature on the official entry form, the boat and outboard motor used in the tournament, to an inspection by factory-trained personnel, if there is any reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating. Changing or altering standard factory parts of your engine to increase the horsepower over the factory horsepower rating is forbidden, and will result in disqualification. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower-rating numbers on the engine also would be cause for immediate disqualification from American Bass Anglers, Inc., tournaments.

15. BOAT AND MOTOR:

ALL BOATS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH SOME TYPE OF IGNITION STOP SWITCH. This ignition-kill device must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is in gear. Also any time the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. Fishing boats that are 16 feet or more in length may be used. No barges, cumbersome craft or boats without steering wheel will be permitted. Contestants may not use boats equipped with "stick steering" during official practice or during tournament hours. Each boat must also have a properly aerated or re-circulating live-well to maintain a live limit catch of bass by both contestants. Boaters are required to provide a back fishing seat for co-anglers.

16. BOAT OPERATION:

Any competitor answering yes to the question: "Will you enter as a boater?" will be expected to make that boat available for the tournament. Partners must discuss sharing time for his/her selected waters prior to ooze-off. Each partner is entitled to an equal number of hours to fish his/her selected waters during divisional and national qualifying events. Any contestant who, in the judgment of the tournament director, operates the boat in such a manner as to unfairly handicap their partner shall be disqualified. It is the responsibility of the co-angler to reimburse the boater in an amount mutually agreed. It is suggested that reimbursement be ½ of fuel cost to defray daily expenses. (Based on current fuel prices and running time, cost could be from \$30.00 to \$50.00). Co-anglers not paying their share as prescribed here and at the time of the event shall be cause for being disqualified. This penalty is not limited to the same event but may also result in entries not being accepted into future American Bass Anglers, Inc., events.

17. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:

Tournament Director for each tournament shall establish Tournament waters at the tournament briefing and define any known OFF-LIMITS areas including locking from established tournament waters. Fishing on tournament waters is not permitted: within 50 yards of a marina gas pump. Any water within tournament boundaries posted Off-Limits or No Fishing by state or federal agencies will be OFF-LIMITS.

18. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:

There will be only one official point for check-out in the morning and check-in in the afternoon, as designated by the tournament director. Competitors not at the checkpoint at the designated time will be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute, deducted from their total weight for the day. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late for send-off or check-in will be disqualified for the day. Official start and weigh-in times will be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. Our best effort will be given to allow at least 8 hours fishing time. In the case of adverse weather conditions, the tournament director will open weigh-in at 12 noon for safety.

19. SCORING:

The total weight of each competitors catch will determine tournament standings and placement. Only largemouth, spotted, red eye or smallmouth bass will be weighed. The creel limit shall be five (5) unless the prevailing state/lake limit is less. (The tournament director may impose a creel limit of less than five fish if they deem weather and/or local conditions warrant the reduction.) At no time shall a competitor have in his/her possession more than the tournament limit. Culling must be done immediately upon catching a sixth fish. **CULLING OF DEAD FISH IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Minimum length will be 12 inches (measured on a flat board) unless the prevailing state/lake rule is larger. In most cases the state's longest length limit will be used. A penalty of 1 pound will be deducted from the total weight for each short fish and a penalty of eight (8) ounces or (.50) pounds

will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish. In the event the anglers' big fish is dead a penalty of eight (8) ounces or (.50) pounds will be deducted from the big fish total weight. A contestant that presents more fish than the tournament limit will be disqualified immediately. Mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered fish will be weighed only at the discretion of the tournament director. No regurgitated baitfish will be weighed. Fish will not be put on a stringer at any time. All fish presented at the weigh-in become the property of American Bass Anglers, Inc. All live fish will be returned to the tournament waters and the tournament director will dispose of any dead fish.

20. PAIRING:

Assignments of partners will be by open draw. All angling must be accomplished from the boat. Competitors must stay on tournament waters and in sight of each other throughout the tournament day from send-off until weigh-in (Exception: Nature call). Any contestant refusing to take or go with another contestant in his/her boat will be subject to immediate disqualification. Tournament directors have no responsibility for finding lost partners. Each contestant is to meet his/her partner at least 30 minutes prior to take-off. The tournament director may reassign pairings prior to morning ooze-off to accommodate problems or emergencies. With prior approval from AMERICAN BASS ANGLERS, INC., headquarters, the tournament director may allow paired boaters to fish alone.

21. TIE:

In case of a tie, ties will be broken using the following criteria:

- Largest number of legal fish weighed
- Largest number of legal live fish weighed

If the tie is not broken by applying the foregoing procedures, place monies will be combined and split evenly, and place points will be awarded accordingly.

Merchandise prizes will be awarded as determined by the tournament director. Standings will reflect ties starting at place closest to first. The tournament director may decide to break first place ties with a fish-off.

22. TRANSFERS:

Entry fees may be transferred or refunded only if proper notification is made to American Bass Anglers, Inc., headquarters or tournament director by 12 noon on the Friday preceding the tournament. Refunds will be assessed a 10% service charge however, there is no fee for transfers. Refunds for National Championship will only be accepted up to 10 days prior to official practice.

23. POINT SYSTEM:

One-day divisional qualifying tournaments are worth 200 points. Maximum points are awarded for a minimum of 20 contestants. For tournaments with less than 20 contestants, 1 point per person short of the minimum will be deducted from the total points available. Points will be awarded in 1 point decrements depending on place of finish. No contestant weighing a fish in the tournament will receive less than 75 points regardless of place of finish. All contestants not weighing fish will receive 50 show points. A contestant may fish multiple one-day tournaments for point accumulation, but only the best four places of finish will be counted. The 2-day Divisional Championships are worth 400 points. Maximum points are awarded for a minimum of 20 contestants. Points will be awarded in 2 point decrements depending on place of finish. For tournaments with less than 20 contestants, 2 points per person short of minimum will be deducted from the total points available. No contestant weighing a fish in the tournament will receive less than 150 points, and 100 points will be awarded to those not weighing fish. A contestant may fish multiple 2-day Divisional Championships, however only their best two-day finish will be counted. Contestants who are 15 minutes or more late for weigh-in, will not be allowed to weigh their fish, but will receive show points for the event. Contestants must have fished at least four (4) one day tournaments to be eligible to compete in any 2-day Divisional Championship. A perfect score is 1200 points: 4 one-day tournaments at 200 points each = 800 plus and 1 two-day Divisional Championship at 400 points.

24. National Championship:

a. Contestants must have met the minimum requirements of qualification which is the successful completion of four (4) one-day tournaments and one two-day tournament.

b. The top 500 national point holders plus 30 Active Duty Military will be invited to compete in the National Championship. If one or more of the top 500 do not accept the invitation, the remaining slots will be filled from a list of qualified and pre-registered anglers.

ALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE ABA WEB SITE NLT July 1, 2012.

25. Angler of the Year (AOY):

The top point holder from each Divisional Championship (by points) who meets the AOY point's requirement will be invited to complete in the Angler of the Year Final Round. **SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE AOY COMPETITION WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE ABA WEB SITE NLT July 15, 2012.**

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Monthly Drawings – There will be a monthly drawing for those anglers who are in the Royal Purple Program. Awards will be based on the achievement level attained by the angler when name is drawn.

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