



## 2014 NMBFN Qualifying Tournament Updates

1. The NMBFN members voted to keep the total number of weekends fished at 2. Each weekend will consist of two one-day tournaments for a total of 4 qualifying events.
2. The weekends selected by vote of the members are April 26-27, 2014 Elephant Butte and September 6-7, 2014 Navajo. Official practice for both weekends will be the Friday prior to each weekend. See rule 9 below for further clarification.
3. Qualification format for the State Team will be the same, best 3 of 4 scores.
4. Registration will only be available on the Friday prior to the tournament weekend. Anglers must register for either or both events on the Friday prior to the pairings meeting. All option pots are per event, i.e. two per weekend.
5. Nonboaters are to pay a \$25.00 expense fee per day to be used to cover the boaters' expenses (\$50 per weekend). This should be paid by nonboaters that signed up with boaters at or prior to registration. It is the nonboaters and boaters responsibility that signed up together to exchange money. The NMBFN will not collect the nonboater money in 2014. Nonboaters, pay your boaters that you sign up with.

## 2014 NMBFN QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Size limit will be per state regulation as printed in the New Mexico Game and Fish Proclamation.
  - Navajo and Elephant Butte will be 12" – smallmouth and 14" – largemouth/spotted
  - Conchas and Ute lakes will be 14" –smallmouth, largemouth/spotted bass
  - NMBFN will use the red Wil-E-Go belly board (recessed) as the official measuring system.
2. Check-in times will be 3PM-first flight and 3:30PM-second flight.



3. No culling of dead fish will be allowed, PERIOD. Dead fish penalty is 4oz per fish. Penalty for culling a dead fish is **disqualification** from that tournament.
4. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the official length shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass plus that fish removed.
5. You must have your number **turned in** at the check-in point by your check-in time.
6. Late check-in penalty will be one pound per minute late up to 15 minutes. After that, the angler's weight will be disqualified for that day.
7. All fish caught while sight-fishing shall be hooked on the inside of the mouth and verified by that day's partner (unless fishing alone) before unhooking.
8. All ties will be broken by 1)-total fish weighed, 2)-total live fish weighed, 3)-big fish weighed. If still unresolved, a flip of a coin will decide placement.
9. It shall be NMBFN policy that the tournament waters are OFF-LIMITS starting on Sunday at 12:00 midnight through Friday morning safe light of the week immediately preceding the tournament execution days. **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE ON TOURNAMENT WATERS DURING COMPETITION DAYS IF NOT REGISTERED FOR THAT DAY.** The Tournament Director may modify the off-limits dates to accommodate holidays or other extenuating circumstances
10. Individuals who operate a boat during any NMBFN tournament must have documented proof of boating liability insurance meeting BASS Federation Nation minimum requirements (currently \$300,000). Such documented proof must show an effective date and expiration date that includes the tournament dates they are fishing in and must be in possession of the boat operator.
11. This set of rules supersedes all other rules except when not specifically covered herein. If not covered, the next set of rules to follow will be the 2012 BASS Federation Nation Tournament rules. It is the responsibility of all contestants to understand and abide by these rules. All contestants will be given a copy at the first event of the year. Other copies will be available at each event.
12. The entry fee for each tournament will be \$100.00- all anglers
13. \$10.00 optional fee for Big Bass paid back. Big Bass open to boaters & nonboaters.
14. Optional nonboater pot at \$15.00.

### **Supplemental Information**



OPTION POTS – Check with Treasurer or Tournament Director for clarification.

- Year-end Option Pot- \$10.00 per event. Must fish and pay option in 3 events minimum. At the President's cup, the money will be divided with 50% of the pot going to the State Traveling Team. Only State Team qualifiers paying into the pot shall share in pot. The remaining 50% will be divided - 20% to 15<sup>th</sup> place-YTD standings, 10%- last place-YTD, all qualified entrants. The next pot is reserved for anglers fishing/paying all 4 events- 20%-drawing at President's Cup. Must be present to win.

#### NONBOATER EXPENSE FEES

Nonboaters are to pay a \$25.00 expense fee per day to be used to cover the boaters' expenses (\$50 per weekend). This should be paid by nonboaters that signed up with boaters at or prior to registration. The NMBFN will not collect the nonboater money any longer. Nonboaters, pay your boaters that you sign up with.

#### PAIRING

The pairing of boaters with nonboaters will be made by computer and will be random. Check with Tournament Director for clarification.

- There will be no restrictions on the pairing of boaters and nonboaters.
- A boater may be paired with a nonboater from the same club.
- A boater may be paired with the nonboater he registered with.
- No one will be paired with the same boater/nonboater twice.