

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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Application to Conduct a Multi-Day Bass Tournament

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Application Cost: \$52.00 Per Day (3 day maximum)

Bass Club Name: _____

Bass Club Representative Name: _____

Address (*Street and Apt # or PO Box*) _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Dates of Tournament: _____ **Hours:** _____ AM to _____ PM

Waterbody Name: _____ **Town:** _____

Weigh-in Location: _____

Number of Boats: _____ (see additional requirements under #9 on page 2 of this application)

- All applicants must provide a notarized affidavit (at least once per year) and include a current listing of club officers and members (with contact information), which indicates at least two members who have participated in an aquatic plant and livewell inspection training program endorsed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) within the last five years;
- Each tournament requires at least two aquatic plant and livewell inspectors, that have completed training endorsed by MDEP within the last five years;
- The 3rd Saturday in July is loon count; no tournaments will be allowed to start assembling before 9:00 AM;
- See reverse side of application for definitions and additional requirements.

Signature of Bass Club Representative

Date

NOTE: It is a Class E crime to obtain a permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation (Title 12 MRSA Section 10757)

Please make check payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine. Mail completed application, along with check to: Fisheries Division, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0041.

Rules for Multi-Day Bass tournaments

For purposes of determining eligibility to apply for a permit to conduct a multi-day bass tournament, the organization must provide current documentation of being a nationally recognized bass fishing organization such as Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) or Northeast Bass Association (NEBA).

1. Multi-day permits will be available 24 months prior to planned date of the tournament.
2. Multi-day permits will be allowed for a statewide, multi-state or national championship tournament of a nationally recognized fishing organization such as Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) or Northeast Bass Association (NEBA).
3. Multi-day tournaments prior to Labor Day will be deducted from the number of one-day weigh-in open tournaments but these one-day tournaments may be replaced after Labor Day. Multi-day tournaments may be held after Labor Day without displacing one-day weigh-in open tournaments.
4. No more than one multi-day tournament may be permitted on any individual water per calendar year.
5. Multi-day tournaments are permitted on bodies of water greater than 2000 acres.
6. The maximum number of multi-days/year shall be six statewide no more than one per water.
7. A copy of the tournament permit and a copy of the rules affecting multi-day tournaments shall be conspicuously displayed during each tournament at a location accessible to all contestants.
8. All anglers in the tournament must possess a valid Maine fishing license unless of an age where a license is not required.
9. Number of boats permitted will be based on 35 acres per boat, maximum of up to 300 boats.
10. Bass tournament boats must be specifically identified in a plainly visible manner and roster of participants must be available at the location of the weigh-in.
11. The maximum daily possession limit shall be 5 bass per participant with no weight limit.
12. All bass retained shall be kept in a livewell being operated with the pump(s) in a mode that constantly exchanges livewell water with fresh lake water as a flow-through system, except when boats are being operated under power of the main outboard while changing locations, or while motoring to shore immediately prior to weigh-in, at which time the pump(s) shall be operated in a manner that aerates a fixed volume of water in the livewell.
13. All bass taken shall be returned to the water from which it was caught, unharmed as far as possible, at the conclusion of the tournament day.
14. The total cash value of prizes shall not exceed \$300,000.
15. Any bass organization which sponsors a multi-day bass tournament must submit a completed bass tournament questionnaire, when requested to do so by an agent of the Commissioner, provided that such request must be made in writing to the sponsoring organization prior to the tournament.