

**APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A
MULTI-DAY DAY BASS TOURNAMENT
ON MAINE INLAND WATERS**

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Fee: \$52.00 PER DAY (maximum is 3 days)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name of Club or Organization: _____

Name of Individual making application: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Names of aquatic plant and livewell inspectors:

_____ Daytime Telephone: _____

_____ Daytime Telephone: _____

The above named bass fishing club desires to hold a multi-day bass tournament on:

NAME OF WATERBODY: _____

TOWN: _____

COUNTY: _____

NAME OF TOURNAMENT: _____

WEIGH-IN STATION LOCATION: _____ IN THE TOWN OF: _____

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS _____ ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOATS: _____

MAXIMUM CASH VALUE OF PRIZES: _____

DATES OF TOURNAMENT: _____, _____, _____

HOURS: From _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

If for any reason this permit is not granted, the permit fee will be returned. See reverse side of application for definitions and requirements.

Applicant's Signature and Title

Date

NOTE: It is a Class E crime to obtain a permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation. Title 12 MRSA Section 7373.

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. Please allow 7-14 days for the Department to process application.

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.

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