

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**Application to Conduct a One Day Bass Tournament on
Maine and New Hampshire Border Waters**

Application Cost: \$52.00 for Weigh-in Tournament
\$12.00 Catch, Measure, Release Tournament

Type of application: Weigh-in, choose one: Open OR Club
 Catch, Measure, Release
 Notification of Youth Event (CMR only – no fee)

Bass Club Name: _____

Bass Club Representative Name: _____

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

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

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

Waterbody Name: _____ **Town:** _____

Weigh-in Location: _____

- 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.

Definition of a Bass Club

For purposes of determining eligibility to apply for a permit to conduct a one-day bass tournament, a "bass club" is defined as any organized group of five or more bass anglers which is able to satisfy one of the following criteria,

1. Provide current documentation of being a member club in Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society (BASS), Northeast Bass Association (NEBA) or other nationally recognized bass fishing organization; or
2. Provide a current listing of club officers and members along with a signed affidavit affirming that the group, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona-fide independent fishing club.

Rules Pertaining to Bass Tournaments on Maine and New Hampshire Border Waters

1. In Weigh-In tournaments, all bass caught shall be kept on a water-circulating live-well with the intent to keep the retained bass alive. All bass entered for the weigh-in at bass tournaments shall be released unharmed into the same water body where caught as follows: in lakes and ponds, not less than 300 feet away from the shoreline; in rivers at mid-channel not less than 300 feet away from the weigh-in site. Boats designated by the bass tournament sponsor may hold more than the daily limit of bass solely for the purpose of releasing bass after weigh-in.
2. The daily limit shall be 2 bass per participant from April 1 to May 14 with no minimum length or weight limit. The daily limit shall be 5 bass per participant from July 1 to November 30 with no minimum length or weight limit.
3. There will be no more than ten weigh-in tournaments on any water greater than 500 acres, only four of which may be open tournaments.
4. All other existing State laws and rules pertaining to CMR and weigh-in tournaments which are not modified herein continue to apply to Maine and New Hampshire Border water tournaments. (e.g. maximum number of boats, maximum prize values, etc.)