

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

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

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

BASS CLUB NAME: _____

BASS CLUB'S REPRESENTATIVE NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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

WATERBODY: _____

TOWN: _____

COUNTY: _____

NAME OF TOURNAMENT: _____

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

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS _____ ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOATS: _____

MAXIMUM CASH VALUE OF PRIZES: _____

DATES OF TOURNAMENT: _____, _____, _____

HOURS: From _____ AM to _____ PM

See reverse side of application for definitions and requirements.

Signature of Club's Representative

Date

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

Mail completed application, along with check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine" to: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Fisheries Division, 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).

1. Multi-day permits applications will be accepted 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).
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 (6) 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 thirty-five (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 five (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.
16. Any bass club which sponsors a one-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 club prior to the day of the tournament.
17. Each tournament requires two aquatic plant and live-well inspectors to conduct weed and live-well inspections. Each boat will first be inspected immediately before a tournament participant launches the boat prior to the tournament and for a second time after the boat is retrieved from the water immediately after the conclusion of the tournament for that participant.

AFFIDAVIT

I, _____ of _____
Name Town

am the _____ of a bass club currently known as:
Title

Name of bass club

I hereby certify that the bass club herein named is a bona fide independent bass club having a slate of officers as follows (please print legibly):

Club Representative _____

(The person in your bass club who will complete applications, receive permits and other pertinent information as well as be responsible for the submission of required weed inspection forms and/or other documentation to the Department on the bass club's behalf)

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

I understand that the purpose of this affidavit is to certify eligibility for making application to conduct bass tournaments on Maine inland waters and that obtaining a permit through misstatement, misrepresentation or fraud is a criminal violation under Title 12, Section 10757.

I understand that the information I have provided in this affidavit may be checked for accuracy and that falsely completing this affidavit may result in court action against me.

I have attached a copy of my bass club's current membership roster. I certify that all the information given in this affidavit is true and accurate.

Date

Signature

STATE OF MAINE

_____, **ss.**
(County)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public/Attorney
My Commission Expires: _____