

U.S.A. BASSIN Membership Form (\$25.00 Per Person)

Partner 1: _____ **Partner 2:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Make Of Boat: _____ **Team No.** _____ **Next Generation: Yes** _____

Liability Release: In signing this agreement, I hereby release U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit, its officers, sponsors, agents, and employees, from any and all damages, claims, demands, cost, or expenses relating to injury of any persons or damage to any property which I may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with any U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing event.

Covenant Not To Sue and Waiver of Subrogation: I further agree that I will never sue U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit for damages on account of any injury damage that I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future in connection with this or any other U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. I expressly agree to indemnify and hold U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit harmless from any liability whatsoever, including court cost and attorney's fees arising with respect to such action. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue U.S.A. BASSIN Circuit, I am waiving the right to recovery from U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit of my insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf. I further understand that by signing this agreement, I waive any rights my heirs or relatives have or may have to sue U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit for liability.

Verification of liability insurance: I Further state that I am a current member of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit and that I maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in any U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. **Construction:** If this agreement and the release, covenant, and waivers contained herein are found by any court to be overly broad in any manner, I ask the court to interpret it as broadly as possible.

Reading and Understanding. I signify by my signature that I have read and understand the above agreement.

Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____

Mail form to the Director of the first tournament you wish to fish

U.S.A. BASSIN RULES

Beginning with the 2010 season USA BASSIN will consist of two tournament trails. The season runs from September 1st to August 31st and is identified by the year in which the season ends. The two trails will be named USA BASSIN Team Trail and USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail. The two trails will operate concurrently and simultaneously.

1. Participants:

USA BASSIN Team Trail teams shall consist of any two eligible or single participants. USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail teams shall consist of an eligible adult sponsor and an eligible youth. Anglers currently fishing the Elite Series of B.A.S.S., the FLW Tour Events or FLW Series Events as a Boater are not eligible to participate in any USA BASSIN Team trail event or USA BASSIN: The Next Generation event, either as an angler or as a substitute. Co-anglers of the FLW Tour Events or FLW Series Events are eligible to the USA BASSIN Tournament Trails. Both the USA BASSIN Team Trail and the USA BASSIN: Next Generation Trail is open to all boat makes, models and motor sizes. The Tournament Director and other tournament officials are permitted to fish all U.S.A. BASSIN events. All members under the age of 18 before August 31, 2010 shall be considered a "Youth" and receive a free membership, into either the USA BASSIN Team Trail or the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail.

2. U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Trail Membership:

USA BASSIN Team Trail: Membership into the USA BASSIN Team Trail is \$25.00 per year per adult and includes the right to fish any USA BASSIN Team Trail tournament for that season's year.

USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail: Membership into the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail is \$25.00 per year per adult sponsor and includes the right to fish any USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail tournament for that season's year with a sponsored youth. The adult sponsor must declare the team to be fishing the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail and declare his sponsored youth at the time he/she registers the team.

All USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail teams may participate in both USA BASSIN Trails. They will have to pay a membership into both the USA BASSIN Team Trail and the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail. USA BASSIN: The Next Generation is a non-for-profit public charity, devoted to providing educational opportunities that help young people prepare for a brighter future in form of scholarships.

3. Tournament Entry Fees:

Entry fee for a 5-Tournament Divisions is \$50.00 per boat per tournament, with an optional \$10.00 Big Bass Pot. Entry fee into a 10-Tournament Divisions is \$25.00 per boat per tournament, with an optional \$5.00 Big Bass Pot. The tournament director may adjust entry fee on tournament locations that require a lake usage fee.

4. Scoring: 5-Tournament Divisions= 100 point scoring system: Sample Scoring 1st place team -100 point; 2nd place--99 points 3rd Place -98 points and so on. All other teams that didn't weigh in any fish receive 50 participation points. 10-Tournament Divisions= 50 points scoring system: All Teams not weighing in any fish receive 25 participation points.

Divisional Champions will be determined by the team that has the highest final total points is said division. Teams from either Trail acquire points by fishing any USA BASSIN tournament. The combined total of all tournaments fished shall determine the final total points according to the Trail for which the team is registered. Points will not transfer from Division to Division. The points your team receives from each tournament will be automatically added to the standings of the division you fished and the Open Division for the USA BASSIN Trail and the Next Generation Division for the USA BASSIN: Next Generation Trail. Teams may not split up and fish two separate tournaments on the same day (as in receiving points from two separate tournaments the same day). Any team with a final score of 1500 points or more in the Open Division of their respective Trail will receive a free membership good for the next season.

5. USA BASSIN Regional Tournaments:

All teams that finish the season with 250 total points across all divisions shall be eligible to fish a USA BASSIN Regional Tournament. Teams may choose which regional tournament they wish to fish in more than one Regional Tournament. The top 30% of each Regional tournament will advance to the USA BASSIN Nitro Classic. All teams that weighed-in a fish at a Regional but did not qualify for the Nitro Classic will be eligible to fish the TRACKER Cup Tournament. The TRACKER Cup Tournament will be held to the first 250 entries received. Entry form for the TRACKER CUP may only be obtained on line. See the U.S.A. BASSIN web site for Regional locations and more information www.usabassin.com.

6. USA BASSIN: Next Generation Classic

Teams that finish the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail season with 150 points or more are eligible to fish the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail Classic. Until further notice, there will be no Regional tournaments to qualify for the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail Classic. Teams may view their total points only by checking out the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail web page on the USA BASSIN web site. The USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail Classic will be held on Douglas Lake, TN June 11 & 12, 2011. Registration for the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail Classic will be located at the Sevierville, TN Bass Pro Shop. First Place Prize at the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail Classic is a \$5000.00 Scholarship. Entry fee into the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail Classic is \$125.00 plus \$10.00 optional Big Bass Pot.

7. USA BASSIN Team Trail Substitutes:

A USA BASSIN member or an immediate family member may serve as a substitute in a divisional tournament at any time and all points will be retained by the partner #1. (Immediate family members are classified as Grandparents, Parent, Spouse, Sibling, Child, Grandchild, Uncles, Cousins or in-laws of the same.) A family member may serve as a substitute only two times during a division's season without paying a membership. A participant may fish any division solo or declare a partner prior by the start of the third Tournament within a Division. Your declared partner must fish in three of the five or six of the divisional tournaments to be eligible to fish in a USA BASSIN Regional or Classic Tournament. You can only fish a USA BASSIN Regional or the Classic tournament with your declared partner. If your declared partner cannot fish a USA BASSIN Regional or the Classic tournament you may fish it solo. No Substitutes permitted at the Regional or Classic tournament.

8. USA BASSIN: Next Generation Trail Substitutes:

A sponsor adult may not fish alone!! Teams participating in the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Trail Tournaments must have a youth in the boat as a member of the team. You can substitute with any youth but, you can only fish the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Classic Tournament with your declared partner. No Substitutes permitted at the USA BASSIN: The Next Generation Classic tournament.

9. Divisional Champions:

All divisions that have ten (10) or more teams participating will be eligible to declare a USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL Divisional Champion. The team that has the highest final total points in a USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL division will determine USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL Divisional Champions. All eligible USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL Divisional Champions will receive a USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL Divisional Champion's plaque. The highest finishing Divisional Champion at a Regional Tournament will be declared our Regional Points Champions. The highest finishing Regional Points Champion at the Classic Tournament will be crowned our National Points Champions and receive \$2500.00 in cash. A Divisional Point Champion will not be awarded to the Open Division.

10. Ties:

Ties for USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL Divisional Champions will be broken by the team that has the heaviest total weight for the season. Ties for USA BASSIN TEAM TRAIL Regional & National Champions, Regional & National Points Champions and all place finishes will be broken by Big Bass.

11. No Live Bait:

Only artificial lures can be used in U.S.A. BASSIN tournaments. The use of pork trailers is permitted.

12. Trolling:

Trolling with the use of a combustible engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. A team found to be doing this would be disqualified for that tournament and put on probation for the remaining season tournaments

13. Boat and Motor:

Boats must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment and must have a motor within rating limits.

15. Limits:

This is a 5-fish limit (per team or when fishing alone) at each tournament. Exceptions: State laws prevail when fishing on any body of water (size and limits). Anyone bringing in more than a 5-fish will have their sack pulled to the 5-fish limit starting with their big fish first. All culling must be done on the water - Not on the bank.

16. Dead Fish Penalty:

For each dead fish a 1/2 pound penalty will be deducted from your total weight. A dead fish will not be weighed-in as big fish. Tournament director will make final decision if fish is dead or not. Fish that appears altered or mangled shall be the tournament director's decision to weigh or not to weigh the fish.

17. Late to weigh-in:

There will be a deduction of 1 lb. per minute of your total weight for every minute late to weigh-in. After 15 minutes past weigh-in teams are disqualified.

18. Registration:

There will be registration at the tournament site starting an hour and a half or more before the start of the tournament. All teams are required to be at the ramp 30 minutes prior to the start of the tournament. Registration will close 30 minutes before the start of the tournament. Paying entries fees after the tournament registration time will be accepted only at the tournament Director's discretion. Tournament Directors will only accept cash at registration (NO Checks Please). All teams may pre-register by mail for a tournament. If pre-registering, entry forms must be post marked 10 days before the tournament you desire to fish. Entry fee may be refunded or rolled over to the next tournament, if the director is contacted before the start of the tournament. Failure to contact tournament director for a refund or roll over will result in a forfeit of entry fee and contestants will receive only half of the show up points. Send all entries to the tournament Director of the tournament you desire to fish. There will not be a late registration fee for registering at the ramp. Tournament take off positions will be determined by when the tournament director receives your entry or by draw at registration (please contact the director for take off procedures). There will be a pre-tournament meeting 30-minutes prior DURING the 30 minutes before the start of each tournament. Divisions (due to state law) that have a limited number of participants will take entries on a first come first serve basis.

19. Weigh-in procedures:

All contestants will be instructed at the pre-tournament meeting on weigh-in procedures. Each team must present his or her own catch to the weigh-in official. No other person shall then handle the fish except a weigh-in official. No person other than weigh-in officials may touch the scales; weigh-in basket or any part of the weigh-in equipment.

20. Live well Inspection:

Boats must have a live well, either built into the boat or portable. Live wells must have some type of pump or circulator to keep fish alive. Prior to boat launch Divisional Tournament Director will check all live wells.

21. Life Preserver:

During all U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments, contestants not wearing their life jackets zipped and secured when the combustion engine is running and in gear will have that day's weight disqualified from the tournament.

22. Sportsmanship:

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation. Drunkenness shall be cause for immediate disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be allowed in the boats during the tournament hours extending through the close of the weigh-in.

23. Off-Limits:

The tournament director will announce the off-limits areas at each pre-tournament meeting. Any team fishing in the off-limits areas will be disqualified from the tournament. Teams may not fish closer than 50 yards to another competitor who is anchored with the trolling motor up unless given permission. If permission is given to one, then all may fish same water. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall be cause for disqualification. All U.S.A. BASSIN Divisional, Regional & Classic Tournament locations will NOT be closed to pre-fishing

24. Leaving Your Boat:

Competitors shall remain with the partners in the boat at all times during the tournament. Except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for "nature calling", a severe storm or other such hazards. If for any reason a team decides to leave the tournament waters early, competitors must try to contact the director, prior to leaving the tournament. If you have boat trouble, one member must remain with the disabled boat. The other team member may board another competitor's boat with that day's catch and bring fish to weigh-in. Please contact the tournament director prior to doing so.

25. Cheating:

Anyone caught cheating in any tournament event will be immediately barred from fishing in any U.S.A. BASSIN event. We reserve the right to have a random truth verification test performed at any time. You may not use a cell phone to gain an advantage over the rest of the competitors.

26. Insurance:

All members will carry liability insurance on any boat they might use during any of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments. Failure to do so or reporting of false information will result in disqualification. Participants must include the company name and either the policy number or the name of the agent binding the coverage on the membership form.

27. Refusal of Membership:

We reserve the right to refuse membership or entry into any of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Trail Events.

All Rules and regulations of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments are subject to review by U.S.A. BASSIN Officials