

16th Annual Androscoggin Bassmasters Androscoggin River Open Bass Tournament

Sunday, August 16, 2009

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline for entry:	7:00 am August 16, 2009
Meeting:	7:30 am
Tournament Hours:	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Headquarters:	Androscoggin River G.I.P. State Launch, Turner
Cut Off:	Midnight Wednesday August 12, 2009
Liability Boat Insurance:	Random Checks for your required \$100,000
Entry Fee:	\$125 per 2-person team
Optional Lunker Pool:	\$10.00/team with a 100% payback

Come Hungry! Breakfast and Lunch will be available

Boater			
Address		City	State
Make	Reg. #	Motor	H.P.
Co-Angler			
Address		City	State

Enclose \$125 entry fee plus optional \$10 lunker fee and mail to:

Shaun Avery 45 Outlook Drive Auburn, Maine 04210 Phone: 207-232-9250.

Please make checks payable to Androscoggin Bassmasters. The completion of this application and non-refundable payment of the entry fee certifies that we have read and agree to abide by the tournament rules and regulations. We further agree to waive all responsibility on the part of any tournament official, participant, or host as to injury and/or damage, which might occur in connection with aforementioned. We swear that our written statements are true. Website: www.androscogginbassmasters.com

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- 1. RULES & REGULATIONS:** The tournament committee members are designated judges and are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the tournament rules. THERE DECISIONS ARE FINAL. The judges are eligible to compete for all prizes.
- 2. INSURANCE:** All boaters upon the request of the officials MUST show proof of \$100,000 liability insurance.
- 3. PROTEST:** Protest must be filed in writing before the first fish is weighed.
- 4. TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION:** All teams must be signed in at the tournament headquarters ½ hour before the start of the tournament. Only two contestants allowed per boat. Contestants under the age of 16 must be teamed with a parent or guardian.
- 5. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** There will be only one designated checkpoint at the close of the tournament. Any contestant late for the weigh in will be penalized one pound per minute up to fifteen minutes, at which time the contestant will be disqualified.
- 6. SAFETY:** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Life vest must be worn and fastened any time the combustion engine is in operation. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. All boats must have approved coast guard equipment on board including fire extinguisher and kill switch.
- 7. SPORTSMANSHIP:** All participants are required to comply with all Fish and Wildlife regulations of the State of Maine and this tournament. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN A TOURNAMENT BOAT, AT THE OFFICIAL WEIGH – IN, OR THE AWARDS CEREMONY.** Violators of this rule will be disqualified. All contestants are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times.
- 8. TACKLE PERMITTED:** Only spinning, casting, or spin casting rods will be approved for this tournament. All bass must be caught on artificial lures in a sportsman like manner. No live or prepared baits with the exception of pork rind, etc. are allowed. A contestant may fish with only one rod at a time. However, he or she may have other rods prepared in the boat.
- 9. BOATS AND MOTORS:** Electric motors or small gasoline engines may be used to maneuver a boat while fishing. NO TROLLING permitted. Combustion engines shall not exceed **250 H.P.**
- 10. FISHING TIME:** The tournament will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.
- 11. SCORING:** Only smallmouth and largemouth bass caught on tournament waters on tournament day will be scored. The minimum length limit shall be 12 inches. There is a 7 fish limit per boat with no weight restrictions. A 4oz. Penalty will be imposed for the weighing of a dead fish and a one-pound penalty for a short fish with the weight of the short fish not counting. To qualify as lunker, a fish must be weighed alive and released alive at the weigh - in site.
- 12. TIES:** In case of a tie, the contestants with the largest live fish shall be declared the winner. The second tiebreaker will be the most fish. The third tiebreaker will be a coin toss.
- 13. LIVEWELLS:** All fish must be kept in a continuous flowing aerated livewell. OUR GOAL IS A 100% LIVE RELEASE.
- 14. FISHING LOCATION:** Fishing is allowed in any water that you can safely navigate from the TWIN BRIDGES south to the SAFETY ROPES just before the dam downstream (NO GOING UNDER THE ROPES) No contestant shall fish within 50 yards of another contestant whose boat is anchored. All fishing shall be conducted from the contestant's boat. No person shall leave the boat except for emergencies.
- 15. AWARDS AND PRIZES:** Contestants must be present at the awards ceremony to claim any money or prizes. Lunker pool will be divided evenly between largest largemouth and largest smallmouth (The amount to be determined by the number of contestants in the pool).