



# Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation Open Series



## Tournament Rules

1. There is no fishing off limit period for this tournament.
2. Tournament Headquarters – Blast off and weigh-in will be at Breezy Point.
3. Tournament waters will be Pelican Lake.
4. Tournament hours are 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Sept 9th, 2018. All teams must be registered and checked in a 1/2 hour before the start of the tournament at the front of the Breezy Point dock. Tournament boats may be launched elsewhere on the lake but all boats must start and finish at the location above.
5. All boats must be back and checked in by the appointed times. Penalty for late arrival to weigh-in is disqualification. **All boats must check-in after the tournament even if they have no fish.**
6. Both Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass (in any combination) will be counted. A limit of five (5) fish per team may be weighed in. No more than 5 fish can be in your livewell at any time.
7. Dead fish penalty is 0.25lbs per dead fish weighed in. The penalty for culling dead fish is disqualification.
8. Short fish penalty is one (1) pound per short fish plus you lose the weight of short fish. Minimum length is 12 inches.
9. Weight will be measured in pounds and hundredths of a pound. (Ties will be broken by the largest fish in the bag first, and a coin toss second.)
10. Only artificial baits are permitted. Nets will be permitted. Trolling is not permitted.
11. This is a catch and release tournament. All boats must have a properly equipped operating livewell. Before the tournament, all boats and livewells will be checked.
12. Life jackets with kill-switch attached must be worn when the gas motor is running.
13. Leaving your boat is only permitted at tournament headquarters with the exception of severe weather.
14. All Minnesota fishing and boating regulations apply.
15. Contestants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult or have parents written permission to participate.

16. Alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs are not permitted in the boat during tournament hours.
17. The tournament director may prescribe additional rules, if necessary. All protests must be made by the close of weigh in. The tournament director will make the final decision in all matters.
18. Blast off position will be determined by random draw the morning of the tournament.
19. No personal contact between boats during tournament hours & maintain a respectable distance from other boats.
20. Knowledge of these rules are your responsibility. Violations of these rules and/or MN laws and regulations may result in disqualifications. No exceptions!
21. The use of underwater cameras is prohibited during tournament hours.
22. Registration for B.A.S.S. Nation members begins Jan 1st. Non B.A.S.S. Nation members Feb 1st. Registration ends 7 days prior to tournament day. Any entries after this date will be charged a \$25 late fee.