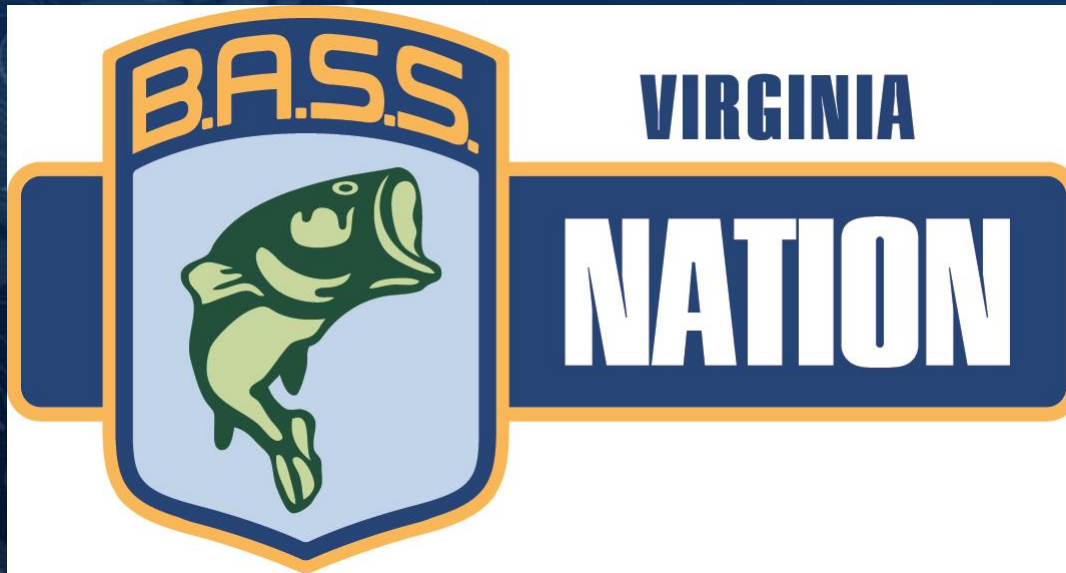


B.A.S.S. Nation Competition 2016



BASSMASTER 

2016 Competition Format

This new B.A.S.S. Nation competition Regional structure will begin with the Calendar Year 2016. The following concept is designed to provide the best possible competitive fishing program for our B.A.S.S. Nation tournament anglers, while accomplishing the goals of B.A.S.S. as a whole and to promote membership growth.



New Regional Format

- Three (3) Regionals
- Bassmaster Opens style event
- State team will consist of 10 boaters and 10 non boaters, 2 Alternates. No HS or Youth. They will both (HS and Juniors) attend the B.A.S.S. High School National Championship and Junior Championship.
- Entry fee Boater \$200 and Non Boater \$100
- Anglers fish for individual cash prizes
- Three day event
- Cut to top three anglers and top three non boaters from each state on day three
- Top state team earns a prize boat (May pay cash back to 4 or 5 states)
- Top Boater and top Non Boater from each state advances to the BNC. Additional Boater and Non Boater spot awarded for growth (working on a two tiered plan to allow smaller state opportunity to send anglers should they meet the growth goal)
- Final state qualifier to determine state team must be a Bassmaster Opens style event. Beginning with your 2016 state qualifications. 2015 was a transition year.
- Limit 5 fish per boater and 3 fish for non-boater

B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

- Three day event
- Crown the Non Boater Champion after day two
- Non Boater Champion wins Memorial Trophy, a prize boat, Bassmaster Opens entries as a co-angler, and a Bassmaster Classic marshal spot. Cash and merchandise paid down the field
- Non Boater Champion earns berth in the final day cut to fish as a boater for all final day prizes.
- Cut to the top 10 Boaters plus top 2 in each region, Boater divisional leaders after day two possible 16 anglers make the final day cut, including Non Boater Champion.
- Anglers fish with marshals the final day
- Overall Champion earns a Bassmaster Classic Berth, Bassmaster Elite Series Berth, paid Bassmaster Opens Entries to the Division of his choice, prize boat, plus a “Nation’s Best” prize package consisting of the use of a Toyota Truck and a fully rigged tournament ready boat for one year.
- Second and Third place Boaters earn a Bassmaster Classic Berth, paid Bassmaster Opens entries to the division of their choice, prize boat, plus a “Nation’s Best” prize package consisting of the use of a Toyota Truck and a fully rigged tournament ready boat for one year.
- B.A.S.S Nation will pay \$16,000 to the top guy if he wants to fish the Elite Series. If he does not fish the Elite Series they will go down to the next two anglers to see if they want to fish.

BN Regional Competition Timeline

- Official Practice Days – Monday-Tuesday
- Registration/Briefing – Tuesday
- Competition Days – Wednesday-Friday

BNC Competition Timeline

- Registration/Briefing – Monday
- Official Practice Days – Tuesday –Wednesday
- Competition Days – Thursday - Saturday

Advantages

- More members get the opportunity to experience the Regionals and the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship
- Pro Am style event members have asked for
- Individual payout members have asked for
- Potentially more sponsorship exposure with three larger Regionals and 1 larger championship
- Potential for greater participation from members, sponsors, new anglers
- Could be an advantage to recruit anglers who have conflicting tournament schedules
- Increased exposure for the entire B.A.S.S. Nation through the “Nation’s Best” program
- Increased value for our Classic Contenders through the “Nation’s Best” program

Benefits

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- 3 Classic spots
- More members eligible to advance past the state level
- Pro Am style events
- Investment into the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship to double the number of anglers advancing to the BNC
- “Nations Best” program will **invest** in the future of 3 B.A.S.S. Nation anglers
- Increased exposure