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Welcome, MICHIGAN B.A.S.S. NATION MEMBERS:

It's that time again! The first step towards a seat in the 2019 B.A.S.S. Master Classic, is the 2018 Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation State Championship at Indian River. "A chance to be fishing as one of the Pros." Our MBN Board would like to wish every angler the "Best of Luck."

This letter is to serve as official notification of eligibility for the 2018 State Championship to be held August 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Indian River, Michigan. It is the responsibility of all anglers whom desire to participate to complete the online registration. You must be a member in good standing by May 1, 2018. **All High School and Bass Master Jr. members who are sixteen (16) years old by December 31, 2018 are eligible to participate as Co-Anglers / and compete in the B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Tournament.** Rules for the State Championship and on-line registration can be viewed and completed at [www.michiganbassnation.com](http://www.michiganbassnation.com). We will continue to have early check-in available for anglers this year. We will have tables set up at the banquet hall on Thursday, August 23, 2018 for members to check-in starting at 2:00 p.m. Times, dates and location for the banquet will be included in everyone's confirmation e-mail. **Remember the tournament will again be a two-day event. You are required to participate both days or you may not fish the 2019 or the 2020 State Championship. Any member in good standing may attend the MBN State Championship.**

Registration is \$200.00 per boater and \$100.00 per co-angler. This includes one meal at the banquet and one meal for The Bar-B-Q on Friday. Registration fees are to be paid via PayPal On-line, using either a PayPal account or a Debit / Credit Card through PayPal. Should participants wish to bring additional people to the banquet / picnic, the cost will be \$16.00 for each additional person. Please fill out the State Championship registration form on-line as a Guest to Attend the Banquet. Entry forms must be **completed and submitted by August 1, 2018**. Any applications submitted after that date will not be considered timely and will be denied.

**Refunds of registration / entry fees will NOT be granted for any reason after the registration deadline (August 1, 2018). Since we are not holding a club team award or pot this year, all sign-up will be done by the individual who wishes to participate. If a boater has boat issues, they may continue in a co-angler position, but will maintain his / her boater status and five fish limits for advancement. All other co-angler rules will apply.**

**There will be no Team awards this year.**

This year the only license required will be a Michigan Fishing License. At this time, fishing boundaries are limited to **Michigan waters only**. Other restrictions may be imposed by the Tournament Director due to weather conditions. **The off limits will be the entire Indian River, and 900 feet from the mouth straight out and 900 ft to the right and left from center of the mouth of Indian River, as of 3:00pm on August 24, 2018. (see tournament rules for maps.)**

Big Bass Awards will be as follows:

Big bass jackpot will be \$10.00 per angler. Which is to be paid with your on-line registration.

There will be two Big Bass pots each day, one (1) for Boaters and one (1) for Co-angler. Only one (1) big bass Trophy overall will be awarded for the Tournament.

When arriving on tournament morning. Check-in will be done in the designated parking lot staging area. **DO NOT GO DOWN TO THE RAMP AREA. ALL BOATS WILL BE SENT DOWN AFTER LIVEWELL AND BOAT CHECKS.** At the pre-tournament meeting on Thursday, you will be directed to a lot based on which flight You are in. Anglers who are not registered by **5:30<sup>pm</sup> Thursday at the banquet** will not be allowed to fish. **There is a \$6.00 per day launch fee for boaters to be paid by the boaters on-line with your entry fee. Co-anglers and staff can park for free.**

All contestants must attend the Banquet. Tournament entry forms, payment, proof of boater insurance and number of additional people attending the banquet / Bar-B-Q must be completed on-line. Should you have additional question, we can be reached by email at: [Gemerson@michiganbassnation.com](mailto:Gemerson@michiganbassnation.com) or by phone at 734-536-2506. Do not call with changes to your entry form after you submit them!

## State Championship Roster Instructions:

Since everyone must register this year on-line as an individual angler there are several things you need to know and do before you **submit the entry form** for the 2018 State Championship. Below is a checklist for various things, such as whether you are fishing the State Championship this year as a boater or co-angler. If you have any member information corrections, please enter the information on the on-line entry forms when you submit them. Remember, if the information is not complete and correct, the form will be rejected! Complete the check list and print and retain for your records.

## 2018 State Championship Check List;

(Please complete this form retain it for your records.)

YES NO Prior to submitting your entry, go through the following check list.

- Did you enter your correct address, phone number and email address on the entry form.
- Is your B.A.S.S. (including BASSMASTER magazine) membership current?
- Did you identify as a boater or co-angler when you did the entry?
- Did you submit payment of \$200.00 per boater or \$100.00 per co-angler? (no refunds)
- Did you check the box verifying you have \$300,000.00 liability insurance (boaters / pro-anglers) (we will be spot checking at the Tournament.)
- Did you submit **your entry by August 1, 2018**

(If the form does not show all 6 as yes it will not be accepted)

If you answered **NO** to one or more of these questions, your entry is not complete. Please correct prior to submitting your application. If you have questions regarding your application, the State Championship Chairman (Gary Emerson,) can be reached at (734) 536-2506. If you answered **YES** to all questions, submit your on-line entry. All changes to from your original entry must be made when you check in at the banquet by 5:30<sup>pm</sup>. Do not call with changes, they will not be made via phone or email. Entries must include complete payment on-line using PayPal, or a Debit / Credit Card using PayPal. Checks may be mailed to the address below. Please if paying by check, submit your entry on line. **Please be sure to submit before the deadline of August 1, 2018! Each angler will receive a confirmation E-mail as soon as they are processed, so it is very important that your E-mail addresses are correct. If you do not receive a confirmation email, contact Gary Emerson immediately.**

Again, our MBN Board wishes the very best of luck to all our members. 21 of our members will be moving on to the Bass Nation Regional Tournament. One angler and one co-angler will advance to the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.

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