

Tournament Rules

1. **Rules Enforcement:** These rules will remain unchanged for 2008. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. The decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and not subject to appeal. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate, including disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, and future participation.
2. **Participation and Eligibility:** An invitation is open to all youths, which reside in the state of Indiana that are age 18 and younger. Invitation is also extended to youths from other states that belong to an updated registered Indiana Junior Bass Chapter that is sponsored by an I.B.F. affiliated adult Chapter.
3. **Registration:** Each competitor must register in person during registration hours the morning of the tournament. Late registrations will be accepted at this time until the field is full.
4. **Pre-tournament Meeting:** After all boats have been launched, there will be a pre-tournament meeting prior to the start of the tournament. All competitors must be at this meeting.
5. **Tournament Waters:** There will be "NO off-limits periods" before the tournament. However, the Tournament Director reserves the right to make sections of water off-limits the day of the tournament. No fishing with-in 50 yards of another competitor's boat that is already anchored with the trolling motor up.
6. **Safety:** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each person in the boat is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life preserver at all times the combustion engine is operating, beginning with the time your boat is officially checked-in until your fish are brought to the scales. All boats must be equipped with an emergency shut-off device and must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation. Anyone operating the boat must have in their possession a valid driver's license. Minors under 16 years of age may operate the trolling motor at the adult's discretion.
7. **Sportsmanship:** Competitors and parents/guardians are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. Any infractions of these rules as determined by the Tournament Director can be grounds for disqualification. Adults/boat captains are not permitted to fish during the tournament hours. Only the children can fish. However, adults can make suggestions for what fishing lures or equipment to use and what areas to fish. **Boat Captains cannot fish!**
8. **Tackle and Equipment:** All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers. Only one fishing rod may be used at a time. Nets are allowed. The adults can net a fish and remove the hook if so desired, but the competitor must place the fish in the live well and retrieve the fish from the live well for weigh-in. Trolling is not permitted.
9. **Boat, Motor and Horsepower:** 14ft minimum length. Only wheel steering or tiller control will be allowed. Each boat must have an aerated live well capable of holding two limits of fish. No "over-horsepowered" boat will be allowed. See boat manufactures HP rating plate.
10. **Official Checkpoint:** There will be an official checkpoint for boat check in the morning and for afternoon check-in. Failure to check-in in the morning and afternoon will result in disqualification. The Tournament Director will announce these locations during registration the morning of the tournament.

11. **Scoring:** Only black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass) will be accepted at weigh-in. The limit will be five (5) fish per competitor. All fish must be at least 14" long and/or meet state and local guidelines. Any fish brought to the scales that does not measure will not be counted. A competitor's total weight of legal fish will be counted. There will be a ½ pound penalty for each dead fish weighed in. The top competitor in each age group of 15-18, 11-14, and 10 & under will be invited to compete in the Jr. State Finals "Fish-Off" after the four regular tournaments have taken place.
12. **Late Penalty:** Any competitor not checked in with the proper official by the designated check-in time will be penalized. Competitors will be penalized at the rate of one (1) pound per minute deducted from their total weight, including any weight to be counted toward big bass. After fifteen (15) minutes they will be disqualified.
13. **Ties:** In the event of a tie in any age group, the winner will be determined by; 1) number of fish weighed in, 2) largest bass weight, 3) second largest bass weight and so fourth. If there is still a tie, then both competitors will be invited to the fish-off.
14. **Cancellations and Delays:** Tournament hours may be delayed or cancelled at the discretion of the Tournament Director due to unsafe weather or water conditions. In the event of a cancellation the morning of the tournament, the entry fee will be reimbursed.
15. **Insurance:** Liability insurance is required of all boats used in conjunction with this tournament. A copy must be available on request by any Tournament Official. A minimum of \$300,000.00 liability coverage is required.
16. **Pairing:** This will be a "draw" type tournament where boaters are paired with non-boaters. Take-off order will be determined during the pairings. Both partners will have equal time operating the trolling motor and what fishing water is fished.
17. **Indiana Junior State Champion:** To qualify to be the State Champion, a competitor must have qualified for the Fish-Off in at least one of the four qualifying tournaments and weigh in the heaviest catch at the fish-off tournament. A first place tie in the fish off will be determined by; 1) number of fish weighed in, 2) largest bass weight, 3) Second largest bass weight and so fourth. If there is still a tie, then final determination will be determined by the flip of a coin.

2008 Tournament Schedule

Summit Lake, April 12, Park North Ramp

Registration: 6am, Start at safe light.

Maxinkuckee, May 10, West Ramp

Registration 6am, Start at safe light.

Patoka, June 14, Painters Creek Ramp

Registration 6am, Start at safe light.

Waveland Lake, July 12, Park Ramp

Registration 6am, Start at safe light.

Fish-Off Tournament

Glenn Flint Lake, August 23,

Registration 6am, Start at safe light.



2008 I.B.F. Jay Gearld Memorial Junior Invitational Trail

In memory of Jay Gearld.
"Catch a fish for him!"

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Indiana Bass Federation

Tournament Trail Schedule:

Summit Lake , April 12, '08

Maxinkuckee , May 10, '08

Patoka, June 14, '08

Waveland, July 12, '08

Fish-Off, Glenn Flint, Aug. 23, '08

Contact: Indiana Bass Federation

Ken Gibbs, Youth Director

1592 N. 600 E., Avon, IN 46123

Phone: (317) 745-7404

Email: tdlures@yahoo.com



Entry Form: Each angler must fill out an entry form. Competitors must fish from a boat. No more than two (2) anglers per boat. (Please print.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ **Zip** _____

Age: _____ **Date of birth:** ____/____/____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____

Are you a member of an I.B.F. Jr. Club? Yes No

Junior Club Name: _____

Junior Club Number: _____

Register (check one): boater or non-boater

Check the tournament(s) that apply: (You can check more than one. Enter all four if you would like.)

April 12, Summit May 10, Maxinkuckee

June 14, Patoka July 12, Waveland

Parent/or guardian responsible for child:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ **Zip** _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____

Watercraft info:

Make of Boat: _____ **Model:** _____ **Year:** _____

Make of outboard: _____ **HP:** _____

Boat Registration Number: _____

Liability Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

In signing, the above competitor and parent/guardian have read, understand, and agree to the rules of this tournament. They hereby waive and release all other contestants, the Host Sponsors, and the Tournament Officials from all claims or injury and or damage incurred in connection with the tournament. They further understand that the Tournament Director reserves the right to reject entries if he shall choose for any reason not to accept the application.

Entry Fee: \$20 per tournament.

Mailed entries must be received 5 days prior to the tournament.

Entry fee breakdown:

- \$12 toward cost of awards.
- \$8 toward "Adopt an Angler" program.

**Mail entry to: Indiana Bass Federation Youth
Ken Gibbs, Youth Director
1592 N. 600 E.
Avon, IN 46123**

Entries will be accepted the morning of each tournament during registration until the field is full.

First come, first served entry.

Take-off will be determined when drawing names at pairing of partners. Partners will be drawn as boaters and non-boaters, per entry form, until all boaters have been drawn. If there are any remaining non-boaters, they will be drawn and paired with a volunteer boat captain until all boats are filled. If there are more boaters than non-boaters, then they will be paired as per the Tournament Director. No more than two junior anglers per boat will be allowed.

Tournament Awards:

1st thru 5th - Plaque
Big Bass – Plaque

State Champion Award:

This award will be presented to the Junior State Champion at the fish-off tournament August 23rd.



Per the results of the Fish-Off tournament, the top competitor in each age group, (**age at the time of the '09 NGJWC**), of 11-14 and 15-18 will qualify to go to the 2009 National Guard Junior World Championship. They must be of eligible age at the time of the 2009 NGJWC as per those rules. The winner of each age group from the Fish-Off event must be a member of a 2008 & 2009 I.B.F. junior club to be eligible to participate in the 2009 NGJWC.

2008 Tournament Sponsors

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Any errors on or questions concerning this entry form are subject to the Tournament Director's final decision.