

# **PA B.A.S.S. Nation Presents:**

## **2017 Lake Erie Open Bass Buddy Tournament**

**Saturday, August 26, 2017**

6:30 AM to 2:30 PM

\$300 per team plus an optional \$10 lunger pool

Marina Bay Launch

Boat numbers will be determined by the date that the paid application is received. Applications accepted at the ramp will be given boats numbers in order of acceptance.

**PA B.A.S.S. Nation will accept apps by mail until August 12, 2017**

You can sign up the day of the event, CASH ONLY the morning of at the ramp - *no exceptions*.

Two-man team, 5 fish limit per team • Top 10 teams paid.  
Open to all U.S. waters with proper licenses.

Make Checks Payable to: **PA B.A.S.S. Nation**

Mail Applications to: **Derek Severns 788 Camp Hollow Road West Mifflin PA 15122**

**Owners Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owners Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owners Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understand and agree to abide with all PA fish commission rules and laws governing this tournament. I agree to abide by and on-site decisions deemed necessary by the tournament director. I further agree to waive the tournament officials and hosts from any liability, including careless, hazardous or negligent or use of equipment by any other competitor.

**Owner and Partner Signatures:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Boat owners must carry 300,000 Liability Insurance to fish this event.
2. Boat operator must be at least 16 years old or older. Under 18 must furnish parental consent.
3. Life jackets must be worn while combustion engine is running and must comply with any federal, state, and local regulations as applicable.
4. Artificial lures only, no live bait except pork bait.
5. Each contestant may use only one rod at a time.
6. Kill switch mandatory on engines 20hp and larger.
7. Mandatory functional live well(s) capable of sustaining bass.
8. No alcoholic beverages consumed on board during tournament hours.
9. Citation or field acknowledgement issued by PFBC or other governing agency during tournament hours is reason for disqualification.
10. Boat operator is responsible for boat's wake.
11. Fifteen (15) inch or state regulated minimum on bass; measured mouth closed and tail fanned. Penalty for short fish is 1 pound plus loss of fish.
12. Only 5 bass per 2-man team may be weighed.
13. Four ounces (0.25lbs) deducted from total weight for each dead fish.
14. Lunker weight will be dead or alive for the purpose of the lunker pool. It is the contestant's responsibility to have their team's big fish weighed for the purpose of the tie breaker and the lunker pot.
15. 50-yard rule from anchored boat will be in effect. Contestants must display visual symbol provided by tournament director.
16. The highest degree of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected. Infractions are reasons for disqualification.
17. Ties will be broken by weight of heaviest fish in tied teams live well; still tied money split 50/50. It is the contestant's responsibility to have their team's big fish weighed for the purpose of the tie breaker and the lunker pot.
18. Late penalty will be 1 pound per minute, disqualified after 5 minutes. All boats must check in at weigh in site.
19. Protests must be filed within 10 minutes of scales closing.
20. Refunds on a case by case basis. Decisions of the tournament director are final.
21. All safety equipment is subject to inspection at boat check.
22. At no time may a contestant return a dead fish to the water with the purpose of replacing it with a live fish. If a fish dies in the live-well, it counts in the catch of the individual and may not be culled during the tournament.

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