

## 2025 NE BASSIN 17FT boat/KAYAK membership Form (\$40 adult/\$30 Youth per year)



Angler: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Kayak/Boat Brand: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Trolling Motor Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Teammate Name (For team trail only): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

### NE BASSIN Tournament Rules

<p>Liability release: In signing this agreement, I signify that I have read and understood all rules and I hereby release NE BASSIN Tournament fishing circuit, its officers, sponsors, agents, and employees, from any and all damages, claims, demands, cost, or expense relating to injury of any persons or damages to any property to any property which I may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with any NE BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. Covenant Not To Sue and Waiver of Subrogation: I further agree that I will never sue NE BASSIN Tournament Circuit for damages on account of any injury damage that I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future in connection with this or any other NE BASSIN Tournament fishing event. I expressly agree to indemnify and hold NE BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit harmless from any liability whatsoever, including court cost and attorney's fees arising with respect to such action. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue NE BASSIN Circuit, I am waiving the right to recovery from NE BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit for liability. Verification of liability insurance: I further state that I am a current member of NE BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit and that I maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in any NE BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. Construction: If this agreement and the release, covenant, and waivers contained here in are found by any court to be overly broad in any manner, I ask the court to interpret it as broadly as possible. Reading and Understanding: I signify by my signature that I have read and understood the above agreement and all NE BASSIN Rules.</p> <p><b>1. Memberships:</b> Memberships into NE BASSIN is \$40 per angler. All members the age of 16 before the first NE BASSIN kayak event for that given year shall be considered a "Youth" and receive a membership for \$30. All NE BASSIN Kayak Series events are open to all kayaks any size along with 12 ft small boats or less, can be powered by paddle, pedal drive systems and trolling motors under 70lb thrust are allowed during any NEBKS events. Anglers fishing the Elite Series of B.A.S.S or the FLW big boat Tour Events as a boater, during the 2025 season are not eligible to participate in any NE BASSIN Events. The Tournament director and other tournament officials are permitted to fish all NE BASSIN events.</p> <p><b>2. NEBKS Events:</b> Tournaments are scheduled throughout CT, MA, RI, NY and NH. Entries must be paid in full 5 days before any NEBKS Event. Entry fee may be refunded only if the Director is notified no later than 48 hours before the NEBKS Tournament. Boat numbers will be picked the morning of the event and will be handed out following our am meeting. NE BASSIN is limited to the first anglers that enter a given body of water depending on the permit.</p> <p><b>3. Scoring:</b> Tournaments, 100 point scoring system. Sample Scoring 1<sup>st</sup> place team-100 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place team 99 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place team 98 and so on. All other teams that didn't weigh in any fish will receive 5 points under last place for participating in the event. The angler that has the highest final points in the division will determine a NEBKS Champion. No Drops are given. 370 points are required to qualify for the NEBKS Classic event. An angler paying for an event that doesn't fish it will receive 10 pts less than last place to their total score.</p> <p><b>4. Registration:</b> Each angler is required to be present at the Pre-Tournament Meetings. Failure to appear at the Pre-Tournament Meeting will result in a disqualification not unless the director was contacted before hand and made arrangements that were fair.</p> <p><b>5. Weather Delays and Cancellation:</b> In the event of extreme weather conditions such as Tornados, Tornado Warnings or Lightning, the tournament director along with the officials will monitor the path of the storms and their length, until it has been cleared by these three entities this tournament will be put on hold until warnings expire or the storms have passed, then and only then will we proceed with this tournament. In the event that the storms or warnings have not passed or expired prior to 9am the director and staff will make the decision to cancel that day of fishing. Should the tournament be delayed due to weather and we decide to launch, the check in times will stand as posted.</p> <p><b>6. Take Off:</b> NEBKS events will all start between 6:00 am and 8:00am (Eastern Time) depending on the event. Boat take off numbers will be picked the morning of the event.</p> <p><b>7. Check-IN:</b> Check-in will be done by 1 flight. There will be a deduction of 1inch per minute of your total weight for every minute late to Check-in. An angler more than 10 minutes late to Check-in will not be permitted to weigh-in that day's catch. The number ruler you were given at the start of the event must be turned in prior to an angler weighing in their fish. No paddle no weigh in and no more events until the paddle is replaced. If you lose your ruler, an angler will have to pay \$50 to replace the ruler as a penalty or else no fish will be weighed in and will receive a 0 for the day with no points given. If an angler pays for the ruler the penalty will also deduct 2 inches from that days total catch.</p> <p><b>8. Limits:</b> This is a three (3) fish limit per angler. Any one fish can only be submitted once.</p> <p><b>9. Fish that count:</b> Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass may be caught to weigh-in. All fish brought to weigh-in must be at least 12" long seen with the photo. All lengths will be recorded to the nearest lowest 1/4 inch based upon the directors vision from the photo.</p> <p><b>10. Kayak Boat Inspection:</b> Boat must have an 70lb thrust or less to be able to compete in these events. All kayaks/small boats will be checked before putting them into the water to be cleaned to fish. 5 rods per boat, no live bait, and a life jacket must be on board and worn at all times.</p> <p><b>11. Pre-Fishing:</b> All NEBKS events will not be closed to pre-fishing. All waters that will be fished will be closed to pre-fishing from 4pm the day before the start time.</p>	<p><b>12. Off-Limits:</b> Other off-limits areas will be announced at the pre- tournament meeting. Anglers may not fish closer than 40 yards to another competitor who is fishing. If permission is given to one, then all may fish same water. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall be cause for disqualification. Any angler fishing in the off-limits areas will have that day's weight disqualified from the tournament and receive a zero for points for that event.</p> <p><b>13. Ruler given at the start of the event must ONLY be used to measure fish while taking the photo.</b> All other pictures taken without using the ruler given will not be looked at.</p> <p><b>14. Fish Penalty:</b> A fish that appears altered or mangled shall be the tournament director's decision to submit or not to submit that fish to the limit for the event.</p> <p><b>15. Life Preserver:</b> State Rules will be followed, based upon the director's final decision. We encourage all contestants to wear their life jackets the entire event regardless of the state rule. If you do not follow the state rule you will have that day's catch disqualified from the tournament.</p> <p><b>16. Ties:</b> Ties for placing in the tournament will be broken by longest bass. If anglers are still tied for total combined length and longest single fish length, the angler that caught their longest fish first will be declared the winner.</p> <p><b>17. No Live Bait:</b> Only artificial lures can be used in any NEBKS event. The use of pork rind is permitted.</p> <p><b>18. Trolling lures,</b> even if the rod is not being held by the angler, will be considered "in use." All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. If a competitor breaks his line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, he is allowed to make an attempt with the rod being used or by hand to secure the line and land the fish to be counted as legal. He may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod and reel, or other device. If a competitor loses his rod and reel while landing a bass he MAY use another rod and reel to retrieve the lost outfit. If that rod and reel is verified to be the lost outfit that bass may be landed and counted as a legal fish. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their catch disqualified.</p> <p><b>19. Sportsmanship:</b> All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, conservation and honesty. Drunkenness/drugs shall be cause for immediate disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be allowed in the boats during the tournament hours extending through the close of the weigh-in. Any ticket will lead to a DQ.</p> <p><b>20. Leaving Your Boat:</b> Competitors shall remain in the boat at all times during the tournament. Except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for "nature calling", need a break or even a severe storm or other such hazards. If for any reason an angler decides to leave the tournament waters early, competitors must contact the Director, prior to leaving the tournament and must leave the paddle near or on the directors' vehicle.</p> <p><b>21. Cheating:</b> Anyone caught cheating in any NE BASSIN event will be immediately banned from fishing any NEBKS event in the future. We reserve the right to have a random truth verification test performed at any time. You may not use a cell phone to gain an advantage over the rest of the competitors.</p> <p><b>22. Protest:</b> All protest must be submitted in writing to the director before the close of weigh-in. Verbal protest will not be accepted. The director and the board will meet to discuss any protest and have a final decision made within 24 hours.</p> <p><b>23. State Rules:</b> All state rules and regulations must be followed. Teams breaking a State Rule or Regulations will have that day's weight disqualified.</p> <p><b>24. Insurance:</b> Failure to fill out and hand in the NE Bassin insurance waiver before the start of an anglers first event will not be able to fish and result in disqualification with no refund.</p> <p><b>25. Refusal of Membership/Entry:</b> We reserve the right to refuse membership or entry into any of NEBKS Tournament. All Rules and regulations of NEBKS Tournaments are subject to review by NE BASSIN Officials.</p> <p><b>26. Awards:</b> 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for the year will get plaques. Lunker plaque will be given to the angler with the biggest bass for the year, who fished all events in that division. The top 1 to 5 anglers overall will get a FREE Classic depending on total amount of entries for that division. Top anglers per division may have an opportunity to fish for bonus money/awards at the Classic event. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place anglers/biggest fish overall at the Classic will get a plaque.</p> <p><b>27. Good Standing:</b> A single angler must fish a minimum of 4 events to be in good standing of the club per year. If an angler doesn't fish at least 4 tournaments for that year, that angler will not be in good standing with BE BASSIN and will not be able to fish the following year based upon director's decision. An angler must pay for 3 events upfront with no refund or they will not be able to fish any event.</p> <p><b>*Signing below means you have read and understood all rules and regulation online as well as on this form for both the kayak series and for the 15ft/Kayak Team Series. The 15ft/Kayak series rules and regulations are online only.</b></p> <p><b>NE BASSIN Founder, Regional and CT Big boat Director:</b>  <b>Jamie Verab • 10 Buckley Lane – Prospect, CT 06712</b>  <b>203-510-8805 • <a href="mailto:nebassinfishing@gmail.com">nebassinfishing@gmail.com</a></b></p>
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