

# NEBA of Mass, Tournament Registration, P.O. Box 202, Webster, MA 01570

## NEBA of MA 2020 Open Tournament Entry Form

<b>Please check off</b>	<b>X</b>	October 4 - OPEN - Webster Lake (Town Ramp – Memorial Beach)		
<b>Site(s) and Date(s)</b>				
<b>Indicate Amounts</b>		<b>Entry Fee(s) \$ per Tournament</b>	-	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Enclosed</b>		<b>Parking Fee - \$ (mandatory)</b>	-	<b>\$10</b>
		<b>Split Lunker LM/SM - \$20 (Optional)</b>	-	<b>\$</b>
				<b>\$</b>
		<b>**CASH ONLY** DAY OF EVENT</b>		<b>\$</b>
		<b>(\$ total includes lunker) Total:</b>	-	<b>\$</b>

**Tournament Hours:** 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Check-in Period:** 5:30 AM to 6:30 AM.

**On-Site Registration begins at 5:30am. Lake residents/guests may come by water to check-in but, you cannot park at the state ramp in the 3<sup>rd</sup> lake. All Boats must either come by water and can only park/use the Memorial Beach facility. We do not have a permit for the state ramp.**

**Tournament Lunker Pool:** \$20.00 Big Bass Pot split LM/SM prepared for season for largest (heaviest) bass LM/SM at each event.

**Pre-Registration by Mail:** Not available; \*\*\*CASH ONLY\*\*\* DAY OF EVENT

**Proof of Insurance Required:** All entry forms must be accompanied by proof of valid **\$300,000** watercraft liability insurance (copy of valid insurance policy with expiration date) **Incomplete Applications will not be processed! Rules pages must be signed and turned in as well!**

**Refunds:** No refunds will be issued

**Tournament Officials:** can be reached by telephone. Wil Andrews (508) 865-7322.

**Prize Money:** Prizes are paid-out to top 6 places based on 25 boats. Payout is 70% of \$100 of the entry fee at the Open Tournament. Prizes are pro-rated based on the actual number of entries based on \$100.

Boat Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Reg. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Reg. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Reg. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

By entering this NEBA of MA Team Tournament at my own risk, I hereby acknowledge that all bodies of water contain obstacles and hazards and that I am responsible for the safe operation of my boat, and I waive all liability claims against Tournament sponsors, hosts, officials, and all parties associated with the tournament. I have read the Tournament Rules and agree to abide by them. I also agree to accept the Tournament Officials' decisions as final.

Boat Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(if Partner is under 18, Legal Guardian must sign also)

# North East Bass Association of Massachusetts 2020 Open Tournament Rules

**REGISTRATION - ON-SITE** – On-Site Registration begins at 5:30am. Lake residents/guests may come by water to check-in but, you cannot park at the state ramp in the 3<sup>rd</sup> lake. All Boats must either come by water and can only park/use the Memorial Beach facility. We do not have a permit for the state ramp.

**PRE-TOURNAMENT FISHING** - There is no cut-off date for pre-fishing tournament waters.

**SPORTSMANSHIP AND COURTESY** - All participants in NEBA Tournaments are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs in a participant's boat or on their person during official tournament hours will be cause for immediate disqualification. Anyone on medication under a doctor's order must notify the Tournament Officials prior to the start of the tournament. Tournament hours extend from the start of registration until the scales have been officially closed by the Tournament Officials. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially in regards to the general public. No competing boat may fish within 50 feet of another occupied boat, regardless of whether the other boat is a tournament contestant without consent of the other boat. Any act of a participant which reflects unfavorably upon the NEBA's efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean water, and sportsmanship will be reason for disqualification from the current tournament and/or all future NEBA of MA Tournaments. Protests must be submitted to the Tournament Officials, in writing and signed, before the scales are officially closed. The protesting participants must be available to confront the accused with the Tournament Officials.

**SAFETY** - Safe boating must be practiced at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a chest-type, Coast Guard approved life preserver (PFD), fastened securely, at all times that the combustion engine is running. Anglers must be seated in the main boat seats when the boat is on plane. No angler will be allowed on any deck of the boat while the boat is on plane. Suspender-type vests must be worn on the outside of all garments, and cannot be removed unless there are other acceptable Type III vests readily accessible in the boat. All boats must operate in a safe and sane manner and observe any and all speed zones that are posted on tournament waters. The maximum speed limit for all tournaments is 45 MPH, unless lower or higher speed limits are posted on the tournament waters, required by law or local rules and regulations, or required by the Tournament Officials. Ignition kill switches must be used properly, and attached to the driver at all times that the combustion engine is running. Boats on plane must maintain at least 150 feet of distance between each other and or applicable local law. **NO POWERLOADING AT ANY RAMP.**

**TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT** - Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait is permitted, with the exception of pork strips or chunks and rinds, etc. Only casting, spin-casting or spinning rods and reels may be used. All others are prohibited. Any number of fishing rods may be rigged in the boat but, only one rig may be used at a time. Nets, with a maximum overall length of 6 feet (72 inches), are allowed. Trolling as a means of fishing is not allowed. No underwater listening or vision devices of any kind are allowed. Cell phones and two-way radios may be used for emergency/non-tournament purposes only.

**LIVE WELLS** - All boats must have a functional live-well space, of proper and adequate size, and properly aerated to maintain alive a team's limit of bass.

Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity are "proper and adequate". Stringers are not allowed.

**EMERGENCIES** - Contestants must remain in their boat at all times during tournament hours, except in the case of dire emergency. If toilet facilities are available and contestants must leave their boat to relieve themselves during tournament hours, they must ask another participating boat to witness their leaving and returning to their boat. No boat shall approach within reaching distance of another boat during the tournament, except for an emergency. It is mandatory that a courtesy bucket is aboard for all participants and it is to be used if the need arises.

**OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT** - There shall be only one official checkpoint in the morning and afternoon, and this point shall be designated at the pre-tournament briefing. At the time of check-in, all competitors and their boats shall be in full compliance with all the rules set forth herein and by the Tournament Officials. All boats must proceed directly past, within 50 feet of, the launch boat at tournament check-in. All boats must check in, regardless of whether they have fish or not. At check-in, all boats shall identify themselves by means of their boat number and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. The check-in boat will remain on the water for 15 minutes after the official check-in time. Check-in and weigh-in procedures will be as defined at the pre-tournament briefing. At least one team member must stay with the team's catch until the catch has been weighed and recorded.

**BOAT AND MOTOR** - Every boat must have all Coast Guard required equipment. The minimum boat length is 14 feet. Canoes, barges, and similar cumbersome or unstable craft are not allowed. The horsepower rating of the motor must not exceed the horsepower rating of the boat. Tiller steering is allowed, but stick steering is not allowed. All boats must have a functioning ignition kill switch, which must be used properly.

**BOATS ALLOWED FOR TOURNAMENT USAGE** – If your team starts the season in a propeller driven boat then you must fish all events in a propeller driven boat. If you start the season in a jet type boat then you must fish all events in a jet type boat.

**TOURNAMENT WORKERS** - must be allowed to trailer their boats before all other tournament participants' so that they can proceed to their duties. Any team/boat that obstructs a tournament worker's boat may be disqualified. Any team/boat that fails to follow weigh-in procedures, as announced at the pre-tournament briefing, may be disqualified.

**WEIGH-IN AND SCORING** - Tournament scores will be based on the total weight of bass caught by each team. Only black bass (largemouth and smallmouth), caught during tournament hours on the tournament waters shall count toward a team's catch. Daily limits and size will be established at the pre-tournament briefing. If more than the legal limit of fish is found in a team's possession, that team will be disqualified. If in the judgment of the Tournament Officials any bass presented for weigh-in has been mashed, mauled, mangled, or altered, that bass will not be counted toward the team's score. Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to meet the established minimum length will not be weighed-in and shall incur a one-pound penalty for each short bass. Due to the variance in measuring devices, all participants may check their measuring device against the official 'Golden Rule' prior to the close of the morning registration period (6:30 AM). There will be no 'courtesy checks' of fish. Competitors are expected to keep their bass alive if at all possible. Dead fish may not be "culled"--they must be weighed-in with the team's catch. Four ounces (.25 lb.) will be deducted from the team's score for each dead fish weighed-in. The determination of a 'Dead Fish' will be based on the Tournament Officials' judgment of the fish's likelihood of survival.

**TIES** - In the case of a tie for any place, the tie will be broken in the following manner: (1) biggest fish, then (2) Total number of live fish. If still tied, the prize money and points of both places will be divided equally between the teams.

**LATE PENALTY** - There shall be no excuse for tardiness. A late penalty of 1 pound per minute will be assessed for teams that check-in after the official check-in time, and the team will be disqualified if more than 15 minutes late. All fishing must cease upon check-in. After proper recognition at the check-in point, competitors will have ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site at a slow idle. The official starting and check-in time will be announced at the pre-tournament briefing.

**VIOLATIONS** – Any ticket or citation issued for speeding, fishing violations or improper boating operation during a NEBA of MA event will cause immediate disqualification from the event. Other violations will be at the tournament committee's discretion for disqualification.

**INTERPRETATION OF RULES** - All decisions in interpretation of these rules by the Tournament Officials' will be final.

**BOTH CONTESTANTS MUST SIGN, DATE BELOW THAT THEY HAVE READ THE RULES AND UNDERSTAND THEM.**

Boat Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(if Partner is under 18, Legal Guardian must sign also)

**NEBA of MA - LIABILITY RELEASE - READ BEFORE SIGNING!**

1. IN SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I HEREBY RELEASE North East Bass Association of MA (NEBA OF MA), it's officers, agents, employees, sponsors, owners or lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), herein referred to as NEBA OF MA, from all damages, claims, costs or expenses relating to injury of any persons or property, which I may sustain or which I may cause, by participating in or in connection with this tournament. I understand that by participating in this tournament, I may cause or sustain injury, including but not limited to, loss of life, limb, sight, speech, or other senses, including but not limited to, paralysis, coma, loss of mental functions, dehydration, exposure, hypothermia, frostbite, sun stoke, or any other injury(s) caused in a boating accident and / or exposure to the elements. I further release NEBA OF MA for all damages relating to adverse weather conditions while participating in this tournament, accepting that it is my responsibility to seek safety should adverse and/or unforeseen weather conditions occur prior to, during or after the tournament.
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, and assume full responsibility for my participation.
3. I FURTHER AGREE THAT I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and next of kin, hereby RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS NEBA OF MA. I will never sue NEBA OF MA for damages due to any injury, death or damage I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future. In the event NEBA OF MA were named in a lawsuit because of my actions, I expressly agree to indemnify and hold NEBA OF MA harmless from any liability whatsoever, including court costs and attorney's fee, arising with respect to such actions. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue NEBA OF MA, I am also waiving the rights of recovery from NEBA OF MA of my insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf.
4. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTANDING THEIR TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.
5. LIABILITY INSURANCE. I maintain a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance on the boat I will use in this tournament.
6. By placing our signatures on this entry and membership form we certify that we have read all tournament rules and liability releases and agree to abide by all rules, regulations, releases and tournament official's decisions.

**BOTH CONTESTANTS MUST SIGN AND DATE BELOW THAT THEY HAVE READ THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND WILL ABIDE BY IT.**

Boat Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(if Partner is under 18, Legal Guardian must sign also)