

# Become A Director Today! ALL NEW FOR 2014!

## MORE MONEY THAN EVER STAYS LOCAL!



Dear Bass Angler,

Thank you for your interest in joining NBAA, the fastest growing tournament series in the country.

NBAA is looking for directors across the nation that can deliver quality fishing opportunities for the members. Whether you want to run a Weekend, Overtime or One on One division, at a variety of lakes or your favorite fishing hole, NBAA has many opportunities for you to consider:

Become a NBAA division director – For a Overtime, Weekend or One on One division!

Any club or individual can start a division or take events you are already doing and make a division out of them. As a divisional director, you'll be part of a winning team and enjoy the benefits of a great compensation package, special "director only" deals, interaction with industry sponsors, and automatic eligibility to your State Championship and other tournaments worth thousands of dollars in cash and prizes. We've put together this packet for your review which includes information on getting a tournament division started, some of the benefits and requirements for becoming an NBAA director, and a director's application. We look forward to you joining the NBAA team. Look over the enclosed information, and give us a call with any questions.

Sincerely,

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## **NBAA DIRECTOR BENEFITS!**

- \* Free NBAA Membership each year
- \* Director's Boat does not pay an entry fee if they average more than 6 boats/teams per tournament.
- \* Automatically Qualify for the NBAA State Championships
- \* Chance to WIN –Equipment, Trolling Motors, Graphs, Batteries, Apparel and more!
- \* Average more than 25 boats per tournament to receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> Free tournament entry to give out to a co-director or as a prize!
- \* Get paid for every boat that fishes your division
- \* Full & Comprehensive Insurance Coverage
- \* Free NBAA Directors T-Shirt
- \* Equipment including scales, weigh bags, bump boards and forms, if needed.
- \* Tournament Prizes available either free or at a greatly reduced cost.
- \* Plaques and trophies available at a greatly reduced cost
- \* Extensive promotion for your division on our website, in mailings, and TV coverage of National Events on our Federation Angler TV series!

**\*\*NEW INCREASED LOCAL PAYOUTS FOR 2014\*\***

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS IN EVERY STATE**  
**THERE IS A NBAA DIVISION!**

**MORE Money than ever stays Local !!**

- Less travel, more benefits, less cost to compete for bigger prizes!
- State Championship funds in every state, stay in THAT state Championship prize pot
- Local (within the state) State Championships, more affordable for all
- Less travel to compete in big events for everyone with a state championship format
- Directors can submit to host a State Championship Tournaments in their area
- Build camaraderie and friendly competitions with other divisions and their members
- Top 10% of each State Championship tournament advance to a TRUE 2015 National Championship, WITH a travel stipend included to help offset the cost of travel expenses
- This format embraces the "core" of the NBAA values: Letting the everyday local angler have a shot at fishing a true championship event at the lowest possible cost!



## *Weekend Challenge Series* (5) – full day events

### *NEW for 2014!* Increased payout at the ramp and MORE money stays local

Our original Weekend Challenge series has evolved from one Great Lakes division to dozens of divisions in multiple states. A Weekend Challenge Division consists of 5 full day events. Anglers must compete in 4 out of the 5 series to qualify for the state championship and a chance to qualify for a true national championship with travel stipends as well as big dollar cash and prizes, like Ranger boats, equipment and many other things!

By running each division as a local circuit, the anglers enjoy familiar fishing waters, less time on the road, sleep at home and reducing travel costs. Each division has the atmosphere of a local club with the chance to qualify for a state championship.

In fact, many local clubs are affiliating with NBAA to give their members a shot at the “next step” in organized bass fishing and becoming a true STATE or NATIONAL CHAMPION!

**Entry fee breakdown:** Entry fees for typical weekend tournaments will be \$100.00 per team, and this includes a \$4.00 Big Bass pot. Of this, \$70.00 of each entry is paid back at the ramp, \$10.00 goes to the director, \$2 goes to YOUR state championship fund, and \$14.00 goes to NBAA for admin fees and towards the National Championship. That is an INCREASE to record levels of a 70% payback at the ramp and 86% of your money

STAYS “local.” Also, NEW for 2014, Super Big Bass is FREE!

The entry fee would be \$100, broken down like this:

\$70 to Payout at the ramp  
\$4 – Big Bass Payout at the ramp  
\$2 – **YOUR** State Championship  
\$10 – Directors Compensation  
\$14 – Admin and help fund the National Championship Pot  
FREE – Super Big Bass  
FREE Angler of the year Pot  
\$100.00

#### **NBAA Weekend Championship:**

Teams from your Weekend challenge events who fish 4 out of 5 of your events will automatically qualify for your State Championship and vie for the STATE CHAMPIONS title. The top 10% of the state championship field advances to a true NBAA National Championship! NBAA division directors will receive an automatic state championship berth provided they have fished at least one half of the divisions scheduled tournaments. All championships will be solely organized by the NBAA or their designee.

#### **Weekend Challenge Directors**

**Responsibilities:** Directors will be responsible for setting up division schedules, securing ramp permits, pay ramp fees, plaques, equipment, and running tournaments in accordance with NBAA rules. As a director, you’re

also expected to post your tournament results via the NBAA’s web posting system in a timely manner so pints and angler of the year prizes can be tracked. Another very important part of being an NBAA director is returning the appropriate paper work, memberships, revenue reports, etc. with-in two days of the event. Directors attending the State Championship will also be expected to assist with the event.

**NBAA Support:** NBAA will provide directors with all associated paperwork including; tournament result forms, revenue reports, membership applications, survey forms, envelopes, weigh bags, bump boards, scales, plaques, and other associated materials. We (NBAA) will also provide directors with promotional support through our website as well as promotional mailings, and Federation Angler TV program.

**Cost:** For a new director, there is a \$75.00 up front fee to the director to cover the cost of the materials associated with being a NBAA director. However, the director will get their \$75.00 investment back after they have fished only 1 event with fee entry.



## **Overtime Challenge Series (12) weeknight\day or 4 hour or less events**

### **NEW for 2014! Increased payout at the ramp and MORE money stays local**

Our most popular format, the overtime series is designed for a 3-4 hour tournaments! Generally, tournaments start around 6:00 p.m. and run for three hours. The start times can vary and should allow for the angler and his partner time to arrive after work. Lakes in the overtime divisions are generally closer together and target a local group of anglers to reduce drive time.

While most of these divisions are running in the evenings, variations can include a weekday morning or mid day, 55 and over only or guys and gals only and weekend divisions that fish 3 or 4 hours in the morning. NBAA is open to your ideas and suggestions.

Overtime Series will normally run 12 events, although some run an abbreviated division of 6 events at double the entry fee so everyone pays the same into the "pots" throughout NBAA.

**Entry fee breakdown:** The entry fee will be \$42.00 per boat per 12 season event which includes \$4.00 for big bass. Of this, \$28 is paid back at the ramp, \$2.00 goes towards YOUR State Championship, the director retains \$2.00 per team, \$6.00 goes into the national championship fund / NBAA Administrative Purposes, fund! That is an INCREASE to record levels of a 70% payback at the ramp and 86% of your money STAYS "local." Also, NEW for 2014, Super Big Bass is FREE! As a director, you will be responsible for managing and sending the funds to NBAA as well as entering the event

standings online within two days of the event.

The entry fee would be \$42 broken down like this:

\$28.00 to payout at the ramp  
\$4 – Big Bass Payout at the ramp  
\$2 – **YOUR** State Championship  
\$2– Directors Compensation  
\$6.00 to Admin & Championship Fund  
FREE – Super Big Bass  
FREE Angler of the year Pot  
\$42.00

#### **NBAA Overtime Championship:**

Teams from your Overtime challenge events who fish 10 out of 12 of your events will automatically qualify for your State Championship and vie for the STATE CHAMPIONS title. The top 10% of the state championship field advances to a true NBAA National Championship! NBAA division directors will receive an automatic state championship berth provided they have fished at least one half of the divisions scheduled tournaments.

All championships will be solely organized by the NBAA or their designee.

#### **Overtime Directors Responsibility:**

Directors will be responsible for setting up division schedules, securing ramp permits, pay ramp fees, equipment, and running tournaments in accordance with NBAA rules. As a director, you're also expected to post your tournament results via the NBAA's web posting system within 2 days of tournament completion. Another very important part of being an NBAA director is returning the appropriate paper work, memberships,

revenue reports, etc, with-in two days of the event. Directors attending the State Championship will also be expected to assist with the event.

**NBAA Support:** NBAA will provide directors with all associated paperwork including; tournament result forms, revenue reports, membership applications, envelopes, weigh bags, bump boards, scales, plaques, and other associated materials. We (NBAA) will also provide directors with promotional support though our website as well as promotional mailings, and Federation Angler TV program.

**Cost:** For a new director, there is a \$75.00 up front fee to the director to cover the cost of the materials associated with being a NBAA director. However, the director will get their \$75.00 investment back after they have completed only 2 events with fee entry.



## One on One Challenge Division – one person one boat

### **NEW for 2014!** Increased payout at the ramp and MORE money stays local

This exciting series is a huge hit with NBAA members everywhere. These events are one person per boat, fishing alone. The One on One Challenge Divisions run 5 events on Weeknights or Weekends and generally last for 3-4 hours or so hours. Lakes in the One on One division's are generally closer together and target a local group of anglers to reduce drive time.

While most of these divisions are running in the evenings, variations can include a weekday morning or mid day, 55 and over only or guys and gals only and weekend divisions that fish 3 or 4 hours in the morning. NBAA is open to your ideas and suggestions.

One on One division's will run for 5 events, with a year-end State Championship for qualifiers.

#### **NBAA One on One State**

**Championship:** Anglers in your division will be competing for a chance to qualify for the year end State Championship. Any angler competing in all 5 events or all events scheduled for the One on One division will automatically qualify for the championship. Directors will receive an automatic state championship berth, provided they have fished at least ½ of the divisions scheduled tournaments.

**Entry Fee Breakdown:** The entry fee will be \$40.00 per boat per night with an included \$4.00 for big bass. Of this, \$26.00 is paid back at the ramp. The

director retains \$2.00 per team, \$2 for YOUR State Championship fund, \$6.00 goes into the national championship / administrative fund, That is an INCREASE to record levels of payback at the ramp and nearly 86% of your money STAYS "local." Also, NEW for 2014, Super Big Bass is FREE! As a director, you will be responsible for managing and sending the funds to NBAA as well as entering the event standings online within two days of the event.

The entry fee would be \$40 broken down like this:

\$26.00 to Payout  
\$4 – Big Bass Payout at the ramp  
\$2 – **YOUR** State Championship  
\$2– Directors Compensation  
\$6.00 to Admin & Championship Fund  
FREE – Super Big Bass  
FREE Angler of the year Pot  
\$40.00

#### **One on One Directors**

**Responsibility:** Directors will be responsible for setting up division schedules, securing ramp permits, pay ramp fees, equipment, and running tournaments in accordance with NBAA rules. As a director, you're also expected to post your tournament results via the NBAA's web posting system within 2 days of tournament completion. Another very important part of being an NBAA director is returning the appropriate paper work,

memberships, revenue reports, etc, with-in two days of the event.

**NBAA Support:** NBAA will provide directors with all associated paperwork including; tournament result forms, revenue reports, membership applications, envelopes, weigh bags, bump boards, scales, plaques, and other associated materials. We (NBAA) will also provide directors with promotional support though our website as well as promotional mailings, and our TV show, Federation Angler.

**Cost:** For a new director, there is a \$75.00 up front fee to the director to cover the cost of the materials associated with being a NBAA director. However, the director will get their \$75.00 investment back after they have fished only 2 events with free entry.



# FAQ's



1. **Are permits needed to run tournaments?** Most public state, county, township and municipal ramps will require a permit to hold special events such as tournaments. Check with the local or regional office (i.e.: regional DNR station, township office, etc) for permit requirements.
2. **Who pays for permits?** Some permits for tournaments require a fee be paid. For some it is a flat fee and some are based on number of boats. When based on number of boats, base it on the lowest number of boats that may participate. The tournament director is responsible for paying ramp permits. Most directors then charge the teams fishing his or her circuit \$1.00 or \$2.00 per tournament until fees are repaid.
3. **Who chooses the lakes and ramps used?** NBAA leaves the choices of ramps and lakes up to the local directors. When choosing a lake, be sure to check local regulations on each body of water. Also, make sure the size of the lake and ramp can accommodate the number of boats that you expect.
4. **When can I run my tournament series?** NBAA lets each local director choose the dates and times for their tournaments. Dates for events must conform to local season and regulations and be completed prior to the championship event.
5. **What hours do I run a tournament?** Overtime events generally run for 12 weeks, 3-4 hours per tournament. One on One events run 5 tournaments typically on the weeknights for 3-4 hours, Weekend events run for 5 tournaments, 8 hours per event. Most Overtime and One on One tournaments run 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., while weekend events run 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some directors choose to vary this somewhat to accommodate travel and work times for anglers.
6. **Who qualifies for championships?** All ELIGIBLE directors and ELIGIBLE co-directors automatically qualify to fish the state championship. Other anglers who meet the rule requirements will also qualify for the state championship.
7. **Do directors pay to fish tournaments?** Directors do not pay in to fish their own divisions as long as very low minimum numbers are reached. **They are however required to pay for the optional big bass pot if they participate.** They are required to pay entry fees to participate in any other NBAA tournaments where entry fees are required. Also, directors pay any entry fees charged at championship events.
8. **How are directors compensated?** Directors are paid a set amount per boat, and it depends upon which type of division is set up. Also, directors do not pay to fish their own divisions as long as very low minimum numbers are met and pay no membership fees for NBAA.
9. **Will I be considered an employee of NBAA?** Directors are independent contractors and not employees of NBAA.
10. **How do I keep track of standings for my division?** **Tournament Results** is our official software and allows us to keep accurate, consistent statistics throughout our organization. The software is easy to use and training will be provided whenever needed. It is the director's responsibility to enter results within two day of each event.
11. **How do we handle payback of winnings at the tournaments?** A standardized payback schedule sheet is published on the web and will be provided to each director. This sheet will tell you how many places to pay and how much each place pays depending on number of boats.
12. **How are dispute rules violations and protests handled?** As tournament director, you will be responsible for handling the enforcement of rules at your tournament. It will be your responsibility to be familiar with all rules and to follow the protest procedures provided by NBAA. Disputes and rule violations are very rare, but must be dealt with fairly and consistently when they occur.