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## Lake Dardanelle, Arkansas to Host the 2024 NBAA National Championship

Ponca City, OK – December 18, 2023

Registration Opens Monday, January 10th for the over 200 teams that have qualified for the 2024 NBAA National Championship on Lake Dardanelle in Russellville, Arkansas. In just over ten years of Championships, this will be our first chance to visit Russellville. Lake Dardanelle has always been a destination place of anglers all around the country. Registration will remain open, through Thursday, February 29, 2024.

The **No Entry Fee** NBAA National Championship event dates are April 17-19, 2024. The first-place prize package for the 2024 National Championship will be an upgraded Ranger RT198 boat package with matching 150 HP Mercury Outboard, outfitted with Trolling Motor and electronics.

At registration, there will also be a chance to get into an optional Big Bass pot for each day of the event if you wish. By request of our anglers, we also offer an optional side pot to increase their chances at a payout for this event. The side pot is a strictly **OPTIONAL** pot that costs \$100 per team. Only those teams who enter the option pot will be eligible for any payout from it at 100% payback to the top 20% of the participating option pot teams. The National Championship is a Ranger Cup qualified event, and is worth up to \$8,000! Don't forget to sign up for Ranger Cup Contingency Program if you have an eligible boat every year by [clicking here](#).

In addition to the top prize listed above and cash payouts to top finishers NBAA sponsors Ranger Boats, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Rapala Crush City, TH Marine, Rapala, VMC, Suffix, and Faculty of Fishing will add thousands more in product to the prize pool at the event. Additionally, the Team of The Year from each NBAA Division nationwide will be competing for their own pot of funds that only those Teams of The Year are eligible to win.

Daily weigh ins are free to the public, and will be held at Lake Dardanelle State Park in Russellville, Arkansas. Each day weigh in will be streamed **LIVE** on the world wide web at [www.nbaa-bass.com](http://www.nbaa-bass.com). For complete details of the Championship, look on the home page of the NBAA website for the National Championship tabs. Then look for the "Fact Sheet" that will give you all the details, times, and places for all the week's events.

If you would like to earn a spot in the 2025 event it is easy to sign up your own NBAA Division today! Just click the link on this website to "*start a NBAA division*" or call Randy Sullivan at 580-716-4261. You fish close to home events, sleep in your own bed, and **YOU** could earn a spot to come to a once-a-year vacation destination to fish for a new Ranger Boat!

If you are qualified and plan on fishing the 2024 National Championship on Lake Dardanelle, each angler must have a current 2024 NBAA Membership or join at the time of registration for that event. Anglers also must have been an active NBAA member in 2023 to participate. Memberships can be renewed by calling the home office at 580-765-9031, by

renewing online using the championship registration form (NBAA Regular Membership Only), or through the website: <https://nbaa-bass.com/membership/> . **You must have a valid membership before registering for the event or it will charge you the REGULAR NBAA membership fee. NBAA Super memberships are only available by phone or online [HERE](#) and must be paid in advance before you register for the NBAA Championship.**

On site mandatory check in, and rules briefing for all registered contenders will be Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 – 5:00 pm with the meeting to start promptly at 5:15 pm. **Please NO BOATS AT THE REGISTRATION MEETING.** All teams will compete on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, April 17, 18, 19. The highest finishing teams total combined weight for the three combined days will win the event, the new Ranger Boat powered by Mercury, and the title of NBAA National Champions. Please check the NBAA FACT SHEET for complete locations and times for all the Championship activities.

**OFF Limits & Pre-fishing:** There is no Off-Limits Period prior to the week of the NBAA National Championship. **From now until sundown on Saturday, April 13th, you can pre-fish as many times as you like with anyone you wish in order to gain information about the lake.**

*However, the NO INFO Rule goes into effect for all on Sunday, April 14th and runs through the conclusion of the tournament on Friday, April 19th.*

*Beginning Sunday, April 14th, you may only fish with your registered partner and may only talk “Fishing” with other NBAA contestants registered in this event.*

**Official practice days are Sunday and Monday, from safe light to dusk and Tuesday is safe light until 3:00 pm. (April 14,15,16).** Tournament competition days are Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, April 17-19 and it is a cumulative three-day weight. All teams are expected to fish each of the three days.

I look forward to seeing each of you in April! Good Luck to all qualified teams!

- BE sure to read the official NBAA National Rules that will apply to this event and are posted to the website [HERE](#).

**Registration Link can be found here: <https://nbaa-bass.com/national-championship/>**

Thank You,

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