

**APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A ONE DAY BASS TOURNAMENT ON  
MAINE INLAND WATERS**

WEIGH-TOURNAMENT  \$52.00      CATCH MEASURE & RELEASE TOURNAMENT \$12.00   
OPEN  or CLUB

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Name of Club or Organization

Name of individual making application \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ (Daytime)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of aquatic plant and livewell inspector \_\_\_\_\_ (Daytime Tel:)

The above named bass fishing club desires to hold a one-day tournament on:

\_\_\_\_\_ BODY OF WATER      \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN      \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

Location of weigh-in station: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (2<sup>nd</sup> Choice) Alternate body of water      \_\_\_\_\_ Town      \_\_\_\_\_ County

Location of weigh-in station: \_\_\_\_\_

We desire to hold this tournament from \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. to \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Weigh-in tournaments are not permitted from May 8 to June 14 (dates inclusive) except in Aroostook, Hancock, Piscataquis & Washington Counties. Weigh-in tournaments in these four counties are not permitted from May 20 to June 30 (dates inclusive).

If for any reason this permit is not granted, the permit fee will be returned.  
Each day is considered as a separate tournament.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date      \_\_\_\_\_ Signature and title of applicant

NOTE: (It is a Class E crime to obtain a permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation. Title 12 MRSA Section 7373)

Mail to: Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, fisheries Division, 284 State St. Augusta Me 04333

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## B. Definition of a Bass Club

For purposes of determining eligibility to apply for a permit to conduct a one-day bass tournament, a "bass club" is defined as any organized group of five or more bass anglers which is able to satisfy one of the following criteria:

1. Provide current documentation of being a member club in Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society (BASS), Northeast Bass Association (NEBA) or other nationally recognized bass fishing organization; or
2. Provide a current listing of club officers and members along with a signed affidavit affirming that the group, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona-fide independent fishing club.

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## C. Requirements (General)

1. Any bass club which sponsors a one-day bass tournament must submit a completed bass tournament questionnaire, when requested to do so by an agent of the Commissioner, provided that such request must be made in writing to the sponsoring club prior to the day of the tournament.
2. All anglers in the tournament must possess a valid Maine fishing license unless of an age where a license is not required.
3. Bass tournament boats must be specifically identified in a plainly visible manner and a roster of participants must be available at the location of the weigh-in.
4. Only one permit will be issued on a waterbody for a specific date.
5. All fishing will be restricted to artificial lures.
6. No weigh-in bass tournaments will be permitted on a body of water less than 500 surface acres.
7. A copy of the tournament permit and a copy of the rules affecting one-day tournaments shall be conspicuously displayed during each tournament at a location accessible to all tournament contestants.
8. There shall be a separate permit for Open and Club tournaments. Club tournaments are limited to a maximum participation of 15 boats. Open tournaments are limited to 35 acres per boat with a maximum of 100 boats. Youth tournaments will be scheduled in cooperation with IF&W and no permit will be required.
9. Tournaments may be Catch/Measure/Release or Weigh-In.
  - a) In Catch/Measure/Release tournaments, all bass caught must be immediately released to the location from which caught.
  - b) All bass retained shall be kept in a livewell being operated with the pump(s) in a mode that constantly exchanges livewell water with fresh lake or river water as a flow-through system, except when boats are being operated under power of the main outboard while changing locations, or while motoring to shore immediately prior to weigh-in, at which time the pump(s) may be operated in a manner that aerates a fixed volume of water in the livewell. All bass taken shall be returned to the water from which it was caught, unharmed as far possible, at the conclusion of the tournament day. The daily limit shall be 5 bass per participant with no weight limit.
10. The total cash value of prizes for single-day tournaments shall not exceed \$25,000.
11. The Commissioner has the authority to put any condition necessary on any tournament to assure that appropriate measures are taken to protect biological resources and address social concerns.
12. Weigh-In tournaments are not permitted in Aroostook, Hancock, Piscataquis and Washington Counties from May 20 to June 30 (dates inclusive). In all other counties weigh-in tournaments are not permitted from May 8 to June 14 (dates inclusive).
13. There will be no more than seven weigh-in tournaments on any water greater than 500 acres, only four of which may be open tournaments.

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**AFFIDAVIT**

State of Maine

\_\_\_\_\_, ss.

(County)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Town and State of Residence

am a \_\_\_\_\_ of a bass fishing club currently known as  
Name of Club

I hereby certify that the bass fishing club herein named, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona fide independent bass fishing club having a slate of officers, as follows:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the purpose of this affidavit is to certify eligibility for making application to conduct one day bass tournaments on Maine inland waters and that obtaining a permit through misstatement, misrepresentation or fraud is a criminal violation under Title 12, Section 7383.

I understand that the information I have provided in this affidavit may be checked for accuracy and that falsely completing this affidavit may result in court action against me.

I certify that all the information given in this affidavit is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

State of Maine

\_\_\_\_\_, ss.

(County)

Personally appeared before me the above named affiant who signed above in my presence, giving oath that the information contained herein is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Note: If you do not belong to a nationally recognized bass fishing organization, please attach list of your members to affidavit.