



2013 Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation High School Tournament Series

Bass Fishing Team Coach

This letter is to announce that the IBN has established a tournament series for the High Schools in our state and we would like to invite your team to compete!!!

This year the IBN is sending 2 Jr. Bassmasters to fish as co-anglers with the IBN state team competing in the B.A.S.S. Nation Northern Divisional Tournament. They will be fishing alongside one of the best 12 adult anglers in the state. The Jr. Bassmasters will be competing for the opportunity to go to the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship. At this event they can win a fully loaded Triton Bass boat along with college scholarships. (For the adult anglers it is the first step to the super bowl of fishing, The Bassmaster Classic.)

This year we are inviting the winners of each of the 6 high school tournaments to compete at our Jr. Bassmaster State Qualifier for the chance to compete with our State Divisional team. The top 2 places from our State Qualifier tournament will receive an expense paid trip to the B.A.S.S. Nation Northern Divisional for themselves and their family. This year the Northern Divisional will be held on Francis Case Resev. in South Dakota.

There will be 6 high school tournaments this year;

Sun.	March 24, 2013–	East Fork	
Sun.	April 21, 2013–	Lake Clinton	
Sat.	May 18, 2013	Lake Shelbyville	
Sat.	June 29 2013	Jr. Bassmaster State Qualifier –	Lake Springfield
Sun.	June 30, 2013 -	Lake Springfield	(competing to fish 2014 State Qualifier)
Sun.	July 14, 2013–	Pool 13	(competing to fish 2014 State Qualifier)
Sun.	Aug 11, 2013 -	Kankakee/Deplanes	(competing to fish 2014 State Qualifier)

Your team can compete in as many as you would like. This year, being a transition year the first 3 tournament winners will compete at this year's 2013 State Qualifier and the winners of the last 3 events will compete in the 2014 State Qualifier.

The IBN will provide trophies for the first, second and third place teams at each event and a trophy for the school to display proudly. Not to mention the opportunity to compete in our State Qualifier and the chance to go to the B.A.S.S. Northern Divisional expenses paid and then on to the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.



The cost to enter a tournament is \$40.00 per boat (2 anglers per boat) and this includes membership for the anglers in the IBN Jr. Bassmasters and an affiliation with our organization for your school team. As members they will have full access to our IBN Jr. Bassmaster web site. As IBN and B.A.S.S. Members they will be entitled to;

IBN Jr. Members Message Board access
The IBN State Qualifier (Road to the Bassmaster Classic)
B.A.S.S. Nation \$1,000,000.00 Umbrella insurance Policy.
BASS TIMES magazine / BASS Insider
High School Tournament Series (discounted rate per boat)
National Sponsor and State Sponsor discounts

B.A.S.S. and the IBN are working together to put together the best events possible for the High School fishing teams in our state. Just fill out the attached form and send it in along with a check for the entry and your team will be set to compete!!! There is no limit to the number of boats that you want to send to the tournaments.

We have been running High School tournaments in Northern Illinois for a few years now and the participation levels are growing fast. Last fall we hosted an event that drew close to 40 boats on the Kankakee / DesPlaines River. It was a great event!!!

This season we are going to include the high school teams in our Jr. Bassmaster program and a shot at a spot in the IBN State Qualifier.

Email me with any questions you may have at franklabanowski@gmail.com.

Please print clearly

School Name _____ . Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ . Coaches Phone # _____ Cell# _____

Email Address _____

Entry fee is \$40 per boat - Make your check payable to the IBN

In signing this application, I hereby waive and release all Contestants, Sponsors, Officials and the Illinois BASS Nation from all claims, Injury or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I understand fully that the team boaters are responsible their own insurance and will provide proof of such insurance if requested. This certifies that I will provide a boat captain to operate the boat over the age of 16. The rules of this Tournament are set by the IBN appointed tournament chairman and IDNR permit granted. I have read, and familiar with and agree to abide by them.

Coach Signature _____ . Date _____

Coaches Name Print _____

Mail entry form and check to: IBFN, P.O. Box 7657, Westchester, IL. 60154



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1. What is it? A bass fishing tournament for high school anglers
2. Do I need to provide a boat? Yes, you/your coach must provide a boat.
3. How do I fish in it? Fill out the form and send payment.
4. Do I need to be a B.A.S.S./IBN member? Yes. (But by sending in your payment, we will enroll you as members in the IBN. Go to www.bassmaster.com under the heading "membership" to become a member of B.A.S.S. You will then receive all of the benefits listed above.)
5. Who will I be fishing with? Your coach will determine who is in the boat with you. (except: Jr. Bassmaster State Qualifier and the B.A.S.S. Nation Northern Divisional)
6. Does my High School Coach have to be present at the tournament? An adult must be present
7. What if I've never fished that particular body of water before? It would be to your advantage to be familiar with the water you're fishing.
8. What does it cost? Expenses for launch fees, boat and truck fuel, food should be considered and worked out between you and your coach.
9. If some of the places are far away, who is responsible for lodging? Any lodging expenses are up to you and your coach.
10. If I am a senior and win a tournament, can I fish in the 2014 tournament? Yes you can.

