

# MICHIGAN BASS INVITATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## 2008 REVISION

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE**

#### **SECTION 1: NAME**

- A. This organization shall be known as the "MICHIGAN BASS INVITATIONAL" and may also be referred to as the "M.B.I."

#### **SECTION 2: PURPOSE**

- A. To offer the eight eligible fishing organizations the opportunity to distinguish themselves as the best anglers of their time by competition in this prestigious event.

### **ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1: REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The maximum membership of this the "Michigan Bass Invitational is not exceed (8) eight organizations.
- B. Each of the eight clubs must voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- C. Have a full understanding of the by-laws and agree to abide by them.
- D. Be voted and approved by a majority of attending representatives.
- E. Be present at annually scheduled meeting, to accept membership package.

#### **SECTION 2: MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP**

- A. One member of each Club must attend the annual meeting as the clubs representative. This meeting will have a 21 day notification as to the date
- B. Provide the Tournament Director a list of your organizations eight participating anglers as well as their choice for Tournament Chairperson at least five (5) days prior to the M.B.I. Tournament
- C. In order to be excused from the annual meeting, your club must contact the meeting chair person or officer of the hosting organization prior to that meeting in order to have that absence excused. Failure to comply will result in an unexcused absence. An organization that receives an unexcused absence must contact the meeting chairperson within 72 hours to maintain membership.
- D. Organizations violating any part of these by-laws will be reviewed by the Panel of Representatives (Articles III Section 1). Any decision made by the panel will be in the best interest of the M.B.I.
- E. Any decision made and carried out by the Panel of Representatives will be reviewed at the next regular meeting of each club members. If the majority of members present at the meetings disagree with the panel's decision then the panel's decision will be reversed. An organization dismissed for violating M.B.I. rules may not be reinstated for at least (1) one year from its dismissal.
- F. No member of the eight M.B.I. organizations shall be actively engaged in the operation of any type of function for profit that might reflect negatively on the purpose of this club. He or she may, however, engage as a participant in said function.
- G. No organization will be allowed to resign from the Michigan Bass Invitational more than twice. Upon the 2nd resignation they will not be allowed to rejoin the M.B.I. Exceptions only to be allowed by the current panel of representatives.

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### SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

- A. Regular membership donations are due by June 1st. **This year's Annual Membership costs are \$125 per organization. Please forward all dues to Derrek Zdeb 271 Madison Clawson, MI. 48017 PH, 248-840-5814**
- B. Each Organization will be responsible to make their donation to that year's Tournament Chairperson by the due date for the purchase of the M.B.I. awards.
- C. There is a (20) day grace period after dues expire. After (20) days an organization must rejoin the M.B.I. There is a \$10.00 late fee for any organization making payment during this (20) day grace period
- D. After (20) days another organization will be offered the opportunity to join the M.B.I. and will be chosen by first come first serve waiting list. Membership will be excepted after an impromptu meeting attended by representatives of at least a majority of the remaining organizations and approved by the panel of representatives under (Articles II Section 1).
- E. If no other organization as placed their name on the waiting list or has and is not willing to join the M.B.I. at that time, the organization that did not make payment on time may make said payment and rejoin immediately.

### **ARTICLE 3: OFFICERS AND OFFICES**

#### SECTION 1: PANEL OF OFFICERS

- A. The M.B.I. officers shall consist of the following positions:
  - Meeting Chairperson
  - Tournament Director
  - (8) Tournament Chairpersons
  - (8) Representatives

#### SECTION 2: DEFINITION OF OFFICERS / CHAIRPERSONS / REPRESENTATIVES

- A. **MEETING CHAIRPERSON:** Shall be responsible for scheduling, planing and the smooth operation of the pre-season meeting. This officer must also see that all organizations will be in attendance or invite any new organizations eligible to fill an opening made available by the loss of an organization due to disqualification, resignation or lack of payment. This officer is also responsible for keeping an accurate account of the minutes of the meeting as well as providing each representative with an up to date copy of the by-laws and tournament rules including any changes made during the meeting.
- B. **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Shall be responsible for sponsor solicitation and all fishing tournament permits and proper forms. Any proposed changes in rules that affect this tournament shall be brought to the attention of the panel of representatives during the pre-season meeting, or if emergency requires brought to the attention of the panel of Tournament Chairpersons the morning of the tournament. This officer shall also be responsible for all of the equipment and manpower required to provide all M.B.I. contestants with a professionally run tournament, as well as the purchase of the eight M.B.I. awards.
- C. **PANEL OF TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSONS:** Shall consist of one member of each organization designated by their organization to be their tournament chairperson for that the tournament day. He or she will be responsible for the delivery of their teams roster to the Tournament Director at least (5) days prior to the M.B.I. Tournament, discussing any rule changes, handling any protests, assist with the weigh-in while verify the total weight of their team. He or she will also will be responsible to see that each of their team members is aware of all tournament rules as well as any last minute changes.

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- D. **PANEL OF REPRESENTATIVES:** Shall consist of one member from each eligible organization chosen by their organization to represent their organization during the pre-season meeting or any other non tournament meeting that will affect the M.B.I. This officer shall be responsible for making all decision for organization during the pre-season meeting. After which each representative are required to inform organizations membership of any changes and provide each of their members with an up to date copy of the by-laws, Tournament Rules and address of all other M.B.I. organizations. Each organizations representative must be present at the pre-season meeting to be involved in the decision making process. No proxy or write-in vote will be accepted.

### SECTION 3: SELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Each Organization will chose their Representative and Chairperson they feel will do the best job possible by a selection process of their choice, this is the same for the hosting organization in choosing a Tournament Director as well as a Meeting Chairperson.

### SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICERS

- A. Each officer's term is one year. At the end of each year, if an organization is still in the M.B.I. they may keep the same M.B.I. officers or choose another one.

## **ARTICLE 4: CONTESTANTS**

### SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

- A. Must be an active member of your organization in good standing  
B. Must show an active interest in the M.B.I. and office.  
C. Must be one of their organizations top eight available anglers at that time and gain this eligibility through competition in their organizations series of tournaments.

## **ARTICLE 5: GENERAL**

### SECTION 1: AMENDING BY-LAWS AND TOURNAMENT RULES

- A. The amending of these by-laws can be done providing: Notice of proposed change has been announced to the panel of representatives and discussed to its fullest prior to any vote.  
B. Vote must be carried by a majority of representatives present.  
C. Any other general issues affecting this event and/or its appearance must be approved by the majority of attending representatives at a pre-season meeting. I.e. logos, sponsors or changes to any paperwork, etc.  
D. The number or eligible organizations for the M.B.I. is eight (8). this may only be changed by a 2/3rd's vote by a majority attendance of representatives

### SECTION 2: BANKING

- A. Michigan Bass Invitational is a non-profit event and, therefore, any banking accounts are for the sole purpose to handle M.B.I. incurred expenses and not for profitable ventures or investments.

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### SECTION 3: TOURNAMENTS

- A. Tournament rules and responsibility will be defined and voted on at each year's pre-season meeting.
- B. After adoption no changes can be made unless agreed upon by a majority of representatives/ chairpersons that are present at an impromptu meeting or the morning of the tournament.
- C. The M.B.I. Tournament will be held each year on the third Sunday of September and the time will always be 7:00 am. (or safe light) until 3:00p.m. **DUE TO THE NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS AT THE SAME LOCATION, THIS YEARS TOURNAMENT WILL BE FROM 7:00 AM TO 4:00 PM WITH THE WEIGH IN TO FOLLOW.**

### SECTION 4: LAKE SELECTION

- A. The winning team of the tournament must state the name of the lake to host the invitational for the following year at that time. The lake must be within 100 miles of the intersection of I-75 & I-94, and cannot be the lake that was just fished or navigable waters.

### SECTION 5: ANNUAL M.B.I. TOURNAMENT AWARDS

- A. Each years wining team of eight anglers will receive an award for their exceptional efforts. This award will remain the same from year to year to maintain consistency. Only the date/year and name of lake will change each year.
- B. The M.B.I. Club Trophy will be presented following the presentation of team awards for the organization to display till the next M.B.I. Tournament.
- C. It is the responsibility of each years winning organization to maintain the M.B.I. Club Trophy as well as purchasing and attaching a brass plate with their clubs name and year they won the event engraved on it. This plate must be the same size as all the other plates on the trophy.

# MICHIGAN BASS INVITATIONAL

## TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

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- 1) **PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY:** Participation and Eligibility is restricted to the top eight available anglers from the eight participating clubs. A list of each club's team of anglers must be in the hands of the tournament chairperson for that year, no later than Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>, five (5) days before the invitational. Any club that does not provide the list on time will be penalized at the rate of one (1) pound per day to be deducted from the clubs total weight for that tournament until this list is provided.
- 2) **OFF LIMITS:** There will be a 4 Day off limit time prior to the tournament, starting at 12:01 am Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> through to the morning of the tournament on September 21st.
- 3) **LEGAL FISH:** Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, minimum length of 14 inches or more on the longest straight line with mouth closed. Official measure will be by pro bass keeper board. **PENALTY FOR SHORT FISH WILL BE LOSS OF THE SHORT FISH, PLUS The BIGGEST FISH FROM THAT CLUBS TEAM,** No courtesy bumps will be allowed.
- 4) **SCORING:** Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by pounds and ounces or digital equivalence. **The limit shall be FIVE (5) Fish per Boat.** Tournament officials will conduct checks. If limit violations are found the largest Bass shall be culled first, down to the limit described. **There will be no culling of dead fish allowed**
- 5) **DON'T KILL YOUR CATCH:** Each competitor is expected to keep their catch alive by the use of a proper livewell. **THERE WILL BE A ONE POUND PENALTY FOR EACH DEAD FISH, NO EXSEPTIONS.**
- 6) **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial bait is allowed.
- 7) **SAFETY:** You must follow all Michigan and local fishing and watercraft laws. "NO WAKE MEANS NO PASS" During tournament hours, A COAST GUARD APPROVED PFD MUST BE FULLY FASTENED AND VISIBLE WHILE THE OUTBOARD MOTOR IS RUNNING. Failure to do so means disqualification of that boat. NO EXCEPTIONS! **It is now required that kill switches be used and fastened to the driver in accordance with their design.**
- 8) **NO ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS:** Communication devices such as cell phones, radios and CBs may be used for emergencies only.
- 9) **BLAST OFF:** Teams will draw for the starting position. The host club will supply the starting boat.
- 10) **OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** There will be only one (1) official point for checkout in the morning and check-in, in the afternoon. A PENALTY OF ONE (1) POUND FOR ANY BOAT LATE, UP TO FIVE (5) MINUTES. AFTER FIVE (5) MINUTES THE BOAT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- 11) **OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN:** Weigh-in will start at 4:15 p.m. Any protests must be lodged BEFORE weigh-in starts unless it pertains to the fish being weighed at that time.
- 12) **OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT HOURS:** The official time will be kept by the tournament chairperson for that year. You must set your watch to match his or hers. Tournament hours will always be 7:00 a.m. (or safe light) until 3:00 p.m. check-in will be from 5:00 a.m. until 6:30 a.m. **DUE TO THE NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS AT THE SAME LOCATION, THIS YEARS TOURNAMENT WILL BE FROM 7:00 AM TO 4:00 PM WITH THE WEIGH IN TO FOLLOW.**
- 13) **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing on tournament water is permitted anywhere except; within 50 FEET of any marina gas pump or within 50 FEET of another competitors boat which was first anchored. A boat is considered anchored only if it's tied to an object or has anchor line over its side with the trolling motor out of the water. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within 50 FEET claimed by him or her to the exclusion of any competitor. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Partners must remain in sight of each other's catch to be scored in that day's tournament, except in case of emergency.
- 14) **SPORTSMANSHIP:** All teams are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any team, who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the MBI or the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified.

- 15) **NO ALCOHOL**: Alcohol or controlled substances are not permitted prior to or during the tournament, including weigh-in. Violation of this rule will be disqualification. CHAIRPERSON WILL ANNOUNCE THE COMPLETION OF THE TOURNAMENT.
- 16) **VIOLATIONS**: Any violation of these rules will result in disqualification of that boat.

## **2008 MBI Tournament Itinerary**

- **Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Each club's team participation list must be delivered to the M.B.I. tournament host via phone (248-840-5814) or by email at [nitroderrek@yahoo.com](mailto:nitroderrek@yahoo.com)

- **Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:01 am to Blast off Sunday Sept.21st:**

- Lake St Clair and all connecting waters are off limits to all MBI contestants and all participating clubs members.

- **Sunday, Sept.-21, Tournament Day 5:00 a.m. till 6:15 a.m. Check in.**

- If there are any substitutions in the roster please make sure that you are there early, All Teams must be present and checked in by 6:15am. Blast off numbers will be assigned in a random draw.

- There will be coffee and doughnuts available at this time.

- **6:25 am Pre- Tournament Meeting**

- All participants must be present for this meeting! There will be a short recap of the rules, Times, and procedures as well as any impromptu decisions that need to be addressed.

- **6:30 am To 7:00 am Boat launch and Line up**

- Each boat will receive a number and will line up according to the procedures described in the pre tournament meeting.

- **7:00 a.m. Blast Off**

- All contestants will blast off in an orderly and safe manner, with even numbers on the right, and odd numbers on the left.

- **7:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fish Your Bass Off**

- All contestants will remain on the water, and in their boats, with the exception of an emergency, or foul weather that requires seeking shelter.

- All contestants must be in view of their partners catch at all times.

- **3:55 p.m. to 4:p.m. Afternoon check-In**

- A member from the hosting club will be at the docks to check you in.

- All contestants must be in the launch area by 4:00 p.m.

- Any boats that are not checked in by this time will be considered late and penalized accordingly.

- All boats must check in no matter what time they return! This is to ensure the hosting club that no vessel was left on the water in distress.

- In case of an emergency call 911, then call 810-444-9266 to inform the hosting club of any delay in your return, any vessel not returned by the end of the tournament will be considered as a lost vessel and reported to the proper authorities. All contestants must trailer their boats and wait for their club to be called, to weigh in their catch. This will be covered in the pre-tournament meeting.

- **4:00 to 4:15 Protests**

- Any and all protests must be filed verbally, then in writing by that clubs representative (with the exception of the weight, and or size of a fish during the weigh in)

- **4:00 Food & Drinks**

- Food will be served from 4:00 p.m. on till the food runs out, or the end of the event.

- **4:15 p.m. Weigh-In**

- Each club will weigh in as a group with that representative present.

- Each boat will weigh-in as a team during their clubs appropriate order.

- Only 4 weigh in bags will be issued to minimize mortality. **You must use our official weigh in bags.**

## Order of clubs weigh in is as follows

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bass'n Stars
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Clinton River Bass Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Detroit Bass Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> Eastside Bass club
- 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Bass Anglers
- 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Bass Busters
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oakland Bass Masters of Michigan
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oakland County Bass Anglers

Please be prepared to weigh-in in this order. Only minor delays will be tolerated.

**Scales closed:** Once all clubs have weighed in, the scales will close, weights will be totaled, and then totals will be announced.

**Awards Presentation:** All awards and prizes will be awarded at this time. Once the winning club has received their awards, they will announce their choice for the following year's M.B.I

## 2008 MBI participating Clubs list

Participation List Could change at a latter date

### **Bass N Stars**

Gordy Nodacker  
3152 Adele Terrace  
Commerce, MI. 48382  
Email: [gnodacker@graphicconcepts.com](mailto:gnodacker@graphicconcepts.com)

### **Clinton River Bass Club**

Greg Daniels  
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Almont, MI.48003  
810-790-0136  
Email: [bigsdaniel@hotmail.com](mailto:bigsdaniel@hotmail.com)

### **Michigan Bass Busters**

Paul Sacks  
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Waterford, MI 48328  
248-819-3192  
Email: [psacks1@aol.com](mailto:psacks1@aol.com)  
Hank Montney  
248-909-8862  
Email: [hankmiester@att.net](mailto:hankmiester@att.net)

### **Oakland Bass Masters of Michigan**

Rod Evans  
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[rodevans@oaklandbassmasters.com](mailto:rodevans@oaklandbassmasters.com)

### **Oakland County Bass Anglers**

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248-625-8756  
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Email: [bbelevender@yahoo.com](mailto:bbelevender@yahoo.com)  
Derrek Zdeb  
271Madison  
Clawson, MI.48017  
248-840-5814

### **Michigan Bass Anglers**

Paul Wagner  
7711 Munger Rd  
Ypsilanti, MI. 48197  
734-434-5315 (h)  
734-649-3942(c)  
Email: [pwagner@michiganbassanglers.net](mailto:pwagner@michiganbassanglers.net)

### **Detroit Bass Club**

Morris Taylor  
431 Moore  
Pontiac, MI. 48342  
248-376-6643  
Email: [www.bassnmo.com](http://www.bassnmo.com)

### **Eastside Bass Club**

Jack Cahn  
10286 Rama Court  
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248-762-0311  
Email: [plasticjack2002@yahoo.com](mailto:plasticjack2002@yahoo.com)

# *Michigan Bass Invitational*

## *Tournament Rules and Regulations*

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- 2) OFF LIMITS: Off limits is set as 6 days prior to the Invitational, anglers who will be fishing the event or any members of their club may not fish the lake after 12:01 am on the preceding Monday.
- 3) LEGAL FISH: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, minimum length of 14 inches or more on the longest straight line with mouth closed. Official measure will be by pro bass keeper board. PENALTY FOR SHORT FISH WILL BE THE LOSS OF THE SHORT FISH AS WELL AS LOSS OF THE BIG FISH FOR THE BOAT WITH THE SHORT FISH. No courtesy bumps will be allowed.
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## **2009 MBI Tournament Itinerary**

- **Monday June 1, 2009, by Midnight**
  - Club dues (\$125) must be paid to Oakland Bass Masters, 3221 Vassar Rd., Davison, MI 48423
- **Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>**
  - Each club's team participation list must be delivered to the M.B.I. tournament host via phone (248) 672-6404 or by email at [pearce.j@att.net](mailto:pearce.j@att.net)
- **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:01 a.m. to Blast off Sunday September 20th**
  - Whamplers Lake and all connecting waters are off limits to all MBI contestants and all participating clubs members.
- **Sunday, September 20, Tournament Day**
  - **6:00 a.m. till 7:15 a.m. Check in**
    - Staging at the Parking Lot on US 12, just East of Whamplers Lake Rd. /124.
    - Livewell checks, Boat Preparation and Blast off Draw (Blast off numbers will be assigned in a random draw)
    - Big Bass and Big Creel Pots (40% Big Bass, 60% Big Creel), Optional participation at \$20 a Boat
    - If there are any substitutions in the roster please make sure that you are there early, All Teams must be present and checked in by 7:15am.
    - There will be coffee and doughnuts available at this time.
  - **7:15 to 7:30 a.m., Pre- Tournament Meeting**
    - All participants must be present for this meeting! There will be a short recap of the rules, Times, and procedures as well as any impromptu decisions that need to be addressed. Announcement of the Official Time.
  - **7:30 a.m. To 8:00 am Boat Launch and Line up**
    - Each boat will receive a number and will line up according to the procedures described in the pre tournament meeting.
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    - All boats must check in no matter what time they return! This is to ensure the hosting club that no vessel was left on the water in distress.
    - In case of an emergency call 911, then call (248) 672-6404 to inform the hosting club of any delay in your return, any vessel not returned by the end of the tournament will be considered as a lost vessel and reported to the proper authorities. All contestants must trailer their boats and wait for their club to be called, to weigh in their catch. This will be covered in the pre-tournament meeting.
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    - Each club will weigh in as a team starting with one boat at a time.
    - The weigh-in order will be by club name, alphabetically
    - Only 4 weigh in bags will be issued to minimize mortality. **You must use our official weigh in bags.**

For additional or current information go to this web site <http://www.michiganbassanglers.net> and look for the Michigan Bass Invitational link on their homepage.