

Island Bass Pursuit Inc.



Long Island Bassmasters Open HP Trail Tournament Rules

1. **Catch Limit:** 5 fish limit per boat (Largemouth or Smallmouth). Fish must be 12" or greater in length. Short fish brought to the scales will result in the loss of your largest fish.
2. **Lures:** Artificial lures only. No live bait permitted.
3. **Compliance:** All local fishing and boating laws must be followed.
4. **Live Wells:** All boats must have an operational aerated live well with a minimum capacity of 15 gallons.
5. **Safety Equipment:** All boats must have required safety equipment in working order.
6. **Inspections:** All boats must be inspected before launching.
7. **Prohibited Substances:** No alcohol or illegal drugs are allowed.
8. **Late Penalties:** A 1-pound penalty will be assessed per minute for late return, up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, disqualification will occur.
9. **Sportsmanship:** Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification.
10. **Courtesy:** Maintain a respectful distance from other boats.
11. **Trolling:** Trolling as a means of fishing is prohibited.
12. **Tie-Breakers:** In the event of a tie, the angler with the most live fish wins. If still tied, the largest fish will determine the winner.
13. **Final Authority:** The decision of the Tournament Director is final.
14. **Fishing Restrictions:** Fishing is not allowed after your boat number is turned in at weigh-in.
15. **Insurance:** Anglers must ensure their boat is covered by insurance.
16. **Throwable Device:** A throwable device must always be accessible during the event.
17. All boats/anglers draw at random from a hat as per launch number. Whoever draws last # calls numbers in roughly 30 second intervals for take offs.

Additional Rules

- No Alabama rigs, live bait, or culling of dead fish.
- Anglers must contact the Tournament Director if they anticipate being late.
- Late arrivals must not fish until their live well is inspected by the Tournament Director or another tournament participant.
- Exact start and finish times will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- All boats must return to the ramp at the designated end time.
- Any boats used during events must be properly insured, no competitor may operate a boat unless that contestant has documented proof of a minimum of \$300,000 per occurrence boating liability insurance that covers both the operator and the boat being used in the tournament. Proof of insurance must always be kept in the boat being used. Random checks will be conducted and any competitor who cannot provide proof of valid insurance with \$300,000 coverage will be disqualified. Acceptance of this proof is by the decision of the tournament director.
- All boats must be equipped with some type of operable ignition kill switch device that must disconnect causing the engine to shut off anytime the operator leaves the operating position. Violation of this rule during the official practice or tournament days will result in disqualification.

Penalties

- **Short Fish**: Weighing in a short dead fish results in disqualification for the day.
- **Short Live Fish**: 1-pound penalty per short live fish weighed.
 - **Dead Fish Penalties**:
 - 1 dead fish: 4 oz.
 - 2 dead fish: 10 oz.
 - 3 dead fish: 18 oz.
 - 4 dead fish: 28 oz.
 - 5 dead fish: 40 oz.
- **Late Arrival**: 1-pound penalty per minute late. After 15 minutes, disqualification.

Prize Money

- **Payback**: 90% payback of entry fees. -
 - **Season Lunker Pool**: 1 time Fee \$50 per angler
- with 100% payback. Anglers must participate in a minimum of 4 events to claim the prize.

Disclaimer

Island Bass Pursuit Inc. - Long Island Bassmasters reserves the right to refuse participation to individuals or groups disqualified from other tournaments due to unsportsmanlike conduct. Entry fees will be forfeited in cases of disqualification for adverse conduct.

Long Island Bassmasters Open Tournament Waiver Form

****Participant Information**:**

Boat Owner: _____

Rider: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

****Additional Requirements**:**

- All boats and trailers must have current registration stickers.
- All anglers must sign this waiver prior to the tournament.
- Live wells will be inspected before launch.
- Anglers arriving late must notify the Tournament Director immediately.

Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

(must be signed and returned to your director before 1st Event, no angler may participate otherwise)

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in any or all Island Bass Pursuit Events during the 2025 season, I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Island Bass Pursuit, Slay Nation Tournament Fishing & Long Island Bassmasters. its directors, officers, servants, agents and sponsors (hereinafter referred to as "releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence of the releases, or otherwise, while participating in the tournament and events, or while in, on or upon the premises where the tournament and events are being conducted, while in transit to or from the premises, or in any place or places connected with the tournament and events.

A. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE B.A.S.S. Nation and Its Member Clubs; B.A.S.S., LLC and B.A.S.S. Events, LLC, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

2. I am fully aware of risks and hazards connected with being on the premises and participating in the tournament and events, and I am fully aware that there may be risks and hazards unknown to me connected with being on the premises and participating in the tournament and events, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in the tournament and events, to enter upon the tournament and events premises and engage in activities knowing that conditions may be hazardous, or may become hazardous or dangerous to me and my property. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of my being a participant in the tournament and events, whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise.

3. I further hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them, from any loss, liability, damage or costs they may incur due to my participation in the tournament and events, whether caused by the negligence of any or all of the releasees, or otherwise.

4. It is my express intent that this Release shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant Not to Sue the above named releasees.

In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that:

- A. I have read the foregoing release, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed.
- B. No oral representation, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made.
- C. I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent;(if under 18 years of age must have Parent Signature, see below) and
- D. I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

Acknowledgment and Waiver

We have read, understood, and agree to abide by all rules and state laws governing this tournament, as well as any on-site rules deemed necessary by the Tournament Director. We further agree to waive Island Bass Pursuit Inc. - Long Island Bassmasters, its officers, and affiliates from any liability arising from careless, hazardous, or negligent operations or use of equipment by participants.

Boat Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rider Signature: _____

Date: _____