

ROCHESTER BASSMASTERS

2019 Preseason Tournament Rules Version 1

Final Rules may have some changes

General

- This is a two person per boat team event.
- This is a catch, weigh and release tournament. Scales will be provided by Rochester Bassmasters.
- Artificial lures only. Only one rod with a maximum of 8' can be used and in the water by each angler. All bass must be caught by conventional means. Trolling, snagging or fly fishing is not permitted.
- Bedding fish may only be caught ONCE (honor system).

Participation and eligibility

- 30 boat cutoff.
- Early registration in February for Rochester Bassmaster members only. At least one team member must be a Rochester Bassmaster member (boater or non-boater).
- Open registration starts March 1, 2019. At least one team member must be a B.A.S.S. Nation member (boater or non-boater).
- Kickoff will be in the order of signup.
- All contestants must have valid NY state fishing licenses.
- Boaters must have proof of liability insurance for \$300,000 minimum.
- All boats must comply with NYS and U.S. Coast Guard equipment regulations.
- Tournament Director has final say regarding eligibility or disqualifications.

Entry Fees and Payout

- \$100 per boat entry fee, cash or check payable to Rochester Bassmasters.
- Payout is \$1,000 first place, \$300 second place, \$200 third place.

Safety

- Working kill switch must be attached at all times that the main motor is running.
- Life jackets must be worn at all times that the boat is under main motor power.

Scoring

- Total weight for best 5 fish (smallmouth or largemouth).
- Only scales issued by Rochester Bassmasters may be used.
- Must have a picture or video of each fish, on the scales, showing the displayed weight.

First Tournament Specifics

- Cayuga Lake, Saturday, May 11, 2019 Launch NYS West side by state park
- Kickoff 5:30a or safe light. All boats must Pre Check in by 5:15.
- 2:00p check-in at the same launch.
- No locking out permitted.
- All marinas on the lake are off limits.

Second Tournament Specifics

- Conesus Lake, Saturday, May 25, 2019. NYS DEC west side launch.
- Kickoff 5:30a or safe light. All boats must Pre Check in by 5:15.
- 2:00p check-in at the same launch.
- All marinas on the lake are off limits.

