



New York – The Bass Federation presents the *Collegiate Cup Challenge*

2016 Tournament Schedule

July 24th, 2016 Qualifier #1

St. Lawrence River, Clayton, NY. Mary Street Launch

Take-off at 7:00am, Weigh-in at Frink Park Pavilion,
2:00pm \$75 per boat – 2 anglers per boat BBQ to
follow for all contestants

September 18th, 2016 Qualifier #2

Lake Champlain, City Ramp, Dock Street, Plattsburgh

Take-off at 7:00am, Weigh-in at 2:00pm
\$75 per boat – 2 anglers per boat
BBQ to follow for all contestants

NOTE Entry fee will be collected for each qualifier. Top 12 teams advance to championship. If top 12 in qualifier #1, anglers do not need to participate in qualifier #2.

October 8th, 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP

Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga Boat Launch, NY Route 74, Ticonderoga

Take-off at 7:00am, Weigh-in at 2:00pm
Must have qualified – no fee – 2 anglers per boat
BBQ to follow for all contestants

Eligibility: The Collegiate Cup Challenge is open to all undergraduate and graduate students that are enrolled full-time or last year's participants since graduated for one (1) fishing season. Exceptions can be made if the angler is graduating that semester or is taking a graduate level class. These requirements are put in place to insure the fairness and integrity of the 2016 Collegiate Cup Challenge.

Entries: On-line at NYTBF.com, Collegiate Cup, payment on-line or mail

OR CollegiateBassChampionship.com, mail only

Payment must be mailed no later than 7 days prior to tournament.

Mail to: NYTBF c/o Sandy Williams, PO Box 185, La Fargeville, NY 13656

Any questions: contact Frank Benedetto, Email fbene001@plattsburgh.edu or Cell (631)-903-0971

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TOURNAMENT HOURS: At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Competitors may leave their boat and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is eminent. They must, however, stay within sight of each other.

BOAT EQUIPMENT: All boats must be in full compliance with state laws and Coast Guard regulations. All boats must have working kill switches (which must be affixed at all times when the internal combustion motor is running). All boats must have a working mechanically aerated live well capable of holding and sustaining two limits of fish (Bass). Boats must be a minimum of 17 feet in length and will not exceed the manufactures horse power rating. No motors over 250 HP will be allowed. All boats must be equipped with a seat for each member of the team.

SAFETY AND SPORTSMANSHIP: Life jackets shall be worn by Team members and Boat Captains at all times when the combustion motor is running. The engine kill switch shall be affixed to the driver at all times when the combustion motor is in gear. Team members and Boat Captains shall comply with state laws at all times. When boating and fishing near other boats and people, maximum courtesy should be extended to all. Use of alcohol or illegal drugs during tournament competition hours, will result in immediate disqualification. Drunkenness and/or any un-sportsmanlike conduct at any tournament will be cause for disqualification and may result in disqualification from future tournaments. Every effort should be made to handle and return fish to the water with as little harm as possible. Intentional damage or poor handling of fish until they are safely back in the water could result in disqualification.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: All fishing shall be with artificial baits only. Prepared baits (real shiners, crayfish etc.) are not allowed. Rods over 8 foot (96") long are not allowed. Spinning, Bait-casting and Spin-casting are all allowable fishing techniques. Fly fishing is not!! Anglers are allowed to have a number of rods rigged and available for use but only one "wet-line" is allowed (one bait being actively fished). Trolling (hands-free fishing using only a motor to move the bait) is not allowed in any tournament. All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner as per state guidelines. All bass caught while site-fishing must be hooked inside the mouth and immediately shown to the Team Member or Boat Captain for verification.

CELL PHONES: The use of cell phones and/or other communication devices are expressly forbidden to include texting during tournament hours except in emergency situations. Any variations of this rule must be coordinated through the tournament director prior to launch. If found in violation of this rule; you will be disqualified for that days catch.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Fishing is allowed anywhere on the tournament lake other than designated off limits areas, except within 50 feet of another competitor who: has trolling motor is up and is anchored in position. Teams who feel that another boat is encroaching on the 50 foot rule must warn the offending team at that time. Teams who allow one other team (tournament participant) to fish within the 50 foot zone are then obligated to allow any other team the same courtesy. No team or boat captain may stop others from passing on navigable waters. Teams may not leave the boat for the purpose of catching a fish or fishing an area which is otherwise inaccessible by boat. Leaving the boat for dire circumstances (as determined by the Tournament Director) is acceptable, but whenever possible the anglers should remain within sight of each other. All tournament boats must remain on the tournament water throughout the tournament

day and all contestants must depart from and return to the check in point by boat (no trailering from other launch sites).

BOAT IDENTIFICATION AND CHECKPOINTS: Boat numbers will be assigned at the drawing and will be issued at the ramp. These boat numbers are to remain with the boat throughout the day. Prior to the start of each tournament, there is a mandatory check-in for all teams. All boats shall be in the water 30 minutes prior to the start of the tournament. Boats will line up on the water and leave the launch site in numerical order. The Tournament Director will ensure boats leave in the proper order and the take-off at a safe distance apart. At the end of the day; all boats must check-in and return their boat number regardless of whether they caught any fish. In the event that a boat has to leave the water prior to the end of the tournament day, teams are required to notify the Tournament Director of their intent and return the boat number.

SCORING AND PENALTIES: Tournament winning team shall be determined by the total weight of each team's catch during the tournament. Only Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass in compliance with state size limits may be weighed in. If an team presents a short fish to the weigh-in, the fish will be disallowed and a 1-pound penalty will be assessed. If this is a multiple day event, the negative balance (if any) will be carried over to the next competition day. There will be a five fish limit for each team, in the event that a team has more than the prescribed limit in their possession at any time, the team will be disqualified. Any fish, which appears to have been intentionally altered to give the appearance of being longer than the minimum legal length will be cause for disqualification. Any team that presents a dead fish for weigh-in will receive an 8-ounce/0.05 pound deduction from the total weight for each dead fish.

All fish weighed in by any team must be caught during tournament hours on the official tournament waters, any deviation from the above will result in immediate disqualification and removal from the Collegiate Cup Program and TBF. Any team who returns to the weigh-in site late will receive a penalty of 1 pound for each minute that they are late. Teams who are fifteen or more minutes late will have their total catch disqualified.

TIES: In the event of a tie between two or more teams, the winner will be determined by:

1. Total number of fish.
2. Total number of fish live.
3. Big fish. (Lunker entries must be live fish only)
4. Coin flip.

PROTESTS: All protests must be filed with the Tournament Director in writing prior to the closing of the scales. When a protest is filed, the Tournament Director, he/she will then listen to all sides and make a determination as to the outcome. The interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. Decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

RULES VIOLATIONS: Each contestant agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a tournament rule may result in, but is not limited to, weight loss (late penalty, dead-fish penalty and short-fish penalty), the loss of weight up to a particular time in the tournament day, the loss of weight for the entire day, the loss of the heaviest one-day catch, the loss of the heaviest bass for the day, disqualification from the entire tournament or ineligibility to participate in future Collegiate Cup or TBF tournaments.