



TIBF Qualifier Series 2020
Entry Fee - \$250 Boater and \$125 Co-angler
Tournament dates:
CJ Strike 11-12 April, Owyhee 11-12 July

Rule Changes: The following rules of this tournament will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose sanctions as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification.

Participants & Eligibility: Entries *must* be done in boater, Co-Angler pairs. Only anglers who are members of The Idaho Bass Federation and TBF/FLW National Federation rosters for 2020 are eligible for the qualifier and paid up in advance of any qualifier tournament in which they fish. All State, National and FLW dues must be current. Anglers must be at least 16 years of age. Any Angler under age of 18, must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian on the entry form/release. **The Official Entry Form must be properly completed, signed, and submitted no later than 3 April 2020.** The state team will be comprised of the top finishers respectively consisting of top 6 boaters and top 6 Co-Angler by points or 10% of state annual in state participate numbers, whichever is greater. Qualifying will be determined by calculating total score of 3 of 4 fished qualifiers (1 throw-out).

Entry Fees: Entry fees are \$250 per Boater and \$125 per Co-Angler which covers the whole series of Qualifier tournaments. No refunds at any time. *All boaters must attach proof of valid and current insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 liability.* This insurance must be in effect at the time of the event.

Draw & Pre-tournament/Boater Meeting: All Boaters and Co-Anglers will be paired by random draw. The pairings and launch order will be announced at the pre-tournament meeting, at 8 pm the evening prior to the tournament day. Each contestant must be present or have someone represent them at the pre-tournament meetings. Event boater and Co-Angler numbers will be even, no one can fish alone.

Alternates: Should an angler decide to skip an event for which they have already paid, it is the responsibility of the angler to find another angler to assume their spot in the event skipped **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Tournament Director is not responsible for identifying replacement Anglers. If an alternate/observer fishes, they must be a TBF/FLW member and meet the above eligibility rules to fish. They would not pay an entry fee to fish but has the option to participate in option pots. Alternate must check-in at pre-tournament meeting.

Registration: Each competitor must register in person with official tournament staff 8:00 pm the evening prior to the tournament day. If an angler is unable to do so during scheduled registration hours, it is the contestants' responsibility to designate someone to check them in.

Fish Limit: Fish limit per Angler is 5 fish of no less than 12" length except where IDFG rules conflict. Any short (less than 12") fish will result in total bag disqualification. Anglers culling dead fish will be disqualified.

Option Pots: Top 3 Boater Option pot will be \$80 and Top 3 Co-Angler Option Pots will be \$40. Big Fish Option of \$20 will pay out to Boater big fish and Co-Angler big fish of event. Options pay back 100%. Boaters will be competing against Boaters and Co-Angler against Co-Angler only. Alternates may participate in respective option pots. Options may be paid at pre-tournament meeting of respective event **CASH ONLY NO CHECKS**.

Off Limits Period: The tournament waters will be OFF-LIMITS to all competitors Monday morning 12 am through 5 am the day prior to the tournament day. There will be one official practice day prior to the tournament day. All participants must be off the water by 6 pm. During the tournament, Monday through tournament day, a competitor may not have the assistance or advice of anyone for the purposes of locating or catching bass, nor enter the tournament waters with a professional guide, state or federal wildlife agency employee, or any other person deemed an “expert” on these tournament waters by the Tournament Director, unless he is a contestant in the tournament. Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of these Tournament Rules. The failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these Rules, or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification. EACH COMPETITOR AGREES TO SUBMIT, BY HIS SIGNATURE ON THIS DOCUMENT, TO A POLYGRAPH TEST SHOULD HE BE ACCUSED OF ANY RULE VIOLATION. The administration and interpretation of the polygraph test shall be solely the responsibility of the Tournament Director and his agents, and shall be used (or not used) at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Without limiting the foregoing, the Tournament Director shall have sole discretion to select the place at which such polygraph test shall be administered, the individual who administers such polygraph test, and the scope of the questions which may be asked during such test. The Participant shall be available, at his expense, at the location selected by the Tournament Director and shall cooperate in all respects with such examination if deemed necessary.

Boat Operation: Boaters will fish from the front deck of the boat only. Co-Anglers will fish from the back deck or seating area of the boat only. **Boaters will have complete control of boat operation and waters to be fished.** For safety concerns in rough water or swift current, in the event of an outboard or trolling motor breakdown or during an emergency, Co-Anglers may operate the trolling motor or the outboard but may not fish anytime from the front deck. Boaters may NOT request that the Co-Angler not fish. Any Boater that, in the judgment of the tournament director, operates the boat in such a manner that unfairly handicaps his/her Co-Angler and any Co-Angler who unfairly handicaps his/her Boater may be disqualified. Co-Anglers are not allowed to record GPS waypoints or use any type of handheld GPS during any competition day nor share information about their Boater’s location or tactics with any other Boater.

Breakdowns/Equipment Failure: In the event of equipment failure or emergency the tournament director must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so. There are only two permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by both paired anglers remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) by one or both paired anglers entering the boat of another tournament contestant, at which point all fishing must cease by all parties. Under these two conditions both contestants’ catches may be counted without a penalty (except for late penalties, dead-fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules) provided that all contestants fish are adequately marked so as to provide clear distinction between their catches to the tournament director. Contestants who elect to return to the check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day’s catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Otherwise contestants must remain together and within sight of each other at all times. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for a restroom break is permitted. However, ALL FISHING MUST CEASE, anytime partners are separated.

Penalties: A ½ pound will be deducted from any competitor for each Dead Fish brought to the scales. No dead fish may be weighed as Big Fish. Any short fish (less than 12”) will result in bag disqualification. Competitors who are not at the official safety check-in point by appointed time, shall be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute to be deducted from the total weight of their days catch. Any competitors more than 15 minutes late, is disqualified. Return time shall be defined as off-plane, no longer fishing and plainly visible by the official timekeeper. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Horsepower Regulations: Each boat must be equipped with a U.S. coast guard rating plate, which must be attached to the boat by the manufacturer. In no case may the horsepower of your outboard exceed the rating specified on the rating plate. Each competitor agrees to submit, by their signature on the official entry form, the boat and motor used in the tournament to an inspection by factory-trained personal, if there is any reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating. Normal maintenance to increase the performance of your engine is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts of your motor to INCREASE THE HORSEPOWER OVER THE FACTORY HORSEPOWER RATING IS FORBIDDEN, and will result in disqualification. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower rating numbers on the motor or ratings plate also would be cause for immediate disqualification from TIBF Sanctioned Events.

Tackle and Equipment: Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" will be permitted. Only ONE (1) fishing rod

(8-foot maximum length from butt of the handle to rod tip) and reel may be in use or used at any one time. All other types prohibited. All bass must be caught alive in a conventional and sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their day's catch disqualified. When fishing for bass you can see, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and must be verified by your partner before being unhooked to be counted as a legal. No gaffs or grippers may be used to land bass nor be permitted in the boat at any time. Alabama rigs and other similar type baits will follow the most restrictive state laws covering any part of the tournament waters. Boaters will utilize the front storage compartments and the Boater will make available the back-storage compartments for the Co-Anglers use. Co-Anglers are limited to a maximum of 7 rods as defined above rigged and ready for use in the boat.

Boat Check: All boats must have a factory installed live well system. Live well checks will be done prior to tournament launch

Permitted Fishing Locations: Tournament waters shall be established by Tournament Director to be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except: Any water within these tournament boundaries posted "off-limits or no fishing" by state or federal agencies will be OFF-LIMITS. No contestant may "Buy" or "Barter" a fish or a fishing location. Only water open to ALL public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any water closed to public fishing will be closed to all contestants. Contestants may not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.

Safety: All Boats must be equipped with some type of operable ignition kill switch safety device. This engine stop device must be attached to the driver's body and time the combustion engine is operating. While the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors. A preserver must be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the competitor reaches his fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. Tournament Director has the right to delay or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. Front and rear lights must be in place and functioning prior to leaving the launch site.

Sportsmanship: Competitors in TIBF tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future TIBF tournaments. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification. All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations.

Dispute handling: All protests must be presented in writing to Tournament Director no more than 30 minutes of last flight check-in. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules is the exclusive domain of the designated on-site Tournament Director.

Entry Fees/Travel Expense/State Team: Boater entry fees are to be divided as follows: \$190 travel funds to Semi-Finals, \$30 travel funds to Nationals, \$20 for team apparel, and \$10 for Qualifier administration. Co-Angler entry fees are to be divided as follows: \$80 travel funds to Semi-finals, \$15 travel funds to Nationals, \$20 for Team apparel, and \$10 for Qualifier administration. Any qualifier member that does not go to the Semi- Final or National tournament must return any paid funds so that it can be forwarded to the next alternate member. **Qualifier members receiving travel funds must attend annual banquet.** If member cannot attend, reimbursement may be requested by TIBF board, exception will be considered on a case by case basis.

Please complete the following in its entirety. Type or print clear so the information can be read. This portion of the entry must be turned in by 3 April 2020 to be eligible to fish in the State Qualifiers. TBF membership will be verified prior to the first tournament. If you are not registered you will not compete.

Boater Entry

Co-angler Entry

Name _____

Name _____

Mother TIBF Club _____

Mother TIBF Club _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Zip _____

Phone (____) ____ - _____

Phone (____) ____ - _____

Email _____

Email _____

TBF/FLW Member # _____

TBF/FLW Member # _____

Expiration Date _____

Expiration Date _____

Boat Make/Model _____

Motor _____ H.P. _____

Ranger Cup Eligible _____
(Must have proof at the tournament)

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application and submit it for my entry in the TIBF Qualifier Series tournaments. By signing this application, I hereby agree to be bound by, and comply with, all tournament rules and regulations. I expressly assume all risk associated with the tournament and hereby release the TIBF, its sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for injury and or damages incurred in connection with these tournaments. I release rights to photographs or video, or any materials obtained in a lawful manner. I further agree to submit to a polygraph test upon request by tournament officials. Entries with anglers less than 18 years of age must also have parent or legal guardian signature.

Boater Signature _____

Co-Angler Signature _____

Parent or Legal Guardian

Print Name _____

Signature _____

**Note: All Boaters must attach proof of insurance to this form
All entries must be turned in with both a boater and a Co-angler. Only pairs will be accepted.**

Entry forms and payment must be submitted to the Tournament Director no later than 3 April 2020. Checks payable to TIBF or Cash accepted. Entry fee covers all four events. Mail applications to the below address.

Tournament Director: James Brandt, Cell: 208-599-1709 Leave a message.

Address: 360 E 15th N Mountain Home, ID 83647

Or

Dropped off at Adams Family Tackle 823 Specht Ave Ste 11, Caldwell, ID 83605

Additional Information Needed

Boater

Co-Angler

Do you own

Lowrance Graphs (How Many)_____

Lowrance Graphs (How Many)_____

Hummingbird Graphs (How Many)_____

Hummingbird Graphs (How Many)_____

Other Graphs _____ How Many_____

Other Graphs _____ How Many_____

What Trolling Motor Do You Have?
