



The Bass Federation of Montana

To form a 12 angler team composed of 6 Boaters and 6 Co-Anglers that will represent Montana in the TBF N.W. Divisional to be hosted by The Idaho Bass Federation in 2012.

Tournament Format

- 1) **Two 2 day draw tournaments**, one on the West side of Montana (**Noxon Reservoir, Trout Creek, May 21 -22**), one on the East side of Montana (**Fort Peck Reservoir, Hell Creek, September 24-25**).
- 2) The top 4 Montana TBF members from each tournament shall qualify to fish for the 12 member Montana State Team. The top four spots are allocated to those members fishing for points, money, or money and points. The top 2 shall be boaters the next 2 shall be co-anglers from each tournament. The four remaining slots shall be filled by points accumulated by those competing in both tournaments which shall be called **Trail Points**. This will make up the 12 man Montana State Team. There will be 8 from individual tournaments 4 from the accumulation of Trail Points. If a top four participant wishes to forfeit their state team qualifying position, or did not choose to fish for points, the remaining opening shall be filled through trail points. After team members have been determined, all alternates will be placed by using Trail Points. Angler of the year shall be determined by the total of Trail Points, all ties will be broken by biggest fish.
- 3) If a contestant qualifies to make the team as a boater or non-boater he/she may lock into this position or may opt to compete in the second tournament to improve position and/or compete for angler of the year points. If the contestant chooses to compete in the second tournament and does not do as well, they will not lose the position earned from the first tournament. If the contestant chooses to compete in the second tournament and increases their position with trail points, the opening created by forfeiting their top four finish at the previous tournament will be filled by trail points.
- 4) All MTTBF members are welcome to fish both tournaments but are only required to fish one to qualify for the team. All team contestants competing at Noxon must be fully paid members of TBF/FLW by **May 1st**, this will allow you to compete in both events, or contestant must be fully members paid by **September 1st** to fish the Fort Peck tournament only. (This is to allow time to update memberships and club rosters).

Tournament Fees

Contestants may opt to fish to make the Montana State Team and/or fish for money. Pots are optional.

Team Only	\$100	100% of fees collected to be used to finance team
Money Only	\$135	80% Payback, breakdown to be determined
Combined Entry	\$200	\$35 discount by entering both
Big Fish Pot	\$20	100% Payback, 50% paid each day for big fish each day

Pre-fishing and Water Closures

Tournament Waters will be closed Sunday night at 12:00 Midnight, prior to the event. There will be one official pre-fish day to be held the Friday prior to each event. Pre-fishing will begin at 5:00 am (or safe light) and end at 5:00 pm. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm. **Drawing and tournament meeting will be held at 7:00 pm Friday evening prior to the event.**

For more information visit our web site at www.mttbf.com or call: Joe Taylor, Tournament Director (406) 670-6235, George Riedel, President (406)748-3085, or Benny Wiles, Vice President (406)665-1992 or email Reid Smith – reid@reidsmitharchitects.com

