



2018 State Qualifying Tournament Trail
(Four events total)

Chapter Presidents,

Enclosed you will find your 2018 State Qualifying Tournament (SQT) Trail packet. These forms (Chapter Applications, Individual Boater and Rider Applications, along with the signed last page of the tournament rules attached to each application), along with entry fee payment (check or money order), must be postmarked by the registration deadline of March 17, 2018.

With the Regional and Championship changes that BASS made this will be a PRO-AM format.

Boaters will be boaters and non-boaters will be non-boaters. There will be no switching options from this point forward.

The trail will consist of four individual events with a single event to be dropped at the conclusion.

Boater entry is \$350.00 and non-boater entry is \$225.00. From a portion of these fees, there will be a structured boater payout and a non-boater payout.

Checks should be made payable to the *Maryland BASS Nation*, and sent to:

Cindy Smelgus
MBN Tournament Director
691 Cog Court, Millersville, MD 21108

All club members in good standing are eligible to fish the SQT Trail. Please attempt to keep your boater/non-boater pool of participants as even as possible.

Proof of insurance must be with the boater. Random checks may be conducted and any competitor unable to provide proof of valid insurance will not be allowed to use their boat.

Questions or concerns before an event date should be made to Cindy Smelgus, 410-977-2604.

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The point matrix is established as follows and applies to both boater and non-boater sides.

First place finish receives 200 points. Second place finish receives 199 with subsequent finishers dropping down by a one point margin. Any competitor not catching and weighing fish will receive 0 points.

There will be no tie breakers during the four individual events.

Duplicate weights will receive duplicate points.

(Example, if two anglers tie for second place each will receive 199 points with the next place receiving 197. If three anglers tie for second place each will receive 199 points with the next place receiving 196).

At the conclusion of all four events the tie breakers used to determine State Team status will be as follows:

- 1 Total number of fish caught during all three events
- 2 Highest place finish during all three events
- 3 Total weight caught in all three events

Additional information may be reviewed in the MBN Tournament Standing Rules posted on our web site.

Cindy Smelgus, Tournament Director