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2009 SOUTH REGION TEXAS B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION TOURNAMENTS

Date	Lake	Headquarters	Ramp
December 7, 2009	Falcon	Falcon Lake Tackle 956-765-4866	County Ramp
January 18, 2009	Amistad	Anglers Lodge 830-775-1586	Diablo East
February 22, 2009	Amistad	Anglers Lodge 830-775-1586	Diablo East
March 22, 2009	Choke Canyon	Choke Canyon Lodge 866-792-3999	Choke Canyon SP, Calliham Unit
April 5, 2009	Canyon	Fisherman's Corner 210-213-2534	Potter's Creek Park, West Ramp
April 19, 2009	Falcon	Falcon Lake Tackle 956-765-4866	County Ramp
Championship October 24 & 25, 2009	TBA	TBA	TBA

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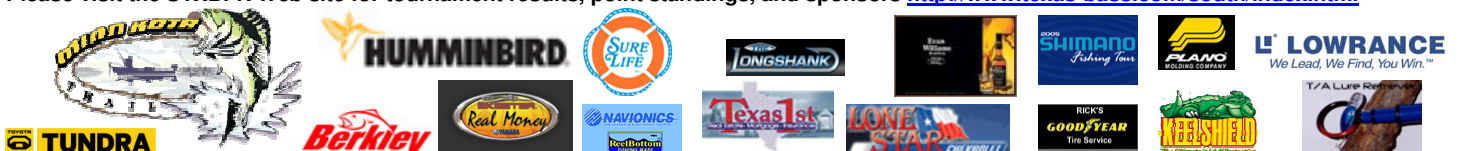


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For more information contact: Mike Tennant, South Region Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Director 512-557-3607 or stxbfn@hotmail.com
 Please visit the STXBFN Web site for tournament results, point standings, and sponsors <http://www.texas-bass.com/south/index.html>





2009 South Region Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Tournament Information

The 2009 South Region Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation (STXBFN) schedule consists of six qualifying tournaments that are open, individual tournaments. All eligible contestants (read rules for eligibility requirements) will fish for cash prizes, drawings, and STXBFN Championship qualification. This is the "Road to the Bassmaster Classic"!!

- STXBFN anglers will use total points earned from their best four of six qualifying tournaments to qualify the top 50 anglers for the STXBFN Championship. No angler who has fished less than four qualifying tournaments may qualify for the STXBFN Championship. The STXBFN Championship will be a blind draw tournament. The top 25 qualifiers will be designated as boaters and the bottom 25 as non-boaters. The non-boater must be allowed half of the day's fishing time on his/her water and control of the front of the boat. In the event that there are an odd number of qualifiers, the STXBFN Director will determine if an observer will be placed with the odd number boater. The STXBFN Championship event will determine the STXBFN Champion (i.e. 1st place STXBFN Championship) named to the State 12 man team to compete at the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Central Divisional and determine the Top Six Team (i.e. anglers 2nd -7th STXBFN Championship) to represent the STXBFN at the State Championship event.
• The STXBFN Angler of the Year will be determined by total points earned through the six qualifying tournaments. The 2009 STXBFN Angler of the Year will receive free entry into all six 2010 qualifying events.
• The entry fee is \$100.00/tournament (entry fee includes the \$10.00 Big Bass pot and \$10.00 of each entry will be applied to the STXBFN Championship budget). The total regular season payback is 80+% per tournament - paying one place for every five entries. The Big Bass payback is 100% - paying 2 places 60/40 split.

2009 OFFICIAL RULES SOUTH REGION TEXAS B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION

REGISTRATION: Contestants may register by e-mail stxbf@hotm.com using the registration form on the STXBFN Web site http://www.texas-bass.com/south/index.html and pay at official registration. Official registration will be the preceding night from 6-7 PM at the tournament headquarters. All official times will be the same as GPS time. It will be the responsibility of contestants to obtain any special instructions given at official registration.

PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY: All participants must be B.A.S.S. and Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation members to be eligible to fish. Contact the STXBFN Director to learn about membership details and benefits. Any member of B.A.S.S. and the Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation that is 16 years or older and has paid an entry fee may participate. Only contestants registered in the tournament and immediate family or persons under the age of 16 are allowed in the boat during tournament hours. If your TBFN bass club is holding a tournament in conjunction with the STXBFN, a club member may be in the boat. Only the fish caught by the registered contestant are legal for weigh-in. No guide may fish a tournament on a lake they've guided on within 4 weeks of the tournament date.

RULES & REGULATIONS: The following rules will remain unchanged throughout all STXBFN events. However, the STXBFN Director shall reserve the right to modify or change rules as needed and allow for special considerations. Contestants must follow all local, state, and federal laws. It is each contestant's responsibility to read and fully understand these rules as contestants will be disqualified for non-compliance and forfeit all prize money, qualification points, and entry fees. All contestants agree by signing the tournament registration form that all STXBFN Director decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE: All six qualifying events have a 5-day off limits period designated as Monday through Friday preceding each tournament. Assistance from anyone other than contestants during a tournament is prohibited. No radios and/or cell phones may be used to discuss fishing related information during tournament hours. The purchasing or bartering of information or the hiring of services within a 4 week period prior to any tournament is prohibited. The STXBFN Championship Lake will be off-limits Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday prior to the tournament. Obtaining information from ANYONE who has been on the STXBFN Championship Lake during the off-limits period is prohibited.

OFFICIAL CHECK-POINT: There will be one official check-point for boat inspection and take-off in the morning and afternoon check-in for all events. Failure to go through boat check-out in the morning or to check-in at the official check-point in the afternoon will result in disqualification from the tournament. Contestants may launch their boat at a ramp other than the designated take-off location, but all contestants must come through the official check-point location before leaving to fish. Take-off ramp location and official check-point procedures will be provided at the official registration.

SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT: All contestants are required to follow high standards of conduct, sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following: 1) Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any mind-altering substance during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure, 2) Abuse of, or addiction to, mind altering substances, 3) Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months, 4) Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably on the STXBFN tournaments or the sponsors of those tournaments or reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules. If conduct does not comply with the standards set forth, the STXBFN Director shall have the right to disqualify a contestant forfeiting all prize money, qualification points, and entry fees.

BOATS & MOTORS: Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment and meet state regulations. No motor shall exceed the BIA rating for that boat. All boats must have working kill switch, navigation lights, fire-extinguisher, and contain an aerated live well to maintain alive contestant catch.

SAFETY: Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened, U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device, which must be securely attached to the driver's body anytime the combustion engine is in operation. The driver must be seated in the driver's seat anytime the combustion engine is engaged in gear. Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors. The decision to shorten or cancel tournament days will be determined by the STXBFN Director.

TACKLE/EQUIPMENT: Fish must be caught on artificial lures in a legal/sporting manner. Trolling with the combustible engine or intended snagging of fish is not permitted. No live or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one rod may be used at any time. Only rods shorter than 8FT in length may be used. Electronic tracking equipment is prohibited. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.

PROTEST: All protests must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of the final weigh-in to the STXBFN Director.

POLYGRAPH: All contestants are subject to polygraph examination at the request of the STXBFN Director. Failure to submit to a polygraph or to pass will result in immediate disqualification/forfeiture of entry fees or claims to any prizes.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: No boater may practice or compete unless they possess current boat liability insurance of \$300,000 or more.

MEXICO REQUIREMENTS: All contestants fishing on Mexican waters must possess valid boater, fishing permits and requisite insurance.

PERMITTED FISHING WATERS: Contestants will not be allowed to fish within 25 yards of the host marina, ramp, and/or any area that has been designated off limits by the STXBFN Director or lake authorities. No trailering of tournament boats during tournament hours is allowed unless under the direction of the STXBFN Director. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of an anchored or tied boat (an anchored or tied boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight or line attached to a stationary object (i.e. standing timber) with the trolling motor in the up position) or within 25 yards of a non-anchored boat unless otherwise agreed upon by the other angler(s).

SCORING & FISH CARE: Only largemouth, spotted, and smallmouth bass are accepted species for weigh-in. Each contestant's catch must be presented in an official weigh bag. Any contestant presenting bass for weigh-in, not in an official bag will be disqualified. Each contestant may weigh-in five bass. Any contestant who possesses more than the tournament limit will be disqualified. The length limit for all tournaments will be a minimum length of 14 inches. Any contestant presenting bass for weigh-in, which fail to measure 14 inches will be disqualified. A dead fish penalty of 0.25 pounds per fish will be deducted from the total weight of that contestant. Each contestant is required to check-in at a designated checkpoint. Contestants returning to the checkpoint late will be penalized at a rate of 1 pound per minute up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes no weight will be allowed. Culling of fish is each contestant's responsibility. No more than five fish per contestant is allowed in the live well except during the culling process. No dead fish may be culled. In case of a tie, all ties will be resolved by splitting that place and the next place prize money and points. The big bass weight will be penalized 0.25 pounds if weighed dead. STXBFN angler point system; ex. 200-first; 199-second; 198-third; and so on. Any B.A.S.S. Federation member with no weight will be given 40 points less than the last weighed place.

2009 Registration Form South Region Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

Lake: _____ Tournament Date: ____/____/____ B.A.S.S. Member # _____

TBFN Bass Club: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

Having read all the rules, completed this form and enclosed entry fees, I attest that I will abide by all tournament rules and regulations. I hereby waive and release the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation (Region, State, and National) all contestants, hosts, sponsors, tournament officials, from all claims and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand that the tournament committee reserves the right to refund my entry fee if my application is rejected for any reason. I swear that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Payment: \$100.00 (circle one) Cash or Check # _____ Make checks payable to Texas B.A.S.S. Federation

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____