



# TBF of CT Opens Entry Form

*Proceeds to benefit the TBF of CONNECTICUT*

*Entry Fee \$100.00 per team - Optional Lunker Fee of \$20.00 per team  
5 Fish limit & You can fish alone!*

*Launch position by postmark of paid entry. TBF Open Rules Apply.*

## ***75% Payout to 20% of the field***

**Make checks payable to: TBF of CT**

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All entries MUST be signed by each participant

In consideration of being accepted in this tournament, the undersigned, agrees to comply with all event rules and State regulations. The participant(s) expressly assumes all risks associated with the event(s) and thereby releases & discharges The Bass Federation Inc., (TBF) it's parent, and affiliate companies, it's licensees and affiliates, including their state federations, and clubs, and all their respective officers, directors, agents, employees and stockholders, the tournament hosts, sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of death, injury and/or property damage incurred in conjunction with this/their event. I agree my picture and likeness can be used on the TBF website and in promotions for TBF of CT. All boaters must have current boat registration. Liability insurance with coverage of not less than \$300,000 per occurrence is required. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in the boat. Random checks will be conducted. Failure to provide proof of insurance when requested by the Tournament Director may result in disqualification. I have read and understand the TBF of CT tournament rules. I agree to abide by these rules during the tournament.

*Tournament Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Tournament Location:* Candlewood Lake

*Boater:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Non-Boater:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*\$100.00 entry fee* \_\_\_\_\_ *Optional lunker fee \$20.00* \_\_\_\_\_ *Amount enclosed:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Make & model of Boat:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Length:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Boat Registration:* \_\_\_\_\_ *H.P. rating* \_\_\_\_\_ *H.P. on boat:* \_\_\_\_\_

**All weeds must be removed from boat/trailer before leaving ramp!**

**Failure to follow TBF/State Health & Safety Guidelines may result in disqualification.**

Mailed entries to be postmarked 14 days before tournament...Sign up at the ramp with **CASH**.

## TBF OPEN SCHEDULE

Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Saturday	March 25, 2023	7 AM – 3 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Saturday	April 8, 2023	7 AM – 3 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Thursday	May 4, 2023	7 AM – 3 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Saturday	June 17, 2023	7 AM – 3 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Saturday	July 8, 2023	7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Sunday	July 30, 2023	7 AM – 3 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Sunday	August 13, 2023	7 AM – 3 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Sunday	October 22, 2023	7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Sunday	November 12, 2023	7 AM – 3 PM
Candlewood Lake	Squantz	Sunday	November 26, 2023	7 AM – 3 PM

## TBF OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Teams consist of one or two anglers in one boat.
2. All contestants, ages 16 or older, must be Connecticut licensed fishermen.
3. Liability insurance with coverage of not less than \$300,000 per occurrence is required. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in the boat. Random checks will be conducted. Failure to provide proof of insurance when requested by the Tournament Director may result in disqualification.
4. Live bait, trolling and ALCOHOLIC beverages are PROHIBITED. Artificial baits only.
5. Only one (1) rigged rod may be used at one time per contestant. Other rigged rods may be in the boat.
6. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional manner.
7. All fishing must be accomplished from the BOAT. Contestants cannot depart the BOAT to land a fish.
8. All contestants must leave the official launch area by BOAT and return by BOAT.
9. Contestants who are NOT in the official launch area on time will be penalized at the rate of one (1) lb per minute or fraction of, to be deducted from the total weight of the catch, including any “Big Bass Award.” After 15 minutes the anglers catch will be disqualified.
10. Scoring will be determined by pounds to the one-hundredths. The tournament winners will be determined by total pounds and hundredths. Only LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS will be weighed with a five (5) fish limit.
11. All bass will be a minimum of (12) twelve inches in length. Weighing in of short fish will result loss of the short fish plus a one (1) pound penalty. One courtesy measure per team.
12. Ties will be broken in the following manner: 1) By weight of the largest fish. 2) By the total number of fish weighed. 3) Coin toss.
13. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation are expected from each participant. Each boat must have standard Coast Guard safety equipment.
14. Anglers have to wear their life jackets while the large motor is running.
15. Each boat must have a live well with working aerators; able to keep a full catch alive and well. The boat will also be equipped with a kill switch, which must be attached to the driver when the gas motor is running.
16. Boat numbers will be issued on receipt of paid entry. Boats will line up and idle in order to pass the check out boat in front of the ramp without swamping the checkout boat!
17. A quarter pound will be deducted for each dead fish and for each fish not released alive at the end of the Tournament. (If D.E.P. chooses to take a fish to study - you will not be penalized). Dead fish can not be weighed for lunger.
18. At the weigh-in, each team will weigh in their fish together to obtain their placement in the standings. (One member can bring their bag of fish to the scales while the other keeps the boat safe.)
19. All boats/trailers must be inspected for weed particles prior to leaving the ramp.
20. The TBF of CT reserves the right to refuse any application.
21. Entry fees will only be refunded if proper notification is made to the Tournament Director at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled launch of the tournament.