



## Major League Series – B.A.S.S Team Championship Qualifier 2019

Major League Series: (Please Print)

Entry Deadlines: All events are limited to 49 boats. Anyone that has fished with us in the past few years gets priority through April 1st, 2019. After April 1st, Teams will be added according to postmark on the envelope, which contains a signed entry and payment. You must be paid in full one week prior to the events! **You have to fish 4 Lakes Events to qualify for B.A.S.S. Team Championship and Team of the Year! Also, you have to fish a minimum of 2 events in order to fish with us at all!**

Select tournaments you would like to fish (Big Bass included in entry fee):

Yellow Lake – Yellow Lake, WI – May 11th, 2019	_____ \$300 per Team
Whitefish Chain – Cross Lake, MN – June 15th, 2019	_____ \$300 per Team
Chippewa Flowage - Hayward, WI – July 20th, 2019	_____ \$300 per Team
Mille Lac Lake – Hunters Point Resort, MN – September 13th- 14th, 2019	_____ \$300 per Team

Yearly membership per team. \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 (\$30.00 per person)

All entries must include a “live” check (not postdated) for all tournament fees (including membership fee). Please note that any check received with the current date will be cashed immediately. The only exception is if you send one check for all of your tournament fees (payment for both events), it may be postdated for May 1st, 2019, however, your membership fees will have to be paid via a separate “live” check (not postdated). If you send separate checks for each tournament entered they may be postdated for 15 days prior to tournament entered. Any checks returned from bank for any reason will have to be paid in cash before fishing on tournament day, along with a \$25.00 NSF fee. No refunds will be returned after checks are deposited. All entries must be postmarked by the Saturday one-week prior to the event. No entries will be accepted at the ramp on the tournament day. Multiply the number of Tournaments selected by \$300 plus membership fees and mail check along with completed entry form to:

Major League Series

5436 479th St.

Lot #17

Isle, MN 56342

Tournament Director: Jay D. Schade 320-250-3495

Email: [info@majorleagueseries.com](mailto:info@majorleagueseries.com)

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Major League Series – B.A.S.S Team Championship Qualifier 2019

### TEAM INFORMATION

Partner #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Partner #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Having acquainted ourselves with all the rules we are enclosing our entry fee. We understand and acknowledge competitive fishing is a dangerous sport and includes risks of death, injury and damage. In signing this form we hereby waive and release all other contestants, the hosts, sponsors, The MLS and its tournament officials from all claims of death, injury, and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. We further understand and agree to abide by the rules of this tournament and recognize the rights of the tournament officials to reject any entry.

Partner #1

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Partner #2

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Partner 1 - Boat Liability Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Partner 1 - Boat Liability Insurance Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Partner 1 - Boat Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

Partner 2 - Boat Liability Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Partner 2 - Boat Liability Insurance Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Partner 2 - Boat Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Entry forms must be signed by both partners before fishing the first event with all the information!*



## Major League Series – B.A.S.S Team Championship Qualifier 2019

### 2019 MAJOR LEAGUE SERIES RULES AND REGULATIONS

**1. RULE CHANGES:** The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the events unless State or local laws are in conflict. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Director and Tournament Officials will be final in all matters. It is at the Director's discretion to make a change where safety is a concern. All Federal, State and local laws must be obeyed, and it is the contestant's responsibility to know these laws.

**2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in this tournament is open to all members in good standing of the 2019 Major League Series. Membership is automatically stipulated upon signing the PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK form. A \$30 per person payment is required to become a member of the Major League Series. **The 2019 Major League Series reserves the right to refuse any entry for any reason.** Contestants must enter as individuals and be 18 years of age or older, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and are expected to be in good physical and mental condition, capable of understanding and performing safety functions. A team is allowed to substitute an angler once during the season. In the case of a 3 fish per fisherman limit and a team member can't fish, an immediate family member may act as a substitute. Each contestant must have a valid fishing license. No substitutes are allowed for the two-day Classic. Points may not be transferred between teams. Points accumulated in any Division will remain in that Division.

**3. ENTRY FEES:** The entry fee is \$ 300 per TEAM. **You have to fish 4 events to qualify for B.A.S.S. Team Championship! Also, you have to fish a minimum of 2 events in order to fish with us at all!** NOTE: The tournament director may appoint another person to 'fish' in place of the contestant that may have withdrawn due to unforeseen circumstances.

**4. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS:** At no time during tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs other than prescription medication allowed in the boat or to be consumed while on the water during official tournament hours. No alcohol may be consumed until **AFTER** your fish are weighed.

**5. SPORTSMANSHIP:** All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified. Encroachment is considered a sportsmanship rule.

**6. BOATS AND MOTORS:** There is no horsepower limit; however, no engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. **If you qualify for B.A.S.S Team Championship, they have a horsepower limit of 250 hp.** All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have an aerated live well large enough to sustain the tournament limit of five (5) fish in releasable condition. Extra gas tanks must be secured and must meet U.S. Coast Guard specifications.

**7. SAFETY:** Boating safety must be observed at all times during practice and competition. On tournament days, a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver must be fastened any time the combustible engine is running. It is both partners responsibility to see these rules are adhered to. Life Vest must be worn with kill switch attached any time the big motor is running!

**8. TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. No trolling of any kind is permitted. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use, however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. Rods may not exceed eight feet in length. The official measuring board will be the standard ruler. A courtesy board will be provided at the tanks.



## Major League Series – B.A.S.S Team Championship Qualifier 2019

**9. PROTESTS & POLYGRAPH:** All protests must be submitted to the tournament director before the close of the scale. The burden of proof will be on the team filing the protest. All contestants, winners and non-winners, are subject to a polygraph test, but if a polygraph is administered due to a protest, the team filing the protest must provide a check in the amount of \$500 payable to the Major League Series LLC. If the polygraph results show the protest is invalid, the team filing the protest will forfeit the \$500. If the protest is valid, the \$500 fee will be returned to the team filing the protest, and the disqualified team will incur all costs incurred. Failure to submit to a polygraph test will result in immediate disqualification. Any contestant who has failed a polygraph test in connection with any bass tournament for cheating will not be eligible to compete in any 2019 Major League Series.

**10. OFFICIAL BOATS:** Officials will be on the lake for boat inspection and observation during tournament hours. Each contestant is required to cooperate with all requests.

**11. CONSERVATION:** This is a primary concern of the 2019 Major League Series. Adequate live wells are mandatory on each boat and must provide aeration to maintain fish in good condition as every effort will be made to release as many live, releasable fish as possible, following each day's weigh-in.

**12. TIES & TIE BREAKERS:** In the event of a tie the first tiebreaker will be big bass. The second tiebreaker will be a coin flip. In the event of a tie in regard to the big bass, the first and only tiebreaker will be a coin flip.

**13. SCORING:** The format of the 2019 Major League Series is that of a competitive fishing team tournament. Entered teams will work together to weigh in 5 fish per day with a minimum of **14" (inches) in length**, unless state or lake limits are greater, measured on a flat board with mouth closed and fantail-ed. A dead fish penalty of **.30 pound per fish** will be deducted from the total weight. Any team bringing more than 5 fish to the scales will be disqualified for that tournament day. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight for the competition days of the tournament. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be scored. Any team weighing in a fish shorter than the legal tournament length (14 inches) will be disqualified. Each team is required to leave from and return to a specified checkpoint. Any team returning to the checkpoint late will be disqualified. Points System is, 1st Place gets 100 points, second place gets 99 boats, third place gets 98 points and down. Then we add them points to your total weight for your total points on the event. If you fish but don't weigh, you will get 50 points for that event!

**14. CULLING FISH:** No culling of any kind is allowed at the tournament weigh in point, marina or beach. It is the responsibility of each team to remain within the legal limits of the state to keep no more than that maximum in the boat at any time. If more than this amount is found in the team's boat during tournament hours, the team will be disqualified for that day's tournament. Culling is allowed only if legal on the permit.

**15. PERMITTED FISHING WATERS:** No fishing is allowed inside the tournament weigh-in site. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land a fish. Navigable waters are the only waters to be fished in the tournament. Contestants must be able to drive their tournament boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat. Both contestants must remain in sight of each other at all times. All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat. No tube or wade fishing is allowed. Boats may not be trailered to and from weigh-in during the tournament hours unless under the direction of the tournament director. No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of another tournament boat without that boat's permission. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of another anchored or tied tournament boat with trolling motor out of the water and anchored in a stationary position (Talons and Power Poles are not considered anchors). Only the contestants may be in the boat during the tournament hours. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you will be grounds for disqualification.

**16. FISHING HOURS:** Will be from 7:00 AM to 3:00 pm. The check in and check out points will also be disclosed. It is the contestant's responsibility to obtain this information from the Tournament Director. Teams not back to the checkpoint by 3:00 pm will be disqualified.

**17. GUIDES:** No guides may be used within a week of the scheduled event.



## **Major League Series – B.A.S.S Team Championship Qualifier 2019**

**18. REGISTRATION:** All entry fees must be paid in full prior to the tournament deadline. The 2019 Major League Series reserves the right to extend the field. The entry deadline date may be extended if the field is not full. A team will not be assured a spot in the tournament unless full payment has been received by the MLS. Entry Fees are non-transferable.

**19. PRACTICE FISHING:** Tournament waters will be off limits to contestants after 3pm the day prior to the tournament.

**20. CELL PHONES/2 WAY RADIOS:** During the official competition days a competitor may not use a CB radio, VHF marine band radio, cellular phone (including texting and email) or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating and catching fish. These devices are for emergency purposes only.

**21. SUB RULE:** Each team is allowed one sub for the year, but there has to be one normal team member fishing with the sub. You can fish alone if you choose to do so! The sub will not be allowed to move on to any qualifying events, as these events are for the original team members that sign up!

**22. PARTNER PAIRINGS & EASE-OFF CONDITIONS:** There will be a pre-tournament meeting the night before an event. One team member from each team must be present. We will send an email the Wednesday prior to an event with the meeting time and location. We will do a random boat draw at that meeting for takeoff order. Any TEAM who is not in line at their designated ease-off position and location will be automatically held back 1 minute after the last boat has left the ease-off location. All tournament boats must be inspected prior to ease-off for both tournament days by a tournament official. Any tournament boats fishing during tournament hours without having been inspected will be automatically disqualified for that day's contest. It shall be the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually agreed upon location with sufficient time remaining to check in at the official check point and have the contestants boat inspected.