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ATTENTION UTAH BASS NATION ANGLERS

In 2018 there will once again be two separate qualification tournaments for making the state team. The first one is the icebreaker come out of hibernation tournament from 16-18 March launching out of Bullfrog Marina, Lake Powell UT and the second tournament will be the fall fling conducted 2-4 November out of Bullfrog Marina, Lake Powell UT .

- Each of the tournaments will be treated as a separate stand-alone qualification tournament
- Each tournament will qualify 11 anglers towards the 2019 state team (6 boaters and 4 non-boaters plus an alternate)
- 22 anglers total will make up the state team and be eligible to attend the BASS Western Regional in 2019
- You have multiple options for fishing the events: you can go as a non-boater to one tournament and then be a boater at the second tournament, you can fish only one event or you can fish both, if you make the state team at the first tournament you do not have to fish the second tournament but you can come fish the second tournament just for the cash payout and prizes.

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The Ticaboo Hotel is the host hotel for all tournament activities and has generously offered up a great fisherman only rate of \$59 a night plus tax. Please call them ASAP to lock into a 1st floor reservation (435-788-2110). The pretournament meeting will be on 15 March at the Ticaboo pool/restaurant starting at 4:00 for check-in, payment into option pots and receiving the sponsor gift packs. The pre-tournament meeting and raffle starts promptly at 4:30 and as soon as that is completed we will proceed with the partner pairing. The UTBN will also be providing you with a complimentary BBQ dinner at this event.

SPONSOR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL

Tournament Anglers please support the Ticaboo Resort (instead of ARAMARK and the Defiance House). Here are some things to consider

1. Ticaboo Resort supports the UTBN, they have graciously provided rooms at a discount along with letting use the facilities for our pre and post tournament meetings.
2. Only place in the area to find Ethanol Free fuel which is critical for your boat operation.
3. Provides complimentary rooms for use as raffle items.
4. Free use of BBQ grill, free internet, and coffee bar
5. Massive parking lot with easy in/out access
6. New BBQ restaurant that will be open every night

Welcome and Thank-You to MultiServe Insurance (Joe Paez), Trans-Expedite Incorporated (Matt France) and Ben Byrd Construction as new sponsors for 2018. They have stepped up to cover the cost of all the awards and dinners for the entire tournament year. Please support them and let them know that there gratitude is appreciated

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FROM THE FRONT DECK

HOT TOPICS, THINGS TO CONSIDER AND JUST GOOD GENERAL INFORMATION

Greetings Utah BASS Nation members, I am going to put some information to you that hopefully gets you thinking about multiple items everyone needs to do better in 2018 and that will help continue to grow this sport and our organization, please listen to the message and give it some thought.

SAFETY is something that has been discussed within the UTBN leadership group, with the BASS Nation top tier management and with other tournament organizations in Utah— At the end of a tournament day who is responsible to ensure anglers make it off the water safely? Is it with you, your travel partner, or the UTBN leaders?

First and foremost boaters are the primary person responsible for their own safety, passengers safety and ability to get back to the boat ramp, they should know their equipment and its limitations. When an incident occurs how you handle it and how we respond will be a huge factor in determining the outcome and maybe even the survivability to you, your equipment and your passenger. For example: If you are broke down on Lake Powell and do not make the 3:30 weigh in who is responsible to come find you? What if the weather is suspect and the sun is setting? Do you have enough survival gear on board to safely spend the night?

- A. UTBN leadership will do everything within safe reason to come find you—but the only way to do that is if we know where you are at— options are you write down the information put it into an envelope, seal it and give it to the UTBN leadership group at the pre-tournament meeting, only way the envelope ever gets opened is if we have to go looking for you. If you can— flag down another boater and get the word to the tournament director that you are broke down and the specific location you are at . Do not expect us to go out on a search and rescue mission to find you if we do not have some sort of starting point. Do not expect us to tow your boat unless it is reasonably close to Bullfrog Marina.
- B. The National Park Service (NPS) will NOT provide TOW services—and will only go out and rescue anglers if it's a life threatening situation—we got lucky last year when NPS went and got Ryan Colby and Joe Paez but do not count on them. Both anglers ended up leaving their boats tied up on the lake and got back to Bullfrog after the sun had set.
- C. Executive Yacht Services—Provides tow services, payment is credit card or insurance (recommend you double check your coverage), and will only go recover a boat if they can get back to bullfrog prior to the sun setting—they are not allowed on the water after dark (company policy).
- D. Recommend boaters have a safety brief with their non-boater prior to leaving the dock, cover topics such as location of fire extinguisher, first aid kit, watching for other boaters when running down the lake and even how the boat operates in case the boat operator becomes incapacitated.
- E. Lots of us have thousands of dollars in boats, tackle, rods, and reels, how much have you invested in survival gear?—Are you ready to spend the night? Do you have spare clothes in the boat in case you fall over board? Spare rain gear? Fire starting equipment (sterno, matches)? Emergency thermal space blanket? Signaling device? Hypothermia—do you know the warning signs?

PLAN ACCORDINGLY YOU ARE NOT A SUPERHERO

On the 2018 tournament entry form there is a section for emergency contact name and number—it is now mandatory information that will be confirmed during check in at the pre-tournament meeting. In the event something catastrophic ever happens we need to be able to contact someone to let them know your condition.



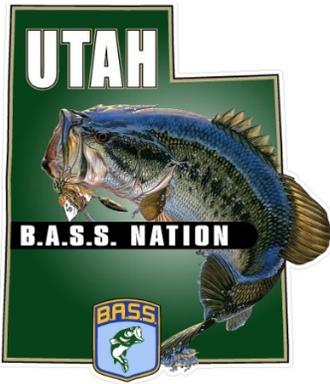
Water resistant miniature first aid kit—can be found in the travel section of the pharmacy at Wally World—has the essentials so your day on the water doesn't come to an early end. Costs a whopping \$0.97.



Mini bolt cutters \$8 at your local hardware store—perfect for cutting split rings or heavy duty hooks so the buried hook can be removed with the lure out of the way

Can be found on AMAZON—sticky back, can be added to your life jacket and rain gear or anywhere else you deem necessary—so you can be located on either land or water.





Utah BASS Nation Membership Requirements

Utah BASS Nation members, below are some answers to some of the most common questions we get asked every year.

What are the membership requirements? - To be a member of the Utah BASS Nation you need to have the following three items in place. (It is not as complicated as it sounds)

1. Have an active subscription to BASSMASTER Magazine—you can set this up on your own by either calling 1-800-BASS-USA or on-line at www.bassmaster.com (when you sign up make sure you write down your membership number).
2. Join a club, and pay \$20 dues to the Utah BASS Nation—there are clubs throughout the state and each club is its own entity and has their own rules/guidelines for membership. This money stays within the Utah BASS Nation and is used to support our local anglers when they go to divisional and national level tournaments, support community related charity programs, dinners at tournaments etc.

Salt City Bassmasters	Salt Lake City area	801-671-3780
Ticaboo BASS	Heber City area	801-824-7633
Team BASS Utah	Logan area	435-232-1852
Top of Utah BASS Anglers (TUBA)	Ogden area	801-726-4880
Park City BASS Club	Park City/Provo area	801-706-8917

3. Join the BASS Nation and pay \$30 dues annually—this is also done through your club president. This money goes directly to the BASS national organization that promotes bass fishing and grass root anglers nationwide, along with off-setting costs for hosting divisional and national level tournaments, and gets you a subscription to BASSTIMES

What if I do not have a club in my area to join? We have numerous folks scattered throughout the intermountain region that have this same dilemma and there is a generic club (TUBA) that you can join, and all the items identified in steps 1, 2, and 3 still apply.

Is there a deadline for dues submission? The deadline is 1 March 2018 and applies to renewing or returning members ONLY – *this deadline does not affect anyone that is new to the Utah BASS Nation.*

What are the benefits for paying \$20 dues to the Utah BASS Nation and \$30 to BASS Nation? -

- 45% discount off all MERCURY MARINE Products
- 45% discount off all MOTORGUIDE Products
- 30-40% discount on DOBYNS Rods
- 50% discount on QUANTUM Rods and Reels
- POWER POLE Rebate
- YAMAHA Oil at 50% discount (limited quantity)

* Additional benefits from Lowrance, Humminbird and Minn-Kota are provided to state team members

Eligible to participate in the State Team Qualification tournaments, with 100% payout on all option pots and 50% payout of entry fees money, averaging over \$10,000 payout at each event (best payout within the region). The Utah BASS Nation also provides sponsor product and giveaway items at this event along with a free dinner at the tournament check in.

If you qualify for the 22 person Utah BASS Nation state team

– You receive an apparel package consisting of coat, jersey, sunglasses and shirts (\$250 MSRP).

You receive additional funding to off-set costs to attend the western divisional tournament (\$500 per person).

If you become the national contender representing the Utah BASS nation we provide funding to attend that event also.

What are the requirements to compete at the Utah BASS Nation state team qualifier tournaments? Members that have paid state and national dues have priority over persons that have not paid state or national dues. If a person is not a member of the Utah BASS Nation and not interested in being a part of the state team and wants to compete for just the cash and prizes awarded at the tournament that is acceptable also, there is a guest fee of \$25 required. Please reference the tournament entry forms at www.utbfn.net for details.

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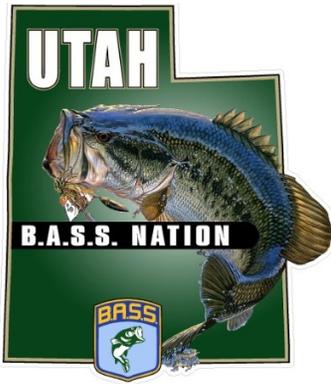
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2018 UTAH B.A.S.S. NATION STATE TEAM QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT #1
Bullfrog Marina, Lake Powell March 16-18, 2018

- Boater Entry Fee \$250.00
- Big Fish Option \$30.00
- All American Option \$20.00
- Big Creel Option \$30.00

ENTRY FEE'S AND ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SENT IN TOGETHER.

Option pots may be paid at the pre-tournament meeting. (it is each individuals responsibility to confirm what option pots they are signed up for)

- Non-Boater Entry Fee \$150.00
- Big Fish Option \$30.00
- All American Option \$20.00
- Big Creel Option \$30.00

TOTAL PAID _____

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Boater Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____
 B.A.S.S. # _____ Club _____
 Signature _____
 Emergency Contact Name and # _____
 Boat Insurance Carrier and Policy Number _____

Non-Boater Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____
 B.A.S.S. # _____ Club _____
 Signature _____
 Emergency Contact Name and # _____

SIGNATURE ON THIS PAGE CONSITUTES THE FOLLOWING

1. That you have read, understand and agree to abide by the 2018 UTBN Tournament Rules as posted at www.UTBFN.net
2. As a participant in this tournament that you expressly assume all the risks associated with this tournament and hereby release B.A.S.S., the Utah B.A.S.S. Nation, it's officers, the host, all participants and all tournament officials from all claims of injury or damage incurred with this event.

Sign up with a non-boater to guarantee the use of your boat. Entry Forms must be received no later than 05 March 2018, otherwise a \$25 late fee will be accessed. Make checks payable to the Utah B.A.S.S. Nation. Returned checks are subject to a \$25 return fee.

SEND COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS AND FEE'S TO: →

TOM NOKES
 12040 South 2160 West
 Riverton, UT 84065



Registration and Pre-Tournament meeting location is the Ticaboo Hotel, 15 March 2018, check in, late sign-ups and payment into option parts starts at **4:00**, raffle starts at **4:30**, and the pre-tournament meeting and first days partner pairing starts at **5:00 p.m.**

This event is a random draw tournament. Guests may fish this event if there are open spots at an additional cost of \$15. To be eligible for the 2019 Utah B.A.S.S. Nation State Team you must be a current member of the following : The B.A.S.S. Nation and the Utah B.A.S.S. Nation prior to the 1 March 2018 cut-off (Cut-off date is waived for brand new members ONLY), you also need to have an active subscription to BASSMASTER magazine prior to the start of the tournament.



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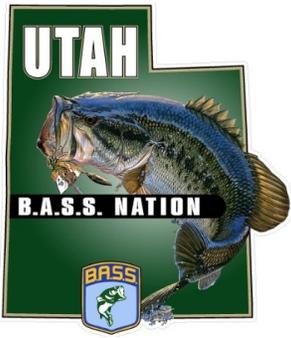
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UTAH BASS NATION MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Sponsor provided product items listed below are graciously donated to support the UTBN, the 2018 state team and the ancillary programs that the UTBN supports. Please thank and support these great organizations for their time, assistance and gratitude. Below are some of the items that will be raffled off at the Spring tournament along with notes on benefits available to all UTBN members.

PEPPER CUSTOM BAITS— Providing apparel and prize packages as raffle items along with supplying every angler with a lure from the great line of products, see peppercustomlures.com

MERCURY MARINE/MOTORGUIDE —4 Gallons DFI/Optimax oil along with Mercury Buffs, longtime sponsor of the BASS Nation and UTBN not only do they donate product but they also allow members to purchase product at a 45% off msrp discounted price and donate props, oil and trolling motors for use to raise money for the Utah BASS Nation, over \$2500 in product every year. Mercurymarine.com

LUCAS OIL—4 Vehicle detailing kits, 6 marine grease kits, marine 2 stroke and 4 stroke oil and 30 bottles of fishing reel oil lucasoil.com

STARTRON—ethanol fuel treatment additive and coupon books www.startron.com, enough for every person at the tournament starbrite.com

P-LINE—Long time leader in the fishing line industry and supporter of the UTBN, they are providing 2 each \$50 dollar gift cards for the highest finishing angler that has a spool of P-Line in their possession p-line.com

LOWRANCE—Hats and buffs as raffle items along with letting state team members purchase electronics at a 50% discount lowrance.com

PROTECT THE HARVEST—donated \$1000 towards the state team apparel, along with weigh bags for use at the tournaments protecttheharvest.com

TRUSTY CABLE TOOL— Ever tried connecting/disconnecting fish finder cables with gloves on or when your hands are cold? This is by far the best tool on the market for installing cables onto the Lowrance electronics, no more cranking them on with pliers risking damage to the connectors

KAOS TACKLE - Providing custom painted crankbaits to use as raffle items at each tournament, msrp over \$400

CASH CUSTOM LURES—donating \$225 in gift cards good towards any of the custom hand-poured products in his line-up cachecustomlures.com

SPORTSMANS WAREHOUSE—Longtime supporter of the UTBN, providing steadfast support over the last 10 years once again providing Gift cards and DVDs to support the UTBN tournament awards package sportsmanswarehouse.com

JBs FISH SAUCE—New sponsor of the UTBN who is providing fish attracting scents and gift certificates to be used as raffle items jbsfishsauce.com

VEXAN RODS— New sponsor of the UTBN, donating 4 rods and sunglasses to be used as raffle items or prize packages with an msrp in excess of \$600 tackleindustries.com

MEGAWARE KEELGUARD— Local OGDEN, UT company with best keel protection devices on the market—donating a complete raffle package to outfit an entire boat msrp well over \$200 keelguard.com

DOBYNS RODS— discount certificates for huge cost savings on Dobyns Rods, anywhere from 30-40% off, first come first served. Also donating two FURY series rods for use as prize packages msrp \$238.00 dobynsrods.com

PRECISION SONAR—Electronics bow mount bracket that surpasses any other product on the market—best rough water electronics mount in the industry, donating a bow mount sonar bracket msrp \$79.95 precisionsonar.com

MANIAC Custom Lures— Local manufacturer providing every angler with a sample pack of his top of the line custom poured baits maniaccustomlures.com

NATIVE Eyewear - outfitted the entire 2016 state team with over \$2200 worth of new eyewear propelling the UTBN to a first place finish, and winning a boat at the 2016 western divisional - same support is on tap for the 2017 state team heading to Shasta Lake CA. nativeeyewear.com

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