

## FROM THE FRONT DECK

Greetings Utah BASS Nation Anglers—Just wanted to get a newsletter out to everyone before the holiday season gets into full swing. Greetings Utah BASS Nation Anglers, hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is getting ready for Christmas and New Year's.

- As we move forward into 2022 the UTBN will be updating the weigh in process with new scales, new computer, software and automated weigh slip print out capability. The overall goal is to streamline everything so once the scales close on Day 3 we can host the awards ceremony within 60 minutes or less.

- UTBN shout out and thanks to the unsung guys (KC Simbro, Kent Thomson, Courtney Adams, Don Edwards, Wally Haltom and Trent Perry) that help out behind the scenes with hauling of equipment to Lake Powell, check in, setting up sponsor giveaway tables and operating the raffle.

Seems like there are always question or two about the format of the qualifiers and reasoning for having a 3-day event or scheduling of the events in spring and fall. So here you go.

Dates? – strive to be consistent and keep the dates relatively the same each year so folks can count on them year after year being in the same time frame, push in the spring to be the first tournament of the year and cure cabin fever.

Dates? – try to stay away from the divisional event, frees up the rest of the tournament season so folks can fish other events from late spring, summer and early fall. Also try to stay away from hunting season so we go later in the fall.

Why 3 days? – mirrors how divisional and nationals operate along with all the other major trails in the west, provides experience on how to manage time, equipment and fish.

Why 3 days? - Eliminates the luck factor, plenty of shuffling happens on the leaderboard

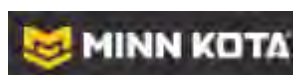
Why 8 hour days? - Same exact amount of time the BASS uses for all there events (Divisional, Nationals, Opens, etc.).

Boaters keep in mind that to guarantee the use of your boat in UTBN events you must have a guaranteed non-boater and is best to submit entry form with both your names and info on them. Over the past couple of years the impression seems to be that it is the Tournament Directors job to coordinate or find non-boaters which is inaccurate. It is not the UTBN responsibility to perform this task, we will work with you and assist as much as possible but for the experienced boaters that have been doing this for awhile please put forth the effort to get paired up early so you are guaranteed.

DOBYNS RODS – to take advantage of the Dobyns rod discount program all you need to do is call them directly at 903-919-8028 , ask for Chelise Brooks and tell her you are part of the Utah BASS Nation (she has a copy of our membership roster). She will process the order and get you taken care of.

If anyone has contacts or recommendations for new sponsors for the UTBN please send their contact information to myself, Trevor Tippetts or Billy Ricker so we can pursue the leads.

STATE TEAM QUALIFIER DATES FOR 2022 ARE 18-20 MARCH 2022 AND 28-30 OCTOBER 2022. BOTH EVENTS WILL BE OUT OF BULLFROG MARINA





## TOURNAMENT NEWS

*Bullfrog Marina Lake Powell Utah - 5-7 November 2021*

**Day 1** of the Utah BASS Nation State Team Qualification Tournament kicked off with 31 boaters and 30 non-boaters competing for the remaining 10 coveted positions on the 2022 State team that will be competing at the Western Divisional at Lake Havasu in February 2022. Low water conditions and warm weather did not slow down the fishing and Randy Austin got things started on the boater side with a five fish limit weighing 15.10 lbs., Tyler Ivie was running a close second with 12.96 lbs. followed up by Pete Milburn with 11.30 lbs., Wayne Myers at 10.84 lbs. and Cory Jones at 10.08 lbs. On the Nonboater side of things newcomer Riley Nielsen bowed up and deposited a five fish limit of 11.56 lbs. onto the scales and sit in first place, with Melissa Nokes staking her claim to second place with 9.59 lb. limit anchored by a 4.82 lb. big fish, followed up by Nick Melcher at 8.59 lbs. and Mark Shepard with 8.06 lbs and the legendary Greg Pink at 7.77 lbs.

**Day 2** found the weather conditions to be pretty much the same and as always there was some movement on the leaderboard. Randy Austin maintained his grasp on 1st place with a 9.63 lb. limit, Tyler Ivie stayed consistent with 11.13 lbs. and a 4.58 lb. big fish locking down second place with Paul Morley firing the biggest shot with a five fish limit for 14.62 lbs. and climbing up to 3rd place, Trevor Tippetts decided to get in on the action and weighed in 10.45 lbs. moving in to 4th place and Max Spangler slid up to 5th place with 10.07 lb. limit. There was minimal movement on the non-boater side of things with Riley Nielsen staying on top with 7.78 lbs., Melissa Nokes in second place with a 7.96 lb. limit, Greg Pink clawed his way to third place with another 7.44 lbs. with KC Simbro right on his heels in 4th place.

**Day 3** dawned with another flawless weather scenario consisting of calm winds and bluebird skies. Tyler Ivie brought in the heavy weight limit for the day weighing 12.63 lbs. and staking his claim to 1st place, Bill Brown overcame boat electrical issues and was able to put 11.73 lbs. on the scale and capture 2nd place, Trevor Tippetts fished in third place after weighing in 10.95 lbs., Randy Austin dropped to 4th place after leading the first two days with 6.07 lb. limit, Pete Milburn solidified 5th place and Paul Morley was 6th. Nonboater side of things got a bit interesting with Melissa Nokes having another banner day with a five fish limit weighing 9.08 lbs. and big fish (again) at 3.96 lbs. to garner 1st place. Riley Nielsen dropped to 2nd place, and KC Simbro bested Greg Pink for 3rd place by less than 2 ounces.

Thanks to everyone that attended the event, and for supporting the Utah BASS Nation. This event had lots of new faces and that means things are still moving in a positive direction and highlights the fact that this is by far one of the strongest organizations in the west made up of great people and great anglers.

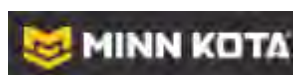
FINAL RESULTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES

### UTAH BASS NATION 2022 STATE TEAM

**Boater:** Ben Byrd, Bill Brown, Justin Hicks, Tyler Ivie, Jason Warren, Randy Austin, Trevor Tippetts, Pete Milburn, Ramsey Romanin, and Chase Colby.

**Nonboater:** Melissa Nokes, Riley Nielsen, KC Simbro, Joe Paez, Greg Pink, Paul Morley, Terry Peterson, Jake Powell, Tom Nokes and Wally Haltom.

The 2022 Western Divisional will be held at Lake Havasu AZ, 23-25 February 2022.



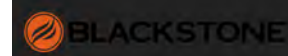




# NOVEMBER 2021 STATE TEAM QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

UTBN BOATER	DAY 1 # fish	weight	DAY 2 # fish	weight	DAY 3 # fish	weight	total weight
Tyler Ivie	5	12.96	5	11.13	5	12.63	36.72
Bill Brown	5	9.63	5	10.24	5	11.73	31.60
Trevor Tippets	5	10.01	5	10.45	5	10.95	31.41
Randy Austin	5	15.10	5	9.63	5	6.07	30.80
Peter Milburn	5	11.30	5	7.90	5	10.12	29.32
Paul Morley	5	7.02	5	14.62	5	7.48	29.12
Wayne Myers	5	10.84	5	8.30	5	9.48	28.62
Max Spangler	5	9.90	5	10.07	5	8.05	28.02
Ryan Colby	5	5.96	5	9.43	5	12.46	27.85
Matt Adamson	5	9.99	5	8.35	5	9.07	27.41
Trace Myers	5	7.49	5	9.54	5	8.23	25.26
Justin Covello	5	7.75	5	10.40	5	6.76	24.91
Randy Pierson	5	9.20	5	6.98	5	8.53	24.71
Jason Warren	5	7.33	5	9.20	5	7.87	24.40
Cory Jones	5	10.08	5	7.72	5	5.93	23.73
Ty Sanderfer	5	7.68	5	8.25	5	7.68	23.61
Eric Inman	5	9.67	5	7.41	5	6.27	23.35
Zac Dinkins	5	9.13	5	6.25	5	7.45	22.83
Rick Culver	5	5.11	5	8.66	5	8.91	22.68
Chase Colby	5	9.10	5	6.55	5	6.49	22.14
Ramsey Romanin	5	8.36	5	5.01	5	8.73	22.10
Jackson Hinkley	5	7.39	5	9.34	5	4.85	21.58
Ty Faber	5	5.91	5	7.52	5	6.74	20.17
Austin Howard	5	8.38	5	9.80	0	0.00	18.18
Don Erickson	5	7.28	5	5.34	4	4.59	17.21
Billy Ricker	5	6.37	5	5.64	5	4.82	16.83
Rodney Hurst	5	9.43	5	5.72	0	0.00	15.15
Steve Brusig	5	7.92	5	6.69	0	0.00	14.61
Miff Bishop	4	6.21	3	2.56	2	3.55	12.32
Wayne Welchel	3	3.70	3	4.40	3	3.84	11.94
Kyle Charles	5	7.28	0	0.00	0	0.00	7.28

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UTBN NONBOATER	DAY 1 # fish	weight	DAY 2 # fish	weight	DAY 3 # fish	weight	total weight
Melissa Nokes	5	9.59	5	7.96	5	9.08	26.63
Riley Nielson	5	11.56	5	7.78	5	6.12	25.46
KC Simbro	5	7.55	5	5.92	5	7.95	21.42
Greg Pink	5	7.77	5	7.44	5	6.03	21.24
Wally Haltom	5	7.09	5	6.14	5	7.44	20.67
Dan Flick	5	5.58	5	6.55	5	7.21	19.34
Ted Grove	5	5.73	5	6.77	5	6.34	18.84
Doug Roe	5	6.88	5	5.01	5	6.66	18.55
Josh Thalman	5	5.58	5	7.77	5	5.06	18.41
Terry Peterson	5	6.97	5	6.13	5	5.29	18.39
Mark Shepard	5	8.06	4	4.60	4	4.44	17.10
Trent Perry	5	7.31	5	4.90	5	4.80	17.01
Don Edwards	5	4.98	5	5.02	5	6.66	16.66
John Piper	5	5.78	5	5.93	4	4.47	16.18
Mandy Myers	5	4.13	5	5.04	4	5.67	14.84
Nick Melcher	5	8.59	2	3.54	2	2.27	14.40
Nick Brown	3	3.20	3	4.48	5	6.49	14.17
Cody Brewer	5	4.83	5	4.81	3	4.03	13.67
Rick McLeon	3	3.80	5	9.20	0	0.00	13.00
Tate Brown	5	7.10	5	5.50	0	0.00	12.60
Kurt Gale	5	5.71	5	6.16	0	0.00	11.87
Tyson Fromm	5	4.13	2	3.66	4	3.83	11.62
Matt Barnes	3	3.28	3	4.33	3	3.76	11.37
Bella Perry	0	0.00	5	6.11	3	4.84	10.95
Johnny Johnson	5	4.85	1	1.92	3	3.76	10.53
Dan Gumber	5	5.38	1	1.11	1	3.42	9.91
Alex Herbert	1	0.97	5	4.65	2	2.40	8.02
Bryan Martinez	5	5.58	1	1.97	0	0.00	7.55
Paul Swan	3	2.32	2	2.33	1	1.38	6.03
Christian Crosby	5	4.18	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.18

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**UTAH B.A.S.S. NATION STATE TEAM QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT #1**  
***Bullfrog Marina, Lake Powell March 18-20, 2022***

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

TOTAL PAID \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 B.A.S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boat Insurance Carrier and Policy # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Name and # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Utah DNR Quagga Mussel Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boat Hull ID/ Registration number \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Boater Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 2022 UTBN Tournament Rules as posted at [www.UTBFN.net](http://www.UTBFN.net)
2. As a participant in this tournament that you expressly assume all the risks associated with this tournament and hereby release BASS, the Utah BASS Nation, it's officers, the host, all participants and all tournament officials from all claims of injury or damage incurred with this event.
3. All boaters in the event must complete the Utah DNR on-line quagga mussel awareness training and have a copy of the certificate displayed on the dash of there tow vehicle and present a copy to the Utah DNR when requested. Training can be completed at the following web address <https://dweapps.Utah.gov/wex/dbconnection.jsp?examnbr=510608>

Sign up with a non-boater to guarantee the use of your boat. Entry Forms must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on 16 March 2022, Make checks payable to the Utah BASS Nation. Returned checks are subject to a \$25 return fee. **ENTRY FORMS can be mailed to Billy Ricker, 1449 North 1825 West, Clinton UT 84015 (801-499-0080) or email at [utahbassnation@gmail.com](mailto:utahbassnation@gmail.com). PAYPAL or VENMO is accepted for payment of dues, entry fees and option pots. PAYPAL address is [UTBN@outlook.com](mailto:UTBN@outlook.com) please send as a gift. Venmo address is @UT-BassNation. No late entry forms or late sign ups will be accepted at the pretournament registration.**

- All anglers must be off the lake no later than 2:00 on 17 March 2022. Registration and Pre-Tournament meeting will be at the pavilions/picnic area located by the fish cleaning station inside the park on 17 March 2022, check-in, and payment into option pots starts at 3:00, raffle starts at 3:30 and the pre-tournament meeting and first days partner pairing starts at 4:00 p.m.

- To be eligible for the 2023 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 2022 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.

This event is a random draw tournament. Guests may fish this event if there are open spots at an additional cost of \$15.

