

TOURNAMENT FORMAT



UTBN EXISTING TOURNAMENT FORMAT

2 Tournaments per calendar year, each tournament was 3 days long typically held in March and October qualifying 20 anglers towards the state team

- March Tournament qualified 10 anglers for the State team (6 boaters/4 nonboaters)
- October Tournament qualified 10 anglers for the state team (6 boaters/4 nonboaters)

20-person state team then competed at the Western Divisional

#1 boater and #1 nonboater at the Western Divisional advanced to the BASS Nation Championship and competed for 3 spots in the BASSMASTER Classic and 1 spot in ELITE series.

B.A.S.S. NATION CHANGES

B.A.S.S. has now directed each state to determine who their #1 boater and #1 nonboater are going to be, think Utah Angler of the Year (UT AOY).

- The Utah AOYs advance directly to the 2024 BASS Nation Championship
- There will be no more western divisional Tournaments as done in the past starting in 2024.

What B.A.S.S. will have instead of a 2024 Western Divisional Tournament, they will now host a REGIONAL TOURNAMENT that will be conducted at 4 different areas of the U.S.

- UTBN receives 10 each, guaranteed state team boater and non-boater slots to the 2024 Regional.
- UTBN state team members still receive all the sponsor discounts/benefits as in previous years.
- 2024 Regional Locations is still to be determined. Entry fee will be \$400 boater and \$200 nonboater
- Top 20 anglers (Boaters and non-boaters) from each Regional will advance to the 2024 BASS Nation Championship.
- Nothing has changed at the 2024 BASS Nation Championship – Up for grabs is an Elite series invite, 3 spots for the Bassmaster Classic, and opportunity to win boat and money, etc.

NEW UTBN TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Starting in 2023 this is how we will determine the 2024 UTBN State Team and UTBN AOYs

Hold 6 tournaments per calendar year, each tournament will be considered a stand-alone single day Tournament.

- Tournaments #1, #2 and #3 will be 17-19 March out of Page AZ and will determine 5 boaters and 5 non-boaters for the state team (based off total points for 3 days)
- Tournaments #4, #5, and #6 will be 27-29 October out of Bullfrog, UT and will determine 5 boaters and 5 non-boaters for the state team (based off total points for 3 days)
- Points are accrued for each finishing position starting at 100 pts first place, 99 for second place, 98 for third place, etc. for EACH tournament day. Total points accrued over the 3-days at March tournaments will determine ½ the state team members. The other ½ of the state team will be based off points accrued over 3-days at October tournaments.
- Each tournament day will be paid out as a single Tournament (*FOR EXAMPLE: If you win tournament #1 on 17 March you receive 100 pts and get paid, if you suck on tournament #2 on 18 March and finish last you get last place points and do not get paid, then you figure it out and finish third on tournament #3 on 19 March you get 98 points and third place money*).
- Positions paid will be determined by number of participants in the Tournament.
- State team members (5 boaters and 5 non-boaters) from each of the March and October tournaments will make up the UT State Team and be eligible to compete at the 2024 Regional Tournament
- UT AOYs will be determined based off total points accrued from all 6 tournament days.
- #1 boater and #1 non-boater will be considered UT AOYs and advance directly to the 2024 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.

2023 TOURNAMENT DATES

Tournament #1 Friday, 17 March, Lake Powell, Page AZ

Tournament #2 Saturday, 18 March, Lake Powell, Page AZ

Tournament #3 Sunday, 19 March, Lake Powell, Page AZ

Tournament #4 Friday, 27 October, Lake Powell Bullfrog Marina, UT

Tournament #5 Saturday, 28 October, Lake Powell Bullfrog Marina, UT

Tournament #6 Friday, 29 October, Lake Powell Bullfrog Marina, UT

NOTE: Tournament locations are subjective to change depending on water level and boat ramp conditions