

Long Island Bassmasters
2017 Tournament Package

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L.I.B. 2017 Tournament Schedule

Date	Location	Event	Time	
4/30/2017	Squantz pond	LIB Qualifier E1	6am - 2pm	Electric
5/7/2017	Highland Lake	LIB Qualifier G1	6am - 2pm	Gas
5/21/2017	Lake Lillinonah (steel bridge ramp)	LIB Qualifier G2	6am - 2pm	Gas
6/3/2017	Blydenburgh	LIB Qualifier E2 Partner Draw	5am - 1pm	Electric
6/4/2017	Lake Ronkonkoma	LIB Qualifier E3	5am - 1pm	Electric
6/11/2017	Candlewood (Squantz launch)	LIB Qualifier G3	7am - 3pm	Gas
6/18/2017	Upper Mills	Kids Tournament	7am - 12 noon	Electric
6/25/2017	Forge (Pleco)	Earl Glasshagel Open	7am - 2pm	Electric
7/16/2017	Forge (Pleco)	LIB Qualifier E4	6am - 2pm	Electric
7/30/2017	East Twin (O'Hare's Marina)	LIB Qualifier G4	6am - 2pm	Gas
8/6/2017	Winchester Lake	LIB Qualifier E5	6am - 2pm	Electric
8/20/2017	TBD	Electric Qualifier Backup		Electric
9/16/2017	Saratoga Lake (State boat launch)	LIB Weekend Qualifier G5/G6	6:30am - 2:30pm	Gas
9/17/2017	Saratoga Lake (State boat launch)	LIB Weekend Qualifier(on - site draw)	6:30am - 2:30pm	B.W. 518-584- 2350
10/1/2017	Fort Pond	LIB Qualifier E6	7am - 3pm	Electric
10/8/2017	Mystery Lake (NY license)	Classic	7am - 3pm	Gas

Tournament Format

All Qualifier tournaments will be fished in an individual format. There will be (6) gas lake tournaments referred to as the “Gas Series”, and (6) electric lake series tournaments referred to as the “Electric Series”, for a total of (12) Tournaments per season. You will have the opportunity to fish with a partner of your choice or by yourself for (5) of those tournaments in each series. There will be (1) partner draw in each series. You may not fish with your consistent partner during the partner draws and will only be able to fish by yourself in a partner draw if you are not assigned a partner.

The Point System

All qualifying tournaments will award “Angler of the Year” points on an individual basis. Points are awarded based on total weight for (5) fish per angler. In all cases, points will be awarded as follows: (20) points will be awarded per tournament, with (20) points awarded for first place to the angler with the highest weight down to (1) point being awarded to the angler in the 20th position. Anglers below the 20th position will not be awarded any points. Additionally, both Boaters and Riders will be awarded points for “Boater of the year” and “Rider of the year” individually in the Gas and Rider Series based on a similar (20) point system.

Angler of the Year, Boater of the year & Rider of the Year Qualifications for Gas and Electric Series

When (12) qualifier tournaments have been completed, the angler with the highest points will be awarded “Angler of the Year” (Best (5) out of (6) Qualifier tournaments in the Gas series and best (5) out of (6) in the Electric series). In the case of a tie for Angler of the Year, the winner will be determined based on the following sequence as necessary: Total weight, total lunker weight, classic results.

When (6) qualifier tournaments have been completed in the Gas series and Electric series, the Boater with the highest points will be awarded “Boater of the Year, Gas Series” and “Boater of the Year, Electric Series” (Best (5) out of (6) Qualifier tournaments in the respective series). In the case of a tie for Boater of the Year, the winner will be determined based on the following sequence as necessary: Total weight, total lunker weight, classic results.

When (6) qualifier tournaments have been completed in the Gas series and Electric series, the Rider with the highest points will be awarded “Rider of the Year, Gas Series” and “Rider of the Year, Electric Series” (Best (5) out of (6) Qualifier tournaments in the respective series). In the case of a tie for Rider of the Year, the winner will be determined based on the following sequence as necessary: Total weight, total lunker weight, classic results.

Fishing as a Boater or Rider

1. Typically, Boaters fish from the front of the boat and fish for Boater points and Boater money and Riders fish from the back of the boat for Rider points and Rider money.
2. During any tournament, an angler fishing from the back of the boat may elect to fish for Boater points and Boater money. The individual must inform the Tournament committee leader prior to start of the tournament of their decision, otherwise, all anglers fishing from the back of the boat will be fishing for Rider points and Rider money.
3. Riders will be able to fish from the front of a boat for Rider points and Rider money if no boater is available to accommodate them for a maximum of 1 qualifying tournament per series.
4. Riders will also be allowed to take control of the front of the boat in the case of illness or injury of the boater or to assist in any safety issue. No fishing is permitted by either participant during this period of time.

Official Tournament Rules

1. All Tournament participants shall obey all local laws, Coast Guard and DEC regulations. Any breach of these Laws and Regulations will be grounds for immediate disqualification. It is the angler, who is responsible to understand all of the laws on the lake he is fishing.
2. Specific rules for “slot-limit” lakes or restricted waters will be reviewed and discussed prior to tournaments.
3. Aerated live wells are required at every tournament. One (1) Tournament Committee approved, **60-quart** (15 gallon) minimum capacity, aerated live well, per boat is mandatory. Inspections will be conducted by Tournament Committee on a random basis.
4. Alcoholic beverages **may** not be consumed during tournament hours.
5. All tournament entry fees must be paid in full prior to fishing. In the event of late arrival to an event you must first locate a member of the tournament staff, pay entry fee, and have the live well inspected before you start fishing. If you possess fish prior to paying the entry fee, you will be disqualified.
6. Tournament off Limits for all Long Island Qualifiers begins the Monday before all tournaments at 6:00am. Off limits for lakes not on Long Island will start at 12:01 am the day of the tournament. Classic off limits period will be 14 days prior to tournament.
7. Chapter scales, which have been certified, are official for all tournaments. This includes, “Mr. Bass” entries weighed at the tournaments.
8. Weight deductions for dead bass will be made according to the L.I.B., “Tournament Penalty System”.
9. Absolutely **no** live bait, Alabama rigs or trolling is allowed during L.I.B. tournaments.
10. L.I.B. strictly enforces the use of artificial type lures **only** (pork type baits **are** permitted).

11. Total weight wins tournament. Largest bass (by weight) wins Lunker prize.
12. All qualifying tournaments are restricted to L.I.B. members with the following exception:

A non-LIB member who is not a past LIB member may fish one tournament with LIB per year to get a feel for our club environment for the traditional individual tournament fee of \$20 or \$30 including optional bet. Prior to fishing a club tournament, the non-member must attend a club meeting and make a request to the Tournament Director to fish the club function. The non-member must fish on his own boat and may fish with a non-member rider for an additional \$20 / \$30 fee. They will participate in all money bets as appropriate based on fee but will not participate in the points system.
13. Use of gasoline engines are prohibited during all Long Island tournaments. Gas engines may not be mounted on a boat for a L.I.B. tournament if restricted on that lake or in the launch facility we are using. If gas engines are permitted on the lake and launch facility, then the engines must be “bagged”.
14. Contestants leaving a tournament without official approval from the Tournament Committee are subject to disqualification.
15. Keep noise to an absolute minimum during the early morning hours.
16. No littering! “Take your trash and release your bass.”
17. A minimum of a Class III PFD is required for each contestant. Each contestant must wear a PFD whenever the gasoline engine is on. A PFD must be located in the boat at all times during the tournament. Additionally, please check State Law as to other times when a Class III PFD must be worn.
18. All boats must be equipped with a “throw” type life preserver.
19. Each tournament will be eight (8) hours in length and will have one weigh-in at the end of the eight hours unless the tournament is called because of bad weather.

20. When starting tournaments during pre-dawn and night conditions or any condition that limits visibility, boats shall have working lights. Tournament start times may have to be delayed due to the above. The Tournament Director may also institute an “electric motor only” start or “a no boats on plane” start if necessary due to conditions.
21. Any protest for consideration must be made to the tournament director prior to the opening of the scales.
22. All contestants must arrive at all weigh-ins on time. Contestants will be penalized one pound per minute late, and disqualified after ten minutes late. Contestants must have stopped fishing and have their boats beached at or near the launch site, or within 100 feet from the launch ramp in order to avoid specified penalty.
23. Any member of the Tournament Committee may perform a safety and/or live well inspection at any time during a tournament. Any boat deemed “unsafe” by the Tournament Committee will result in disqualification from the event.
24. Tournament Committee members leading, or in contention for the lead, will excuse themselves from deciding the outcome during situations where bad weather may cause a tournament to be called off.
25. Any complaints, or reports or “un-sportsman-like” conduct during a tournament shall be ruled upon by the Tournament Committee. Decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final, and may result in disqualification.
26. Any bass delivered into the hands of the Tournament Committee for weighing and/or measurement must meet the size requirements for that particular body of water. A single courtesy measurement will be provided if requested. The Tournament Committee has the right to measure any bass they deem questionable in size. Any angler who weighs in a bass that fails to meet the proper measurement criteria will be disqualified (Note: The “Golden Ruler” is the official measuring device of L.I.B., and the proper method of measuring is to close mouth of fish and squeeze tail together).
27. Tournament committee will specify a pull then weigh or weigh then pull process at the start of each tournament. In the case of “pull then weigh,” tournament committee members involved in the weigh-in will pull first.
28. The weigh-in will be run by the tournament committee and the first two Riders to launch in the tournament based on release number.

29. Catch-and-release formula or a live well solution should be used.
30. Dead bass may not be culled or discarded during a tournament with the exception of a dead fish that does not meet the state length requirement for the lake we are fishing (illegal fish). If you are caught releasing a legal dead bass during a tournament you will be disqualified from the event. Dead Fish or Live fish may not be placed on a stringer or attached to a line and placed back in the water. Legal dead Fish shall be removed from the live well and placed in a plastic bag until they are weighed in. A dead bass may be kept wet or iced in the bag.
31. All participants must check in one half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the tournament. If all the participants are ready to start prior to the official starting time, the tournament committee may elect to start early. All boats will be assigned a boat number and will start by their assigned number and weigh in by their assigned number (gas lakes only).
32. All Partner draws will be pulled at the meeting prior to the tournament. Every member that intends to compete in the tournament must register at that meeting .If the member cannot attend the meeting it is that member's responsibility to contact a member of the tournament committee and report his or her intentions (Boater-Non-Boater) prior to the meeting so that their name can be placed in the draw. If a member cannot make the commitment at that time, they will require Tournament Director Approval to fish the tournament. All on-site draws will be held either the evening prior to the tournament or the morning of the tournament.
33. The Tournament Committee is responsible for applying and receiving all needed permits.
34. The Tournament Committee is responsible for applying and enforcing all the Tournament rules and times specified in the Tournament packages. Any changes to the schedule must be communicated to the membership as well as specific rules governing specific bodies of water. It is the responsibility of all members participating in the tournament to avail themselves of all the rules for the event.

Tournament “Dead Bass Penalty” System

# of Dead Bass	Penalty For Each	Total Penalty
1 st	4 oz.	4 oz.
2 nd	8 oz.	1 lb.
3 rd	12 oz.	2 lbs. 4 oz.
4 th	1 lb.	4 lbs.
5 th	1-1/4 oz.	6 lbs.
(team event) 6 th	1-1/2 oz.	9 lbs.

Note: Penalty weights will be applied to all “Lunker” pool bass candidates as applicable.

2017 Tournament Prize Payouts

Tournament Entry Fee = \$20.00 per contestant.

- \$10.00 – Tournament Fund.
- \$5.00 – 1st Place Boater (paid based on Boater pool)
- \$5.00 – 1st Place Rider (paid based on Rider pool)
- \$3.00 – 2nd Place Boater (paid based on Boater pool)
- \$3.00 – 2nd Place Rider (Paid based on Rider pool)
- \$2.00 – Lunker Prize (largest bass by weight) boater or non-boater

The Tournament committee will manage an optional side bet of \$10.00. This side bet payment will be split as follows:

50% to the winner of the tournament (largest weight)

50% to the Boater / Rider pair selected by a draw based on launch number at the end of the tournament.

Long Island Bassmasters Classic Qualifications

To qualify for the Classic, you must fish a total of 4 qualifying tournaments in the current season and be a member in good standing. Any qualified participant may fish from his own boat if desired and therefore, be considered a “Boater” for the Classic.

.If there are not enough Boater participants to accommodate the qualifying Riders, eligible Riders will be offered participation based first on participation level (# tournaments fished) and then performance level (highest points) for the rider category. The Tournament committee will determine the pairing for this tournament.

State Federation Team event

1. The New York State Federation Six man Team entry fee shall be paid for out of the General fund and the Team will consist of;
 1. The Top Four (4) Boaters from the previous year.
 2. The Top Two (2) Riders from the previous year.
2. If any of the top 4 boaters or top 2 riders are not able to fish the federation team event, we will work down the angler of the year list to determine next eligible club member.

Mr. Bass Trophy

This Long Island Bassmaster Trophy represents one of the highest achievements in the sport of Black Bass Fishing. This award, also known as the Mr. Bass Trophy, is presented annually to the Club Member catching the heaviest Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass during an L.I.B. tournament or on any long Island lake open to the general public with no restrictions to out-of-town anglers outside of an L.I.B. tournament on artificial lures. The winner shall be known as “MR. BASS.”

RULES OF CONTEST

1. Largest Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass by weight will be declared Winner. In case of tie, both entries will be declared winners and will share the trophy and Mr. Bass title.
2. Appropriate state conservation rules and regulations will be followed

3. Artificial lures only!
4. Contest is open to all members of Long Island Bassmasters, Inc. Membership is defined as having fulfilled provisions of Article II, Section II of our Chapter by-laws.
5. Fish must be weighed on scales inspected by the Bureau of Weights & Measures.
6. All entry blanks must be filled out completely and received by the Committee Director within thirty (30) days of catch.
7. All fish submitted will be considered for that calendar year. The contest runs from the first season qualifier through November 30th.
8. All entries should be submitted to the Tournament Director. The Board of Directors shall review all entries at the December Board Meeting. The winner will be announced at the January Meeting and the L.I. Mr. Bass Trophy will be presented at the Annual Awards Meeting/Dinner.
9. The Tournament Committee shall provide for Trophy ordering/updating.
10. All bass submitted must weigh a minimum of five (5) pounds.
11. A Mr. Bass entry must be returned to the water alive where it was legally caught, unless the member decides to keep the Bass as a trophy.

End of Year Awards

(Objective is 1 Plaque per qualifying individual regardless of number of awards achieved)

- Angler of the Year
- Boater of the Year, Gas Series and Electric Series
- Rider of the Year, Gas Series and Electric Series
- Mr. Bass
- Rookie of the Year **
- All L.I.B. Tournaments, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finish
- Tournament Lunker for each tournament
- Top total weight
- Classic Winner

****The Rookie of the Year award goes to the angler that has the most points in their first Tournament season after fishing a minimum of 4 tournaments. The first season in the club is defined as having an opportunity to participate in more than five (5) points qualifying events in a given year.**

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