



**B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Bass Club World Championship –
a New Level of Competition**

Beginning in 2007, each state will qualify six-angler Bass Club teams for a national Bass Club World Championship. The criteria is as follows:

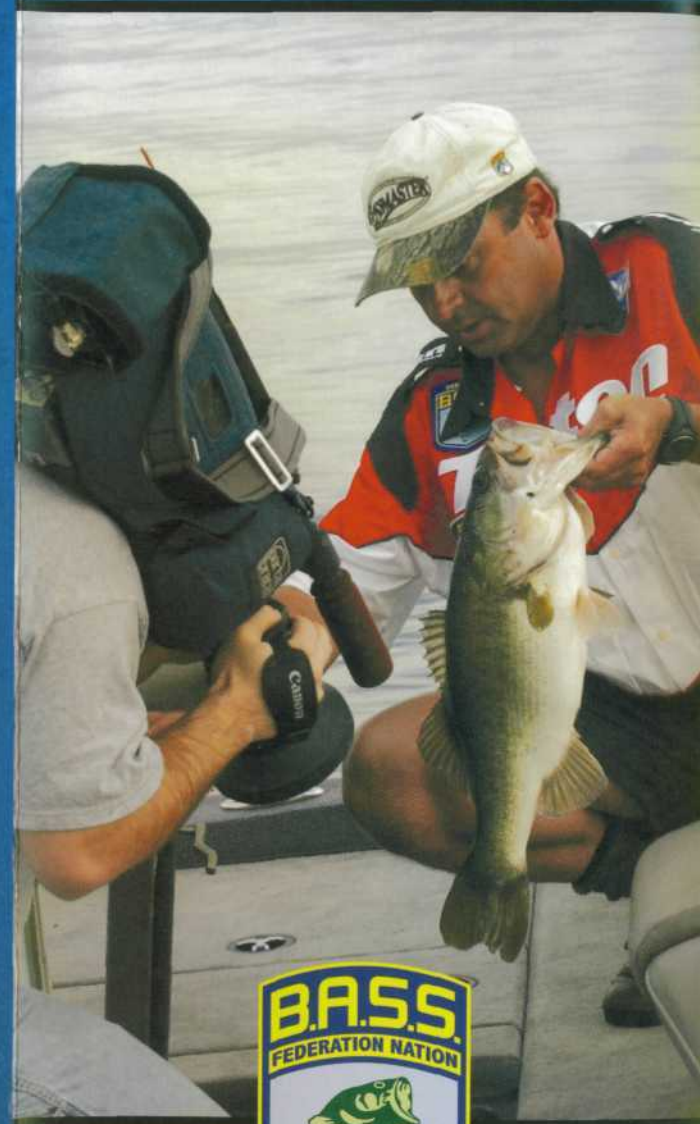
- Team members must be from the same club
- Club size will determine how many teams each club can send to state qualifier
- Each state will send six Bass Club teams to its Regional Championship (10 Regional Championships in nation)
- Teams will consist of three boaters and three non-boaters
- Participants paired randomly (not with teammates) in draw format
- Top six Bass Club teams from each Region advance to the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Bass Club World Championship
- World Champion team wins six fully-rigged Triton/Mercury packages for total value of \$250,000
- B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Bass Club World Championship Competition is only open to Federation Nation Clubs — Any non-affiliated club that wants to participate must join the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation chapter in their state
- State & regional entry fees will be charged to each participating angler.

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Bryan Kerchal - 1994 Federation Nation National Champion.

B.A.S.S. Federation Legacy

Our Past, Present and Future

For more than 30 years, the B.A.S.S. Federation has been more than a name. It has been a community united by a sense of camaraderie and a spirit of belonging to something unique that carries from generation to generation.

Over the years, members have decided to join the B.A.S.S. Federation for many reasons other than exciting tournament fishing. The vision of true pioneers in our history – Ray Scott, Don Butler and many others – established con-

servation and a focus on building youth programs in addition to fishing competitions as areas critical to the viability of the sport and our lifestyle. B.A.S.S. Federation members, as well as B.A.S.S. employees and sponsors, have given tirelessly to the sport and the vision of these pioneers.

The B.A.S.S. Federation Nation®

A New Chapter in a Lasting Legacy

The B.A.S.S. Federation Nation begins a new era for B.A.S.S. State Federation Chapters. As the landscape of this great sport has changed, B.A.S.S. has worked hard to preserve the original purpose of the Federation program as established by Ray Scott and added progressive new benefits and features.

Privileges of membership of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

- A subscription to *BASS Times*®, the official magazine of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
- Eligibility to compete in state and divisional tournaments and the prestigious B.A.S.S. Federation Nation National Championship
- Six CITGO Bassmaster Classic berths
- An insurance program which provides \$1 million liability coverage for sanctioned club events and \$9,000 AD&D policy 24 hours per day, seven days a week
- Sponsorship programs from premier partners available exclusively to members through the Alliance Program
- Monthly coverage of Federation Nation events, programs, achievements and initiatives in B.A.S.S. publications (*over 4 million readers*)
- BASS Insider Membership (included with all B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Memberships with annual affiliation)
- Federation Nation section within BASS INSIDER which will update all Federation Nation members on the activities of the various states

Membership for the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation is just \$20* a year.

*Must be a BASS member to participate in the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation.



The Road to the Classic

Rising through the ranks of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation to compete in bass fishing's most prestigious tournament takes dedication and perseverance, but the rewards for advancing to the next level are great. The steps from local club to Classic are presented below:

Clubs and State Chapters

Anglers qualify through their local clubs for the State Team Qualifier Tournaments. Local clubs along with the State Chapter determine the qualifying format on the state level. The State Chapters of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation hold State Team Qualifier(s) to qualify a 12-person team plus two alternates, one qualifying through the tournament(s) and the State President or his/ her representative. States determine the qualifier format for their state.

Divisionals

B.A.S.S. invites each B.A.S.S. Federation Nation state chapter to bring a 12-person team plus two alternates to one of 6 (six) B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Divisionals. Format of the divisional determined by B.A.S.S. Purpose of the divisional is to qualify one person from each state for the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation National Championship. The divisional is a 12-person "team" tournament. Prizes are awarded to the teams only. The highest finishing person from each team will qualify for the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation National Championship.



National Championship

Currently 46 B.A.S.S. state federations and 6 BASS foreign country federations compete within one of the 6 (six) divisions to qualify for the CITGO Bassmaster Classic. The anglers compete individually in this nationally televised tournament to determine a national champion,

however, the highest finishing angler within each of the 6 (six) divisions will earn a birth into the CITGO Bassmaster Classic.

In 2007, The Federation Nation National Championship payout will be \$100,000. An additional \$45,000 worth of entry fees for the six Federation Nation Classic qualifiers will be provided for use for entry into the CITGO Bassmaster Northern or Southern Tour (value of \$7,500/angler at \$1,500 per event) bringing the total payout value to \$145,000.

CITGO Bassmaster Classic

6 (six) anglers qualify through the BASS Federation Nation National Championship to fish the CITGO Bassmaster Classic.



Six Federation anglers Classic-bound - Competing at the CITGO Bassmaster Classic is a dream many amateur anglers have, but few get to experience. Top Row, Left to Right: Joe Conway, Joel St. Germain, James Kennedy Bottom Row, Left to Right: Jimmie Johnson, Anne DeVilliers, Bob Soley

A Partner in Conservation

Conservation initiatives remain an important aspect of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation. In recognition of our members' dedication to the preservation of our sport's natural resources, conservation features and initiatives include:

- 2006 Federation Nation Stewardship Program linked to National Fish Habitat Action Plan and the "More Fish" initiative – B.A.S.S. will provide a minimum of \$1,000 annual endowment to each state Federation Nation for fish habitat work as well as provide discounts on Berkley habitat structures
- Establishment of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Conservation College Scholarship Program in 2007 – program includes:
 - One (1) four-year scholarship of \$2,000 per year will be awarded per B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Division for undergraduate fisheries/biology studies – total of 6 scholarships annually
 - One (1) two-year scholarship of \$5,000 per year will be awarded nationally for graduate fisheries/biology studies

A Partner in Youth Programs

The B.A.S.S. Federation Nation understands the important role that youth plays in the continued growth and preservation of bass fishing. The B.A.S.S. Federation Nation youth programs include:

- Junior World Championship including:
 - Travel assistance for all contenders in 2007 and beyond
 - B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Junior State Champion plaques for each contender beginning this year
 - Walt Disney World Celebration for the two Junior Bassmaster World Champions
- Annual one-time \$10 contribution collected from non-Federation Nation members who compete in any B.A.S.S. tournament. All proceeds go to B.A.S.S. youth programs, starting in 2007.
- The new *Junior Bassmaster*® Magazine provided to all Junior Bassmaster members & CastingKids
- Free CastingKids kits to host youth events