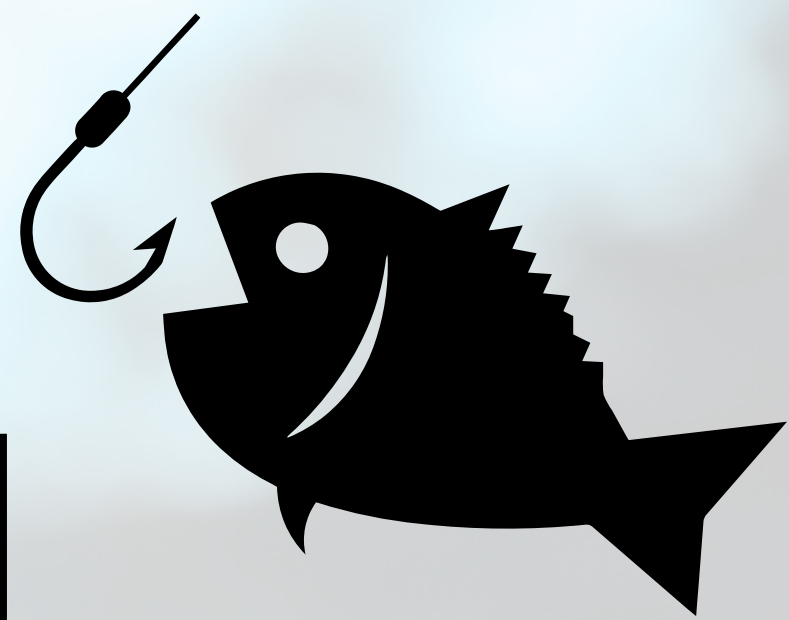


DMBT

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# Tournament

2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS



**DYNAMIC MARINE BASS TRAIL**

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## Participation & Eligibility:

- The Dynamic Marine Bass Trail (DMBT) tournaments are open to all anglers regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- Anglers under the age of 18 may participate with the written consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- DMBT reserves the right to reject a membership application or deny membership or tournament entry fees for any reason at any time.
- The DMBT Tournament Director and Tournament Committee will make all decisions regarding compliance with DMBT rules and regulations, and interpretation thereof.
- The Tournament Director also reserves the right to make additional reasonable rules for the tournament trail if circumstances require such additions.

## Ineligibility :

- Anyone who has been **banned** from any tournament organization or tournament trail or is currently on **probation** is ineligible to enter any DMBT event.
- Anyone who has been found guilty of **cheating** in any fishing tournament will not be allowed to compete in any DMBT event.
- Jet drive engines and/or tunnel hull boats, or boats modified to resemble the function of a jet tunnel or prop tunnel boat will NOT be allowed to participate in DMBT events.
- An unmodified boat is defined as having a prop-driven outboard motor bolted directly to the boat's transom OR a jack plate bolted directly to the boat's transom and a prop-driven outboard motor bolted directly to the jack plate.
- The tournament director makes final decisions. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## SOLO/TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

- A solo/team must register for at least (3 of 5) regular season tournaments to qualify for the 2-day DMBT Classic on TBD Lake.
- All tournaments MUST be paid for prior to blast-off for that tournament.
- No anglers will be allowed to register for a tournament after blast-off.
- NO EXCEPTIONS.

## Team Rules:

- All DMBT events are team events
- Teams must be declared prior to the first DMBT event of a calendar year.
- Each team will be allowed one (1) alternate per year, during the regular season only.
- No alternates will be allowed to fish on the 2-day DMBT Classic.
- No alternates may fish alone during the regular season.
- Members who choose to fish the DMBT as a single-person/solo team forfeit their right to use an alternate and may NOT add a partner at a later date.



## Rules Interpretation

- The tournament director and tournament committee will make the final decision regarding compliance with DMBT rules, state and local regulations, and interpretation thereof.
- Infraction of any rules may result in disqualification and forfeiture of the entry fee(s) and any applicable prizes.
- The Tournament Director and Committee reserve the right to make additional reasonable rules for the tournament trail IF circumstances require additional rulings

## Liability

- Participant hereby assumes all risks, known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable, in any way connected with Participant's participation in all DMBT and the tournament events.
- Participant accepts full responsibility for any liability, injury, loss, damage or death in any way connected with their participation in the Events.

## Tournament Fees

- The entry fee for each DMBT event will be \$200.00 per event, if you register prior to day of event.
- All entry fees paid by credit card will incur a \$5.00 service charge per transaction.
- There will be a \$30.00 fee for returned checks and this team is ineligible to fish the event until all payments have been satisfied.
- All events are non-refundable.
- Forwarding entry fees from one tournament to a future tournament in the event an angler is unable to fish an event he has already paid for is not allowed.
- Teams may choose to pay for all five (5) regular season tournaments and the 2-day DMBT Classic fees up front, prior to the first tournament or individually before blast off.

## Sportsmanship

- All anglers and spectators are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation.
- The use of alcohol or illegal drugs before or during any DMBT event is strictly prohibited.
- No contestant shall be allowed to have someone in another boat occupy a spot to hold it for themselves or any other contestant.
- Similarly, no contestants will be allowed to use another boat or contestant's boat to assist in the location of fish during any DMBT event.



## Sportsmanship continued...

- No boat may fish waters within 50 feet of another contestant's boat without the verbal consent of the boat first occupying the contested waters. Fighting will not be tolerated and may result in the disqualification of all parties involved.
- Any protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within fifteen (15) minutes of the scales closing.
- The DMBT Tournament Committee will have the final say in all protests.
- Any DMBT member may be asked to take a polygraph test for any reason and at any time.
- Tournament winners and at least one (1) randomly selected team may be asked to take a polygraph at the weigh-in site before payout.
- The refusal of any member to take a polygraph test will forfeit the team's entry/fees and any prize money and disqualify that team for the remainder of the tournament season.
- If it becomes necessary for the administration of a polygraph test at an offsite location, the tournament Director has the right to hold ALL prizes and payouts pending the polygraph results.
- Prizes and payouts may be held for up to two (2) weeks to allow for the resolution of protests or extended polygraph testing.
- DMBT reserves the right to place media members, unbiased observers, or DMBT-supplied audio/video recording devices with any team on any boat during any DMBT event.
- Refusal of media members, observers, or recording equipment will result in immediate disqualification. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Cheating in any form will not be tolerated.
- Anyone who presents accusations or knowledge of cheating must be willing to file an affidavit with local law enforcement, as DMBT will prosecute cheaters to the maximum allowed by law

## Laws and Regulations (including Equipment)

- Only artificial lures, except for pork trailers, may be used in DMBT events.
- All bass must be caught in a sporting manner, with no snagging or grab hooking.
- Only 1 rod may be used at a time per angler.
- Trolling is not allowed in any form during DMBT events.
- The strolling or Long Lining technique is not allowed in DMBT events. The Alabama Rig may be used in DMBT events; however, it must meet local and state regulations.
- All participants must abide by state laws and regulations.
- Any violation of these laws will subject the participant to disqualification and/or other disciplinary action at the discretion of tournament officials AND local law enforcement.

**Please visit SC DNR for local laws / regulations**  
**<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/regulations.html>**



## Safety

- DMBT Officials reserve the right to delay, shorten, lengthen, or cancel the start and weigh-in times of an official event due to inclement weather or other factors that may endanger the safety of the competitors.
- Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times.
- All boats must be at least 14 feet in length.
- Motors that exceed the boat's horsepower ratings are not condoned by DMBT or its sponsors.
- All boats entered in DMBT events must have all required US Coast Guard safety equipment.
- Any time the outboard engine is engaged into gear, each person in the boat MUST be wearing the appropriately sized US Coast Guard-approved life preserver and a functional kill switch must be attached to the driver.
- All boats in DMBT events must have functional, aerated live wells to maintain a live catch limit.
- Team members shall not exit the boat except in an emergency, i.e., sickness or severe weather.
- If any team member leaves the boat during the tournament day for any other reason, the tournament director must be notified prior to the contestant exiting the boat. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Doing so may result in disqualification.
- In the event of a mechanical breakdown, **ONE (1)** team member may ride back to weigh-in **ONLY** with another boat, while the other team member stays with the disabled boat.
- Tournament director **MUST** be notified of any and all situations **PRIOR** to a team member leaving the boat.
- There are **NO** off-limits periods or official practice days for any DMBT events.

## Scoring & Points Format

- A tournament limit shall consist of **FIVE (5)** bass.
- A limit may include Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted bass **ONLY**.
- All culling must be done on the lake, **NOT** inside check-in, or weigh-in areas.
- A team is allowed no **MORE** than **FIVE (5)** fish in their live well at any time during the tournament day.
- The official length of bass will comply with state and local laws. **-14 INCHES**
- If no minimum legal length is specified, the tournament director will assign a minimum length.
- The official measuring board will be the Golden Rule.
- Fish will be measured with the mouth closed and tail fanned in.
- There will be a courtesy board available at all DMBT weigh-ins, prior to entering the weigh-in area.
- If a team presents a fish for weighing that is under the minimum length, a short fish penalty will be applied.
- Short fish penalty eliminates the short fish **AND** the team's largest fish from their daily limit.
- Fish that appear to be mangled, mashed, mauled, or altered will be weighed at the discretion of tournament officials.



## Scoring & Points Format continued

- If a team presents a dead fish for weighing, there will be a Fish Care Penalty assessed in the amount of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pound (.25LB) for each dead fish.
- Points will be kept for the FIVE (5) regular season tournaments. Each tournament winner will be awarded 300 points.
- Each place below 1st will receive 1 point less than the team finishing above them.
- If a team registers for a tournament but does not weigh any fish, that team will be awarded 50 points.
- In the event of a tie, 1st place ties will be decided by a TWO (2) hour fish-off.
- The person who catches the heaviest weight of fish in this fish-off period will be considered the winner.
- All other ties will be decided by combining the payout for the tied places and splitting the money equally between tied teams.

## Registration, Launch/Check-in & Off-Limits Periods

- Registration for each DMBT tournament will be taken at Dynamic Marine & Motorsports on Monday prior to a tournament date, in person or by phone, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day through Friday.
- All teams registering between 9:00 a.m. Monday morning and 5:00 p.m. Friday evening will receive two (2) boat number draws and be given their choice of numbers.
- All DMBT tournaments begin at Safe Light and the first flight will be due back for weigh-in beginning at 3:00 pm.
- All DMBT events blast off in flights of 25 boats.
- The starting position of each boat will be decided by the number drawn at the time of registration.
- Boats will need to line up in number order and listen to the tournament director's instructions. When your boat number is called, raise your hand and idle slowly by the blast-off the boat's starboard side with your live well lids open.
- All participants must pass the blast-off boat at the official blast-off point with both team members present at the start of the tournament.
- All teams must be back in by their flight's due in time. Idle by the check-in boat, telling them your boat number for the day. At this point, you can NO LONGER FISH OR CULL.
- Teams that have not passed the check-in boat will be penalized one (1) pound per minute late.
- If a team is later than 15 minutes, the team will be considered disqualified.



## Payouts

- All DMBT events will pay out based on one (1) place for every six (6) boats.
- All prizes and money will be paid out after each tournament weigh-in, provided there are no protests and no need for extended polygraph testing.
- All prizes and prize money may be held for up to two (2) weeks for protested finishes and/or extended polygraph testing.
- All DMBT events will also be sanctioned for Phoenix First Flight and Caymas Cash in 2024.
- Please read all rules and regulations and register your qualifying product per the guidelines of Phoenix and Caymas.
- The contingency program is paid out by the factory and not by the DMBT.
  - DYNAMIC DOLLAR\$ will be paid out in 2024 as follows: 2024 DYNAMIC DOLLAR\$ 1 st Place Finishing New Boat \$1,000 (2023-present)
  - Highest Finishing New Boat \$500 (Must be in the top 10) (2023 to present)
  - The 2024 2-Day DMBT Classic on TBD Lake will pay out one (1) place for every six (6) boats.
- All prize money will be paid out following weigh-in on Sunday unless there are protests or a need for extended polygraph testing.
- Prizes and prize money may be held up to two (2) weeks for protested finishes or extended polygraphing.
- In addition, the first, second, and third place teams in the season points will be awarded an additional \$1,000.00 for 1st, \$750.00 for 2nd, and \$500.00 for 3rd.
- DMBT will mail U.S. Treasury form 1099 to each angler whose individual winnings total \$600.00 or greater for the season.
- All 1099s will be mailed on or before the IRS deadline each year to the address we have on file for the angler.



**First Flight - Phoenix  
Contingency  
Program Rules**



**Caymas Cash  
Contingency  
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**DYNAMIC MARINE TACKLE SHOP**  
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# **DYNAMIC MARINE BASS TRAIL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

**January 13, 2024**  
**Dreher Island**

**March 16, 2024**  
**John C. - Santee**

**April 6, 2024**  
**Dorn - Clarks Hill**

**October 5, 2024**  
**Dreher Island**

**November 16, 2024**  
**John C. Santee**

**December 14, 2024**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Location TBD**

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