

Washington Tiny Boat Nation

October 29, 2025

Club Dues and Tournament Registration:

- Club dues are \$60 annually and will go into the club's treasury for open tournament licensing, AOY awards, and future raffles. An angler must pay the annual \$60 fee to become a club member.
- Club member tournament registration:
 - Club members can pre-register for \$30 and can pay via Zeffy through a pay link sent out monthly. Early-Registration will end on the Sunday prior to the event at 11:59pm.
 - Club members can late register for \$40. The added \$10 late registration fee will go directly to the club's treasury.
 - If you would like to enter the optional Big Fish pot, then if one boat member enters the big fish pot, both must enter, it is \$10 for each person and must be paid at time of registration.
- Non-club member tournament registration:
 - Non-club members may pre-register for any of our *OPEN* Tournaments for \$40 (\$30 entry plus a \$10 non-member fee that will go directly into the club's treasury) and can pay via Zeffy from a pay link sent out on social media platforms. Non-club members are also eligible to enter the \$10 Big Fish pot. Non-club members may also compete in up to (1) closed tournament per annual season as a co-angler onboard a club member's boat.
 - Early-registration will end on the Sunday prior to the event, and just like club member registration non-club members will pay a \$10 late registration fee that will go directly into the club's treasury if registering after the early registration deadline.

REFUNDS:

- WTBN must be notified at least 24hours before the tournament check-in time if you are unable to attend in order to receive a refund. We do apologize but there will be no refunds for late arrivals or failures to appear.

Tournament Rules and Regulations:

- Each participating boat must have on board a digital fishing scale that weighs in DECIMAL and has a HOLD, a measuring bump board (NOT a 2-dimensional ruler, cooler lid, tape measure, etc.), a tournament banner, and their unique four-digit number provided during the drivers meeting.
 - [Amazon Link for Bump Board Example](#)
 - [Tournament Banner Example](#)
- Each scale used will be certified and checked during the Drivers meeting at the start of each event. If scale is unable to be verified you will not be able to compete.
- During the drivers meeting each angler will be provided a four-digit number unique to the tournament that day. It is the angler's responsibility to make sure this number is visually included in their catch videos/pictures (Example: Can be written on a piece of paper, on the angler's hand with a sharpie, etc.).
 - One CONTINUOUS video clip (per fish) of your zeroed-out scale > whole fish on scale > visual of the "HOLD" weight AND your unique four-digit number will be required for weight to count.
 - Additionally, a picture of your fish measured at 12" or greater with a visual of your four-digit number will be required for weight to count.
 - Each angler must capture a photo of 5 fish over 12" in order to get AOY points for each fish caught, even if those fish are not being counted toward the total weight of the boat.

- If you do not have an approved scale and bump board prior to the start of an event then you may not participate, it is your responsibility to have a working scale.
 - Alternatively, you may rent a scale (\$5) and/or bump board (\$5) from the club on a first come first serve basis. We will need something in exchange until the scale is returned.
- A weighable fish must be a minimum of 12" to qualify, measured on a bump board with a closed mouth and the mouth against the vertical side of the bump board.
- Tournament Directors will verify videos/photos directly after the end of the tournament prior to announcing the winners.
- Live wells are prohibited at any WTBN Tournaments. Use of live-well will result in immediate disqualification.
- 10% of the main cash pot (Big Fish pot excluded) per tournament is deposited into the club's treasury, and the remaining balance is paid out as follows: 1st (60%), 2nd (30%) and 3rd (10%). If there are only two boats that weigh in, it would be 1st (75%) and 2nd (25%). If there is only 1 boat that weighs in, it will be winner takes all.
- There are no substitutions for prizes awarded. All taxes, local, state, or federal along with licensing and registration are the sole responsibility of the winner(s). The club is not liable for filing the winners' taxes.
- Tournaments can be fished solo or as 2-person team. Max of 2 anglers per boat.
- Final weight is a BOAT'S 5 heaviest fish (smallmouth/largemouth bass only). The boat with the most weight wins 1st place, second most weight wins 2nd place, and third most weight wins 3rd place.
- In the event of a tie for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, the tie breaker will be awarded to the boat with the heaviest single fish.
- The individual angler with the heaviest single fish wins Big Fish, but ONLY if they have entered into that event's Big Fish pot prior to the start of the event.
- In the event of a tie for Big Fish, the tie breaker will be the anglers' second heaviest fish.
 - If neither angler has a second or third weighable fish, they will split the prize and AOY points will be awarded for the tied position.
- If a participant decides to leave a tournament early for any reason, they are forfeiting their right to weigh-in any fish and will not be refunded for that tournament. This rule does not apply if you stay in the parking lot throughout the duration of the tournament and participate in the weigh-in.
- If ALL participants decide to end the tournament early for any reason, weigh-in will take place when the last boat arrives to the launch.
- Every minute late back to weigh in will be a 1lb penalty off final weight. Be sure to make it back to the boat launch before weigh in.
 - Example: 3:01pm = negative 1lb on your overall qualifying weight for the day. 3:02pm = negative 2lbs, etc.
- All fish that are caught in the event will be released – no questions asked. No other species caught during the tournament may be held in possession for harvest.
- Failure to comply to any rule or regulation may result in disqualification with no refund.
- Applicable boat inspections will take place prior to the start of an event.
 - Fishing licenses and lifejackets are required per participant and must be worn at all times the main motor is running.
 - No live bait can be used.
 - No alcohol or drugs.
 - Scale certification
 - Livewell/ Locker checks
- Any last-minute questions will be answered at drivers meeting.

Boat Restrictions:

- No boats longer than 16ft (as determined by the boat's registration, or manufacturer's specs).
- 25hp outboards max.
- All boats must be registered

Prefishing/Graphing:

- There will be no pre-fishing or graphing on any of the tournament lakes within 5 days (Monday-Friday) of the tournament date. If found graphing or pre-fishing on the lake that the tournament will be held within the 5 days, you will be immediately disqualified from the tournament with no refund.
- One exception to this rule is the two-day tournament on the east side of the state (Moses Lake or Potholes Reservoir). For these events, prefishing/graphing is allowed up until 11:59pm, the day before the tournament.

Code of Conduct:

- All contestants must behave and act in a way that represents themselves and WTBN in a respectable and honorable way. There will be no spot encroachment tolerated during tournaments (If you cast to another boat, you're too close. TALK TO EACH OTHER). There will be a zero tolerance for bullying, insulting others, harassing others, or down talking club members or members of the general public. This includes and is not limited to: in person confrontation, and text or social media confrontation. If there is an issue someone has with another member, please bring it to a club representative for resolution. If a member is deemed to be breaking these rules they will be suspended for the remainder of the season with no refund.

Liability:

- All contestants sign a waiver absolving the club, sponsors, and tournament officials from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in a tournament or club related activity. This waiver is agreed upon registration of each event. Boat owners will need to fill out an invasive aquatic species form per tournament. All boat owners are expected to have their own boat insurance. It is the boaters' responsibility to know the club's rules and regulations.

Angler of the Year (AOY):

- At the end of the annual season the club member with the most points will win AOY. They will be presented with a custom WTBN rod of their choosing (\$300 Limit), and a WTBN award plaque. Note: Non-club members are not eligible for AOY.
- If a non-club member places or wins "Big Fish" those specific points would be excluded from that tournament.

- Here is the point system as voted on by our club members:

Point System:	
Description	Point Value
Placing 1st, two tournaments in a row	75
Placing 1st	50
Placing 2nd	40
Placing 3rd	30
Placing 4th	20
Placing 5th	15
Placing 6th	10
Placing 7th	5
Catching Big Fish	25
Catching (5) weighable fish	25
Catching (4) weighable fish	20
Catching (3) weighable fish	15
Catching (2) weighable fish	10
Catching (1) weighable fish	5
Attending kids/Vet events	15
Attending Meetings/Tournaments	10

- 1st place tournament winners will be awarded 50 points, or 75 points if it is their second time in a row placing 1st. (If they win three tournaments in a row then it starts back over at 50 points, with 75 points for their fourth win, etc.).
- The member winning “Big Fish” pot in any tournament will be awarded 25 points.
- If you catch 5 weighable fish, you will be awarded 25 points.
- If you catch 4 weighable fish, you will be awarded 20 points.
- If you catch 3 weighable fish, you will be awarded 15 points.
- If you catch 2 weighable fish, you will be awarded 10 points.
- If you catch 1 weighable fish, you will be awarded 5 points.
- In the event of a 2-person team winning, both club members of the team will be giving the same number of points for the position that they placed (*Big Fish* points excluded).
- 2-Day events points will be awarded as follows:
 - Day 1: Best 5 fish total per boat (only *Weighable Fish* points and *Attendance* points awarded)
 - Day 2: Best 5 fish total per boat, combined with day 1 Best 5 fish total for total accumulated weight for tournament (points awarded for *Tournament Placing*, *Big Fish* points, *Weighable Fish* points and *Attendance Points*)
- Each club member will be awarded 15 points for attending our Kids/Vet events (one each per year), and 10 point for attending our club meetings.
- If at the end of the annual season there is a tie for AOY then it will be awarded to the club member who caught the BIGGEST fish between the tying members during any of the WTBN tournaments within that season.