

## Welcome to the Illinois Bass Nation Youth Series

The Illinois Bass Nation was the first state to bring youth tournaments to life back in the mid 2000's. It wasn't long before every state's Bass Nation began to offer youth tournaments and Bassmasters created the High School Opens trail and the Bassmasters High School Nationals. The Juniors program soon followed for anglers in 2nd - 8th grade. We are proud to offer our members a balanced and competitive trail where our anglers compete to earn berths to the Bassmasters High School & Juniors Nationals. We are the only path, outside of Bassmasters Open trail, for our junior and high school anglers to earn berths to Nationals!

Please find the necessary information and instructions to get all set up to fish our trail below:

### ALL IBNYS ANGLERS MUST:

- Have a current B.A.S.S. subscription (\$12-17 per year)
  - [BASSMASTER Membership](#) Here is a link to a discounted subscription for youth anglers.
- Be a Bass Nation member (\$30 annually per angler)
  - [B.A.S.S. Nation](#)
- Create a FREE user profile on Fishing Chaos
  - [Fishing Chaos](#)
- Be a member of Illinois Bass Nation (\$20 annually per angler)
  - <https://share.fishingchaos.com/club/YiLopMx25uEwuWKROVJC>
- Have a fishing license if the angler is over 16 years of age
  - <https://exploremoreil.com/>

## **FISHING CHAOS SET UP INFORMATION FOR IBN YOUTH SERIES**

### **● Step # 1 – Set up User Profile - EVERY ANGLER NEEDS A USER PROFILE TO REGISTER FOR TOURNAMNETS**

- Download Fishing Chaos App or go to the website on your desktop, and create a FREE user profile
- Anglers are not required to be a Fishing Chaos Subscriber to register for tournaments, but there are some great benefits for subscribers

#### **Fishing Chaos Subscription Benefits:**

- Subscribers to Fishing Chaos NEVER pay any Fishing Chaos fees to fish an event on Fishing Chaos
- Monthly subscription is \$3.99, or the best value is the Fish Wrangler annual subscription at \$43.89 per year.
- Fish Wrangler comes with \$20 in E-bucks to Fish USA, \$20 in E-bucks to Phins Apparel, \$10 in E-bucks to Tackle Direct, as well as 25% off many popular brands.

### **● Step # 2 – Joining the Trail/ Club**

- Go to the "Trail/ Club" in your dashboard
- Search for "Illinois Bass Nation Youth Series" & click on it
- Scroll down to the membership plans
- Anglers only - click on the "2025 IBN Youth Membership" and complete registration
- Coaches and parents please contact the Youth Director to join the trail under the "Coaches & Parents" membership

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- **Step # 3 – Setting up a Trail/ Club Team**

THIS WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IF YOU DO NOT DO THIS, YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO REGISTER FOR TOURNAMENTS!

- After both anglers have user profiles, please send a TEXT message to (708) 516-9891 with Angler # 1 - First & last name/ Angler # 2- First & last name & School/ Club Name
- A "Trail/ Club" team will be created for you, and you will receive a text reply that the team was created successfully.

- **Step # 4 - Register for tournaments**

- Login to profile
- Goto IBN Youth Series trail/ club page
- Click on "Tournaments", then choose the series the tournament is in (Northern or Southern)
- Click the green "Register" button
- One of the registration questions is which division/ level you are in.
- The division you declare on your first tournament of the year will be the division your points are based off of for TOY & division points for the year. See IBNYS rules for clarification on divisions and points.

**If anyone has any questions or needs help getting set up, feel free to contact Tim Moore at (708)-516-9891 or jeep7791@yahoo.com**