

2011 MSBC "Catch the Spirit"



Open Team Bass Tournaments

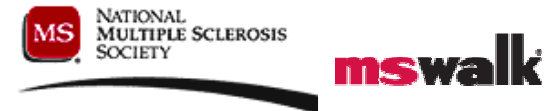
Mississippi River, Pools 7, 8, 9

- May 21
- June 11
- August 14
- September 17-18 Fall Classic
- TBD (Co-Ed)

Tournament Location
La Crosse, WI - Clinton St. West Landing

85% Payback to 15% of the field

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2011 MSBC Highlights

MSBC Challenge and Early Bird

Pay for all four tournaments by May 18, 2011 for entry into the elimination bracket and early bird. Last team standing after the September 17-18 tournament wins a prize package.

MSBC Bonus Bucks

\$1,000 additional guaranteed to the points championship team. Need to fish 3 out of 4 tournaments with the same partner to be points champion. Can have any MSBC member as a substitute.

Partner 1 Name: _____ Partner 2 Name: _____ MSBC Official Entry Form

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Soc. Sec.: _____ Phone: _____ Soc. Sec.: _____

E-Mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature/Date: _____ Signature/Date: _____

MSBC Annual Membership \$30.00 _____ MSBC Annual Membership \$30.00 _____

Boat Registration Number: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

After reading and understanding the rules, we have completed this application and are enclosing our entry fee(s) for the above tournament(s), payable to MSBC. By signing this application we hereby agree to hold harmless all other contestants the host, sponsors, and tournament officials, and furthermore waive the release all rights to claims for damages or injury that may have incurred during this tournament. We further understand and agree that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to refund this entry fee, if the committee shall choose for any reason, and not to accept the application.

Mail entries to: MSBC, P.O. Box 626, Holmen, WI 54636

Rules and Regulations

Participation and Eligibility - There will be no age limit - however an adult must accompany persons under the age of 18. Only two (2) persons will be allowed per boat. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse an entrant. Pets are not allowed.

Entries - Entry fees will be per boat per tournament. MSBC reserves the right to refund or deny any entry fee.

2011 Early Bird Boat Position - Boat positions will be drawn for all early bird entrants first. Early bird entrants must pay for all four MSBC tournaments prior to May 18, 2011. Early bird entries qualify for a prize package. Remaining boat positions will be in the order that completed entries are received.

2011 Application and Deadline - A complete and signed application form accompanied by your entry fee must be filled out. Entries received after the May 18, 2011 early bird date will be placed in boat position as entries are received. Total cost if entering for the early bird is \$665.00, not including the optional big bass. The \$665.00 includes entry into all four MSBC tournaments and membership fees for both partners. Entries received after the 7-day entry cutoff will be accepted with a \$25.00 late fee which will be donated to the MS Society. Sign up at the ramp is permitted but not encouraged as take-off will not be delayed for late entrants.

Substitutes and Cancellations - A team may substitute one member but not both. In the event neither team member can fish, the entry fee will not be refunded, but donated to the MS Society.

Sportsmanship - Each team is expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any team failing to do so may be disqualified.

Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs - NO alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants shall be allowed in the tournament boats or in the possession of contestants prior to check in or during the tournament hours. NO Exceptions!

Points - Determined on a 100 point system plus weight. Big fish weight will break point tie. Double points are awarded for the two-day fall classic tournament.

Tackle and Equipment - All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner by casting, flipping, or pitching. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. No trolling is permitted with any motor. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared baits permitted, with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at a time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use, however every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. The use of electronic tracking equipment cannot be used during competition.

Boats and Motors - There is no horsepower limit. No engine may exceed the BIA Horsepower rating for the boat that is used. All boats must meet US Coast Guard State regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch in working order and an aerated live well large enough to sustain a tournament limit in releasable condition. Extra gas tanks must be secured and must be US Coast Guard approved.

Life Jackets - Life jackets must be zipped or buckled. Kill switch must be attached to the life jacket of the boat operator while the combustible engine is in operation. All life jackets must be Coast Guard approved.

Rules - The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the event unless State or Local Laws are in conflict. Interpretation and enhancement of the rules will be left to the tournament committee. In the event of a rule violation, the committee may impose such sanctions, as they deem appropriate, including without limitation to, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final in all matters. It is the committee's discretion to make changes where safety is concerned. All participants must comply with all Coast Guard, State and Local Regulations. Any competitor receiving a citation for violations of any Coast Guard, State, or Local regulations will be disqualified immediately. It is the contestant's responsibility to know these regulations.

Lockage: first in - first out - Period! Automatic Disqualification.

Permitted Fishing Locations - Fishing on the tournament waters - **Pools 7, 8, & 9** - is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of any marina gas pump or within 50 yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within the 50-yard circle claimed by him to the exclusion of any other competitor. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants must not depart boat to land fish. Both must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat at all times except in case of emergency. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited.

Scoring - Each team may weigh in six (6) fish with the minimum of 14 inches in length, measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed or fanned. A COURTESY BUMP BOARD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight caught during the competition. Only Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass will be scored. Any team weighing in a fish shorter than legal tournament length will be penalized two pounds. Any team returning to the checkpoint late will be DISQUALIFIED. LATE IS LATE. Dead fish will result in a one pound per dead fish penalty.

Pre-Tournament Check In - All teams must check in at the official check-in location, **Clinton Street West Boat Landing**, for live well inspection, kill switch inspection, and boat ID ribbon.

Fishing Hours - Tournaments will run from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM (SHARP). Check-in at the Clinton Street West landing.

Weigh In - Early weigh-in begins at 1:00pm at **Clinton St. West Boat Landing**. Weigh-in bags will be furnished and must be used by all contestants. Contestants will be responsible for their own catch from the boat to the check-in tub. All fish weighed in will be returned to the fished waters. Once fish are presented to the weighmaster, no additional fish may be added or subtracted. Weighing in more than the tournament limit will result in disqualification.

Ties - Ties between places will be determined by the team's largest bass recorded at the time of weigh in, then by a flip of a coin.

Insurance - Liability insurance is required on all contestants utilizing their boats in this tournament.

Protests - Must be brought to the Tournament Committee in writing not more than 30 minutes after the end of the tournament.

Big Bass Prize - There will be a 1st and 2nd place Big Bass pot. A single team cannot win both. In the event of a tie, 1st and 2nd place money will be combined and divided equally between the two teams.

MSBC Membership - Annual \$30.00 per angler membership fee. This fee will be used for administrative needs with any unused amount being donated to the MS Society. Each angler will get an MSBC sticker. Stickers must be displayed on tow vehicle, boat, or trailer and be present at the weigh-in to win. Additional membership benefits will be posted on msbasscircuit.com.