



SABAA TEAM TOURNAMENT TRAIL

1. OVERVIEW

SABAA does not want to create an independent National Team Tournament Trail but rather embrace the current South Africa Team Tournament Trails (TTT's) and invite them to affiliate their trails and their members to SABAA.

The vision behind this is purely to have a set of National Team Tournament Trails that all anglers can participate in and to leverage corporate partners/sponsors to assist in the execution of these trails. The goal here is to host a Team Tournament Trail Final with significantly larger pay-outs than any other final in the history of our sport.

2. SAABA AFFILIATION AND FEES

SABAA have reduced their fee structures and all anglers wishing to participate in the SABAA Team Tournament Trail Events would need to affiliate to SABAA at a cost of only R100.00 per year. The membership fee of R100.00 for Affiliation to SABAA will be allocated towards a new SABAA Conservation Fund. These anglers would also be expected to honour the respective divisional shut-off periods. All anglers would be required to sign a Code of Conduct at the beginning of the season.

There is no prerequisite to belong to a Club (unless you wish to participate in competitive trials towards Provincial or National Colours)

3. SABAA NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT TRAIL ADMINISTRATION

The current organisers of these existing Tournament Trails will continue to administer their current trails within their respective regions.

A SABAA Team Tournament Trail Executive structure will be created from the existing TTT organisers and these executive members will administrate the TTT's and the Final.

4. FUNDS AND SPONSORSHIP

The vision is to have an additional R500 000.00 being made available to the SABAA TTT Executive Committee to utilise for the benefits of these trails and the final. These funds will be dispersed with transparency to the benefit of all trails and their respective participants.

5. SABAA NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT TRAIL FORMAT

The eventual and detailed trail format will be finalised by the SABAA Team Tournament Trail Executive structure, but in broad terms the vision here is as follows:

- 5.1 Participating trails will continue with their existing structure, management and tournament formats.
- 5.2 The top teams from each trail will qualify (on a proportional basis) to enter the SABAA Team Championships (final) to be hosted towards the end of 2018.
- 5.3 Qualifying teams will compete for a South African Team Champions title as well as a “inter provincial” Trail Champions title.
- 5.4 The top 4 teams will qualify for a slot to compete in the USA at the Bassmaster Team Championships. (Number of slots will be dependant on number of teams, but a minimum of 4 Team slots are anticipated at this stage).
- 5.5 Winner of the USA Bassmaster Team Championships will automatically qualify for the 2019 BASSMASTER CLASSIC.

6. BASSMASTER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

In addition to the sponsorship revenue raised for all the TTT's, SABAA are able to offer qualifying Team's berths in the Bassmaster Team Championships.

Over and above substantial cash prize monies, the Bassmaster Team Champions will receive a new Nitro Bass Boat, powered by a Mercury outboard, and the individual winner will earn the final berth into the BASSMASTER CLASSIC.

Anglers will begin as two-angler teams, with a team champion being crowned after the first two days. For the final two days, the six anglers from the Top 3 teams will fish solo with a Classic berth on the line.

“This is not only a chance to celebrate all of the great team tournament anglers from around the world, but it's also a chance for one angler to truly make history. At the end of the event, someone is going to punch their ticket to the BASSMASTER CLASSIC!

7. CO-ORDINATION OF EVENT DATES

It would be in everyone's interest that the SABAA Competitive Executives and the SABAA Team Tournament Executives ensure that there is no calendar clutter to increase participation opportunities for all. The Calendar of Events (COE's) need to be discussed within each region for this to work. This has been done on a national basis in the past.

Hopefully this will bring the sport of Bass Angling within South Africa closer to the public, affording them all the opportunity to participate in the biggest and best Team Tournament Trail Final ever hosted in South Africa.

Kind Regards,

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