

About the Arizona TBF

The Arizona TBF is the local chapter of The Bass Federation (TBF), a national organization that gives both beginner and experienced anglers the chance to fish in bass tournaments—including opportunities to compete at the national level.

We host two types of tournaments: **Opens** and **Qualifiers**.

- **Open Tournaments** are team events that anyone can enter. These are great for fundraising and bringing the community together. Proceeds help support the club and local charities, including our annual event that raises money for veterans.
- **Qualifier Tournaments** are for Arizona TBF members only. These tournaments allow members to earn points throughout the season. Those who perform well can qualify for the **Arizona State Team**, which competes in the **TBF National Semifinals**.

How Our Qualifier Tournaments Work

Each season, we host **six Qualifier events**. At the end of the season, the **top 10 boaters and top 10 co-anglers** earn a spot on the **Arizona State Team**, which gives them a chance to compete in the **TBF National Semifinals**.

Our Qualifiers have a unique format:

- **Boaters and co-anglers are randomly paired** for the tournament day, but they **compete separately** against others in their own group.
 - Boaters compete only against other boaters.
 - Co-anglers compete only against other co-anglers.
- We aim to have an equal number of boaters and co-anglers for each event.
- If needed, we bring in **guest anglers** to balance the field.
- **Registration closes one week before each tournament**, giving our board time to finalize pairings and fill any open spots.

Club Costs and Fees

Here's a breakdown of the costs involved in joining and fishing with Arizona TBF:

- **Membership Fee:** \$75
- **Tournament Entry Fee:** \$70
- **Tournament Money Option (payout pool):**
 - \$130 for Boaters
 - \$80 for Co-anglers
- **Tournament Super Option (optional side pot):** \$50

Here's how the money is used:

- The **Membership and Entry Fees** go directly to the club to help cover travel and lodging costs for members who qualify for the **State Team, National Semifinals**, or **TBF National Championship**. They also fund the purchasing of plaques for podium finishers for each event.
- The **Tournament Money Option** is the payout pot for each event. It includes:
 - Regular payouts to top finishers
 - A portion set aside for **Big Bass**
 - A portion that goes toward **Angler of the Year (AOY)**
- The **Super Option** is a separate, optional pot that pays out to the top anglers who choose to participate in it.

Important Notes on Payouts:

- Boaters and co-anglers have **separate payout pools**, since they compete in different divisions.
- **Big Bass payouts** are combined and shared across both groups.
- Every tournament will have a **guaranteed payout for 1st and 2nd place Big Bass**.
- Other payouts depend on how many anglers register for that event.

For the upcoming season, our club will be sending **two boaters** and **two co-anglers** to the **TBF National Championship**:

- One boater and one co-angler will qualify by earning **Angler of the Year (AOY)** titles.
- The other boater and co-angler will qualify by winning at the **National Semifinals**.

We'd Love to Have You Join Us This Season!

Whether you're just getting started or have years of experience on the water, the **Arizona TBF** is a great place to grow as an angler, compete in exciting tournaments, and become part of a passionate fishing community. Joining the AZTBF is more than just fishing—it's about building friendships, learning from one another, and having the chance to represent Arizona on a national stage. Come be part of something bigger. Meet fellow anglers. Fish competitively. Make lasting memories.

We can't wait to welcome you this season!

