



## Youth-Conservation-Fishing

# Come Join the Missouri TBF for the 2026 fishing season!

It's time to start planning your 2026 fishing season and now's the time to join the Missouri TBF and grab your chance at winning the "Live YOUR Dream" package at the 2027 TBF Federation National Championship. The Missouri TBF combines the fellowship of a local club with the opportunity to progress to the TBF regional and national championships, BFL All-American and MLF Series Championship. In 2026 we will provide more rewards, more ways to qualify and more fishing opportunities with 3 separate ways to qualify for the TBF National Semi-Final plus the TBF Missouri State Champion Boater and Co-angler will advance directly to the TBF Federation National Championship. Read on to understand your next step to 2027 TBF Federation National Championship and the "Live YOUR Dream prize package!"

### Live YOUR Dream Prize Package!

**Share the word that "TBF is the best kept secret in the industry for grassroots anglers."**

Below is the typical Prize structure for the TBF Federation National Champion Boater and Co-angler. This is the kind of package you can expect to compete for in 2027.

- TBF National Champion "Live YOUR Dream Prize Package" **ONE OF A KIND** first-place prize package WILL include in cash and prizes at a MINIMUM:
  - ✓ A "dream rig" new Nitro Z20 fully rigged with 250 HP Motor and all the goodies! Theirs to keep and fish/ "Live THEIR Dream" out of!
  - ✓ PLUS, a \$20,000 CASH Prize!
  - ✓ An automatic berth into the 2026 BFL All-American, if qualified.
  - ✓ An automatic berth into the 2026 MLF Series Championship.
  - ✓ A reserved slot for the TBF Champion boater on the 2027 MLF Invitational
  - ✓ PLUS, a set amount that TBF will pay up-to in entry fee stipends to ASSIST our champion, so they can fish any TBF affiliated or other approved circuit anywhere in the US or Canada to Live YOUR Dream!
  - ✓ **And more!**
- TBF Co-Angler National Champion "Live YOUR Dream" prize package for this qualified angler includes:
  - ✓ A \$20,000 CASH Prize
  - ✓ A \$250.00 Bass Pro Shops / Cabela's Gift Card
  - ✓ An automatic berth into the 2025 BFL All-American as a Co-Angler, if MLF Competitor Contingency was met before qualifying.
  - ✓ An automatic berth into the 2025 MLF Series Championship as a Co-Angler.
  - ✓ TBF will pay a set amount in entry fee stipends to assist YOU in fishing any TBF approved circuit anywhere in the US or Canada, that YOU want to fish to Live YOUR Dream!
  - ✓ **And more!**

### Get on the Path to Qualify!

Our format includes two state qualifying events, where boaters and co-anglers get a chance to compete in a two-day event with the top 3 boaters and top 3 co-anglers from **each event** moving on to the National Semi-Final. In addition, each TBF club in good standing can send their club champion boater and co-angler directly to the National Semi-Final.

Each Qualifier will have its own boater and co-angler payouts, plus new for 2026 a combined boat weight daily payout. In addition, there will be daily Big Bass pots. Boaters will continue to have a 5 fish limit and co-anglers will move to a 3 fish limit in 2026. The top 3 boaters and co-anglers from each Qualifier will have their entry paid into the TBF National Semi-Final! The top boater and co-angler based upon Angler of the Year points from the two state qualifier events will be the 2026 Missouri State Champions and advance directly to the 2027 TBF Federation National Championship. The net result is to provide more opportunities for members to advance to the TBF Federation National Championship.



2012 BFL All-American Champion  
Brian Maloney, MO TBF



2018 TBF Co-Angler National Champion  
Ray Blash, MO TBF



2016 BFL All-American Champion  
Jeremy Lawyer, MO TBF

## And a Great Schedule for 2026!

- **State Qualifier, May 16-17<sup>th</sup> at Pomme de Terre**
- **State Qualifier, July 18-19<sup>th</sup> at Truman Lake**
- **TBF District 6 & 7 National Semi-Final, September 26-27<sup>th</sup> at Lake Dardanelle, Arkansas**

## Junior & High School Programs

The TBF has two programs for young anglers, our Junior Membership is open to student's 8<sup>th</sup> grade and younger while our Student Angler Federation High School program is open to all High School students and to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students if you are teamed with a High School student. Both programs allow young anglers to fish with an adult Boat Captain of their choosing with an opportunity to advance to a National Championship.

## And for our Junior and High School Anglers a Great Schedule for 2026!

- **Junior & High School Trail Tournament, Saturday, March 7th at Pomme de Terre Lake**
- **Missouri High School Open Challenge & Junior Trail Tournament, Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Pomme de Terre Lake**
- **TBF Junior & TBF SAF High School State Championship Tournament, Saturday, May 2nd at Truman Lake**
- **TBF SAF High School World Finals and National Championship, June 24-27th at Lake Cumberland, Russell Springs, KY**
- **TBF Junior World Championship, dates and lake will be announced in January / February. Typically scheduled for the end of July.**

For more information on the Missouri TBF and how to join, please contact:

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The 2026 Tournament Rules and Entry Forms will be posted soon to our website ([www.themissouritbf.com](http://www.themissouritbf.com)) and on Facebook at "The Bass Federation of Missouri-TBF MO". Look forward to seeing you on the water.

## Our Sponsors:



## Find a Local Club:

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## **Notes:**

Annual Membership- \$90.00  
Entry Fees/Boater - \$160.00  
Entry Fees/Co-Angler - \$110.00  
Junior and High School Annual Membership - \$25.00 for the division you compete in.  
Entry Fees Junior and High School Tournaments – No Entry Fee