**MNBF Membership information:**

2023 membership dues for NBAA (NBAA membership is optional) ($10.00 when you sign up for MNBF /TBF 2023 dues) when you pay your 2023 dues be sure that you complete the NBAA liability form listed on MNBF website.

MNBF / NBAA memberships are annual memberships **January 1 to December 31** for the year.

Membership form is online @ [www.mnbass.org](http://www.mnbass.org)

Team Tournament Series form and TOC entry is online @ [www.mnbass.org](http://www.mnbass.org)

Team Tournament Series Entry: No entries will be accepted past the **Monday prior to the tournament date. No exceptions.**

NBAA membership dues are $40.00 if purchased after paying MNBF/TBF membership dues

Note: It’s not a requirement for MNBF members to join NBAA it’s an option.

**How can I advance to the 2023 National Semi Final? September 23-24 Mississippi Pool 9,10,11. Launching out of Pool 10 Washington Street boat ramp.**

1. Qualify by fishing the State TOC on Pools 2,3,4, Pepin, St. Croix River, Hastings MN, July 14 – 15 2023. The top percentage based on overall MNBF participation through 2023 will get an invitation from the MNBF President to attend.
2. Each club in good standing with TBF and MNBF will be able to auto-advance a linked boater and co-angler to the NSF. Clubs in good standing must have at least 6 paid “mother club” members in TBF and MNBF and meet MNBF club participation requirements.

**What are the participation requirements?**

Club/Angler Participation requirements for 2023:

a. Club Requirement - Each **Club** must have representation at two MNBF tournaments (Team/TOC) and complete a participation/volunteer credit in order to auto-advance a linked boater/non-boater to National Semi-Final (NSF).

b. MNBF TOC Requirement – Individuals must complete one participation or volunteer credit prior to registering for MNBF State TOC on Pools 2,3,4, Pepin, St. Croix River. Hastings MN, July 14 – 15 2023.

c. Semi- Final Requirement- Those **Individuals** who qualify for NSF at MNBF TOC must also complete a 3rd participation or volunteer requirement to advance to National Semi Final.

d. Clubs will not show up as active clubs until they have at least 6 paid members.

e. Club President or delegate will be responsible for maintaining their member rosters. For more information on this please contact Eric Ritter @ 612-799-6414

Some Examples of a MNBF Approved Events Are:

Conservation Lake Clean up

Fish a MNBF Team Trail Event (Each Tournament counts as 1)

Be a Coach in a High School Fishing Event (SAF) or Junior event

Participate in Camp Confidence Tournament

Participate in Wounded Warriors Tournament

Participate in Disabled Vet Tournament

St Judes Tournament

Helping put together tackle packs for the youth club.

If you are not sure if your community service item meets the requirements or have other questions, please feel free to contact MNBF representatives listed on the page.

Can a team be from 2 different clubs? **Yes, if he/she are over 16 and dues are current they should be able to fish as a team.  MNBF does not have a restriction that the team must be from the same club.**

**NBAA information:**

NBAA: Do you have to fish all events with the same partner? **No**

**Substitutions:**

Can you have a substitute? **Yes Must be 16 Years or older. Under 18 need parent release signed.**

Up to 2 substitutes may be used during the regular season by any team as long as one team member fishes with the sub. Sub is allowed to participate in the Championship provided that they had previously fished at least 50% of the regular events. Teams with a member who unexpectedly cannot attend the National Championship may utilize a sub from the division qualified from or, if none are available, then a sub from another division within the same color bracket may be used. Exceptions to this rule maybe made by the tournament officials in cases of death, disability, employment status, or military duties. \*No subs will be allowed in the One-on-One Divisions.

Can you fish alone if your partner cannot make it? **No, you must have a substitute fishing with you and must be a MNBF Member to fish. Does not need to be a NBAA member for substitute. MNBF does not allow anyone fishing alone**

Fish 4 out of 5 tournaments and the top 10 or 20% whichever is greater qualifies for the NBAA National Championship the following year, this is an No entry fee tournament. First prize is a 30K Ranger boat.

If your team has qualified for the NBAA National Championship (fished 4 out the 5 tournaments and my partner is not able to go, can I get another partner. **Yes, if they have fished 3 out of the 5 MNBF tournaments in the year qualifying for the Championship tournament.**

In order to register for the NBAA National Championship that you have qualified for, you and team member’s **NBAA** **memberships must be active for the year** **of the championship** in order to register on the NBAA website when you get the invitation from NBAA National office.

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