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Big payouts, the Bassmasters Classic, world class fisheries, video, web and print coverage? Are we talking about the Elite Series? No, this is the 2010 New York B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation's Tournament Trail. As the off-season rolls on, there have been some big announcements on the regional tournament scene. The Federation is looking forward to one of the best years on record.

Big Payouts

The Federation had a 100% payout for the points trail last season, and this year that is going to continue. The big change for the 2010 is guaranteed pots for the winners of the boater and nonboater divisions. This year the top boater at each event will take home a minimum of \$2,500 and the top nonboater will take home a minimum of \$1,500, regardless of field size.

Lastly anglers just by fishing all three points events are once again eligible for even more payout, in the form of participation prizes. In 2010, the NYBCF will be awarding \$3,000 in participation prize money to those anglers who were dedicated to fishing the Federation trail and did not happen to qualify for the 2011 B.A.S.S. Eastern Divisional team.

Bassmasters Classic

One, two, three, four, five... five? Believe it or not, five good events are the only thing standing between a grassroots local angler and the super bowl of bass fishing – the Bassmasters Classic. The New York B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation offers all of its grass roots anglers the best and most cost effective opportunity to live the dream and fish in the Bassmasters Classic. The journey begins by fishing the three state level points events as either a boater or a non-boater. From their 10 of the highest finishing anglers (along with 2 Club Team Championship anglers) will qualify for New York Divisional Team for 2011. After the Divisional - the top New York angler from that event will fish against 7 other Eastern Divisional anglers at the Federation Nation Championship for the Eastern Divisions slot at the Bassmasters Classic. This opportunity extends to anglers who are both boaters and non-boaters.

World Class Fisheries

The first two tournaments of the 2010 season have been announced, and are likely to be two slugfests. Opening at one of the most renowned lakes in the country, the Federation points trail will get off to a big start at Lake Champlain (June 20th). From there, the trail heads to Clayton, NY and one of the best smallmouth fisheries in the world (July 18th). Largemouth should not be ignored when fishing the Thousand Islands area as either species could produce a 20 pound limit. Stay tuned for the final tournament announcement.

Media Coverage

The Federation is also dedicated to providing top notch tournament coverage giving you, the grassroots angler and any sponsors, exposure for high finishes or great fishing stories. Results and the story around the tournament can be seen on the web, in print in the following issue of *Fishlines* magazine, and starting last year - video interviews with the top finishers (available through the Federation website).

For 2010 and beyond, the New York B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation will be offering all tournament anglers some really great value, fun, competition, and benefits. Check us out and get involved, you will not be disappointed. Fill out a [membership application](#) today.