



KBF National Championship Competitors, please read this all the way through.

First, congratulations! You qualified to compete in the 2018 KBF National Championship against top kayak bass anglers in the US and Canada, and we are pleased that you've accepted the challenge.

Enclosed is a decal that we hope you'll display with pride. Fewer than 1/10th of one percent of kayak bass anglers on the continent have this one. The only way to get it is to earn it. You will be able to buy more of them at the KBFNC Expo.

We're less than ten weeks out from start-of-competition. With \$100k guaranteed for first place, your prep time might be worth as much as \$10,000 a week. And while you're preparing to bring your A-game, we're doing everything we can to ensure fair, honest competition and a positive experience for everyone there.

We've revised the KBF Competition Rules Standards. The rule changes went into effect January 14 and will apply to the KBFNC, so be sure to familiarize yourself with them. One big change is that KBF now prohibits paying a professional guide for service on or advice pertaining to eligible water within one month of competition. We're also imposing a 12-inch minimum on fish submitted for scoring. We've removed the "tail-pinch" rule but now deny a photo if your hand is touching the tail. Read the rules so you won't inadvertently violate them.

A web form linked from the KBFNC page will speed up your Event Check-in process. It's how we'll identify the Sponsor BONUS BUCKS for which you qualify, too. Please fill out and submit that form BEFORE the end of February so we'll be sure to have shirts in your size. The sooner, the better. You can go back and fill it out again later, if you need to change or update your contact or bonus information. When you check in at Tournament HQ, you won't have to fill out the entire form with all your buddies standing behind you in line, but can just review the completed form, check off a few boxes, sign and turn it back in.

We'll be adding even more resources on the KBF National Championship web page over the next two months, so drop in there regularly for updates, discount information. You'll also find some useful fishing, lodging, and vendor resources on that web page that can help you prepare to travel to the area or develop your tournament strategy.

By the way; be sure to consider getting in on KBF BONUS BUCKS. We've just put the finishing touches on this year's program, and we'll be paying out record numbers and amounts of bonuses. The sooner you jump in, the more opportunities you'll have to increase your winnings.

See you in Paris!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Haubenreich".

Joe Haubenreich, KBF