

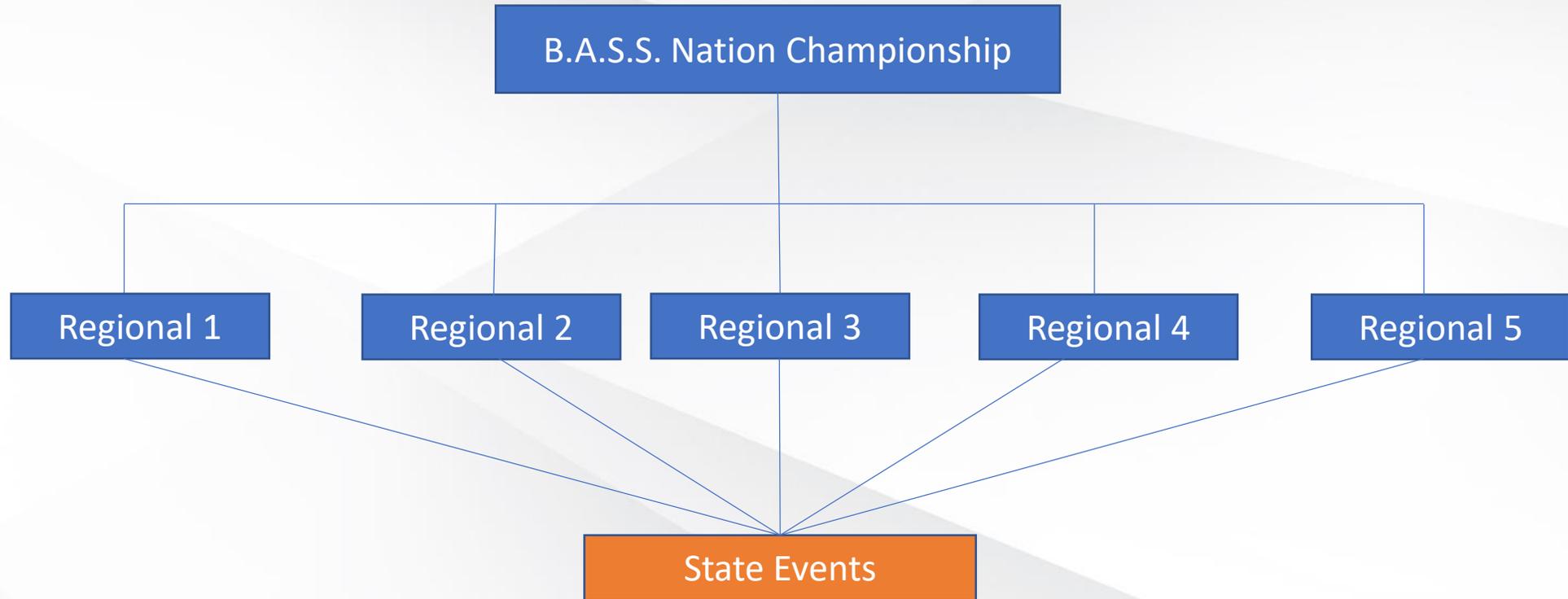
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History/Timeline

- Late 70s: the B.A.S.S. Federation was formed.
 - Chapter Championships happened up until 1988
- 1989: 1st Modern Day Championship held
- 1994: Bryan Kerchal wins the Bassmaster Classic
- 2005: Split
- 2011: College Series formed + Classic Berth
- 2013: High School Series Formed
- 2014: Junior Series formed
- 2014: Bassmaster Team Trail formed + Classic Berth
- 2016: 6 regions reduced down to 3 super regions and Classic berths reduced from 6 -3
- 2020: 3 regions moved back up to 5 regions. 3 Classic berths remain
- 2023: ?

Current Format



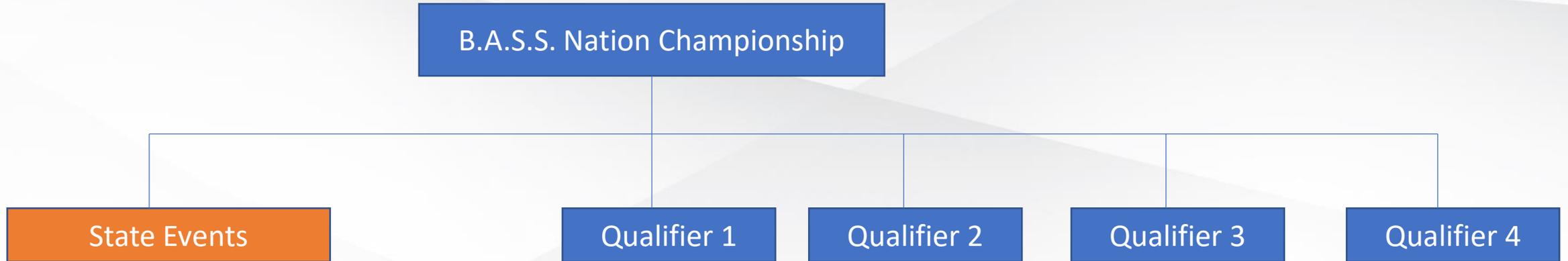
Current Format Cont'd

- States conduct own events to qualify a 20-person “State Team”. 10 Boaters and 10 Co-Anglers
- State Team then moves on to 1 of 5 regionals that are geographically bound.
- From there the top boater and top co-angler from each state move on to the BNC
- BNC Awards 3 Bassmaster Classic Berths and 1 Elite Series Berths

- Additional(s)
 - State Team Champions at regionals win a cash prize back to the state
 - 2nd and 3rd place State Teams awarded cash prizes too.
 - Foreign Nations send top Boater and Co-Angler to BNC
 - PVA sends AOY to BNC

This format will continue for the 22/23 season – qualifying for the 2023 BNC.

New Format



- Effective Sept 1, 2023
- B.A.S.S. Nation Qualifier(s) will replace Regional Championship(s).
 - Will be open to any Nation Member including at-large. **250** boat tournaments with co-angler division, too.
 - Each State will have 20 codes (10 Boater and 10 Co-Angler) for early entry period into 1 Qualifier. In addition, States will also have a priority period for their anglers to enter should they want to. (attachment)
 - Qualifiers will be 3-day tournaments. Full field days 1-2, top 30 final day.
 - \$400.00 entry on Boater side
 - \$200.00 on co angler side.
 - Payout % TBD

New Format cont'd



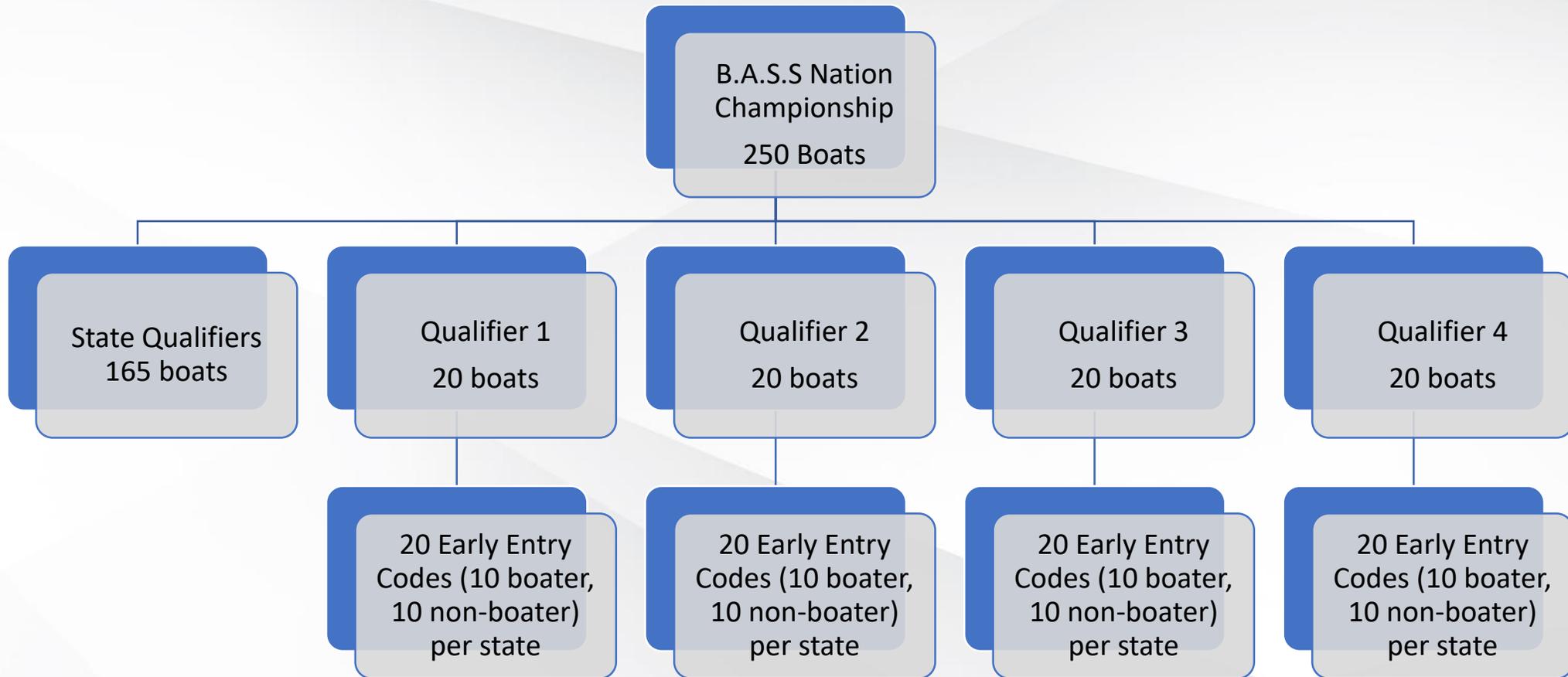
- New format will now allow States to qualify directly to the BNC based off of previous year's membership
 - Target boat count for BNC is 250 boats.
 - See https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQgn7MDevbNFbqxUsxgMjvZOS_UFXZsZ5P2UC7dy_o_8MIRI6AHuB92zNQRzhGiKSxfZGIBYs8hSqh7/pubhtml
 - Aug 31 of previous year will determine State berths directly to BNC. Every state will receive at least 1 boater and 1 co-angler.
 - Foreign Nations will continue to receive 1 boater and 1 co-angler as long as criteria are met.

New Format cont'd



- BNC
 - 3-day tournament with co-anglers. Co-anglers will be eligible to move over to boater side on final day just like current format
 - Goal is to give more anglers a chance to make it via the qualifiers or state run events or both.
 - Entry fee free and increased payout – more to come on this.
 - Full Field Days 1 & 2 – Day 3 cut is Top 25 plus Non-Boater Champion.
 - B.A.S.S. Nation will retain
 - 3 Classic Berths
 - 1 Elite Series Berth

BNC Field Breakdown



BNC Final Day Cut Breakdown

Top 20
Overall
Boaters

Non-
Boater
Champion

Top Boater
from Each
Region
(From
State
Nation
Anglers)

Top Boater
Foreign
Nations

Any Non-
Boaters
that would
be in Top
20 on
Boater
Side

Challenges/points

- Change can be scary – but this is needed as we are not growing on the adult side
- This format is designed to accommodate the modern angler while not disrupting the current club structure.
 - The current club angler who enjoys this format
 - The solo angler who maybe is not cut out for the club route
 - Will be able to join the at large membership (controlled by each state) within each state to make them eligible for the Qualifiers.
 - B.A.S.S. will require any angler who wants to join at large for the purpose of fishing a National Qualifier, affiliate within the state they reside in.
 - Anglers who cross state lines for the purpose of club affiliation will continue to be allowed.
- Qualifiers will be a great option for the “Blue Collar Angler” as well as young anglers out of high school or college.
- Format has been tested within the College and HS platforms since 2013 with success.
- Alliance?
 - Had a long discussion with Michelle Kilburn and she is very excited about this change.
 - Assured us that the Alliance will continue in some fashion with an adjustment to the new format.
- **Proposed Registration Order**– 1st (State Nation Early Entry Codes) 2nd (State’s “zoned” for each Qualifier) 3rd (At Large Nation Members)

