

## 2009 Junior Bassmaster State Championship



The Maine BASS Federation Nation held the 2009 Junior Bassmaster State Championship at Norway Lake on August 8. After weeks of preparing tackle, reviewing maps and scouting the lake, twenty five Junior Bassmaster members from across Maine finally got their chance to compete for the state title. The anglers fished for five hours in bright sunshine & light winds, trying to catch a limit of bass to bring to the weigh-in scales.

In the 11-14 age group, Jared Dyer of Kennebunk was crowned state champion after catching a limit of bass weighing 8.98lbs. Second place was awarded to Nathan Smith of Wilton who had a 8.10lb bag of fish anchored by a 3.74 lb largemouth that earned Nathan the big fish award for the age group. Third place was captured by Kaitlyn Deering of Portland, with 7.72lbs of fish.

The 15-18 age group saw Chase Laflamme of East Waterboro take the title of state champion with a catch totaling of 9.02lbs. 2008 state champion, Nick Deering of Portland finished second with a 8.39 lb limit of bass. Third place was awarded to Brian Volkernick of Dixfield with 7.15lbs. The big fish award in the 15-18 age group was won by Truman Salo of Alfred with a 4.02 lb largemouth.

The anglers brought a total of 56 bass to the scales to be weighed & released. Only five anglers got skunked for the day, but Dakota Anderson of Springvale turned his luck around by winning a new spinning rod & reel in the skunk draw.

State Champions Jared Dyer and Chase Laflamme will advance to compete at the 2010 BASS Federation Nation eastern divisional on Candlewood Lake in Connecticut. The Maine Junior Bassmaster program is sponsored by Triton Boats, Mercury outboards, Motorguide trolling motors and Kistler custom fishing rods. Complete standings and photo gallery from the tournament are posted on [www.mebass.com](http://www.mebass.com).

