

## GREATER OREGON TBF (GOT)

Greater Oregon TBF is one of five TBF clubs in Oregon. What sets it apart from other clubs is that there are no club level tournaments. So why does it exist? In order to fish TBF Federation events such as the TBF Oregon Coastal or River events, it has always been a requirement that participants be a member of a TBF club. Greater Oregon was established to satisfy that requirement. There were no other TBF clubs, therefore everyone who fished TBF Oregon State Team Qualifier events became members of GOT which was considered a "Paper Club". The club did hold some very small tournaments during the 2016, 2017, and 2018 seasons. In 2017 when TBF established the National Semi-Finals format and allowed clubs to send participants to the NSF, everything changed. Other clubs were started and in certain cases existing clubs became affiliated with TBF. This change resulted in more opportunities from different clubs to qualify for a berth in the National Semi-Finals. In fact, it is not unusual for one person to be a member of 2 or 3 TBF clubs.

1. Why would someone join a club that doesn't fish tournaments?
  - a. Some members are members of BASS Nation clubs
  - b. Some members don't want to fish at the club level
  - c. Some members want a shot at making what is called our "State Team" which provides some extra benefits to NSF qualifiers such as Jackets, Stipends, and other incentives.
  - d. The cost of GOT membership is \$70, no other club can beat that since that is the minimum cost to be a member of a TBF Oregon club.
  - e. As a TBF club, GOT can send a minimum of one boater/non-boater pair to the NSF. That number can grow at the same rate as other TBF Oregon Clubs.
2. How do GOT members qualify for the NSF?
  - a. They must fish at least 4 of the 8 TBF Oregon NSF Qualifiers
  - b. The top finishing mother club member who did not qualify from the Coastal or River Circuits would qualify as the GOT Club NSF Qualifier. If there are no mother club members who meet the criteria, then the highest finishing secondary GOT club member would qualify to fish the NSF. In the case of a tie (same number of points) between Coastal and River Circuit teams then one member from each circuit will be selected. There will be a draw between the boaters. If a Coastal boater wins the draw, then the River non-boater would be selected as the GOT Club Qualifier. And vice versa.
3. How do I become a GOT Club member?
  - a. Print out a GOT Membership Form, enclose a check for \$70, and send it to the address on the form. You must be at least 16 to become an adult TBF club member.