Louisiana Youth B.A.S.S. Nation
West Qualifier
Sam Rayburn, Umphrey Pavillion
November 14th, 2026

Presented By

1. These Rules apply to all entrants of this tournament. Violation of any of these rules will warrant appropriate disciplinary action by Tournament Director. Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director **immediately** any violation or infraction of any Tournament Rules. Failure to report violations or suggestions to another competitor that they violate these Rules or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for **disqualification. OFFICIAL PROTESTS MUST BE FILED IN WRITING AND ALL PARTIES OF INTEREST WILL BE PROVIDED A COPY**. Protests from anyone other than official competitors will not be accepted. **Contestants must submit a written and signed protest to tournament officials within thirty minutes of final check-in/weigh-in deadline to be taken literally.** (Tournament Director / Louisiana B.A.S.S. Nation State Youth Director's Decision will be final in all matters.) Acts of Nature can affect these rules.

2. **Entry Fee is** $62.00 per TEAM. **Deadline to register and make payment via Fishing Chaos is 11/06/2026, 11:59pm**. Registration link is: https://share.fishingchaos.com/tournament/w9EuLeAN64dA6SS5tM7H

3. State, federal, local laws, and B.A.S.S. High School rules must be obeyed.

4. Participation in this tournament series is by invitation only. This tournament is open only to current members of official Bassmaster High School Clubs, recognized by said High School or an official Community Club. You must be a student currently enrolled in high school, in good academic standard, and a member of your institution's fishing team. Certain schools allow eighth-grade students to compete. If your institution allows eighth-grade students to compete, a letter must be submitted with a faculty member's signature stating this permission. Seventh-grade students are not allowed to compete in Bassmaster High School Series Tournament Events. Competitors will be considered an "incoming student" into the next grade once they have completed their final exams in their current grade. They will then be able to participate in events once the aforementioned criteria have been met and they are in the admissible grade bracket to compete. Graduating seniors will be extended a grace period and allowed to compete in the summer months once their senior year has been completed. This is a team event. This tournament is open only to current members of official high school clubs, recognized by said high school or an official community club. Students must belong to the same official high school club or official community club to compete as a team in this tournament. If extenuating circumstances exist that prohibit you from having a partner in the tournament, then a request must be submitted to B.A.S.S. and your State Youth Director in writing for approval. B.A.S.S. reserves the right to accept or deny such request.

5. All Entrants are subject to take a Polygraph Test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification. Any person who has failed a polygraph test in connection with any bass tournament for cheating, will not be eligible.

6. Alcohol and narcotics will not be allowed in the possession of contestants/ Parents or Guardians during tournament hours unless prescription medicine. **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on tournament grounds and at any time during tournament hours of operation, by anyone present.**

7. Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by competitors. **During the official practice and competition**, each competitor must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver **any time the combustion engine is operating**, as well as observe and abide by all state(s) life preserver regulations that apply to his/her age, while in tournament waters. This PFD must be strapped, snapped, and/or zippered

securely, and maintained in that condition at all times. **Inflatable life vests may only be worn if you are 16 years of age or older, AND weigh more than 80 pounds. Inflatable life vest indicators should be checked daily. Violation of this rule may be reason for disqualification.**

8. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard standards. Jet-drive, air-cooled engines, or airboats are not allowed. **Outboard motors may not exceed boat manufacturers' rating, or 250 HP maximum.** All boats must have an emergency kill-switch that **must** be attached to the driver anytime the combustion engine is running **(This is federal law and will be strictly enforced).**

9. All fishing must be done with artificial lures only. Pork is permitted. Only one rod and reel may be used at time by contestants. No trolling with the combustion engine is allowed. All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner during tournament hours from tournament waters. No snagging of fish is allowed, and all fish must have been hooked inside the mouth to be counted toward the team's weight. Snagging of bedding fish is prohibited. **If using cull tags, you must use Grip-on, non-penetrating type.**

10. Contestants may not use any communication or video device for the sole purpose of locating or catching bass during tournament hours. **Communication by cell phone or radio between contestants and parent/guardian or tournament officials is allowed for safety purposes only.** Tracking devices inserted in bass may not be used by any contestant during or before the tournament. Hole-sitting by, or for entrants is not allowed.

11. Tournament waters are all public waters of Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Any area posted as "private" or not open to public fishing is off limits. No fishing within 200 yards of the host landing. **No fishing within 50 yds of another tournament boat without mutual consent.**

12. **Though there will be no off-limits fishing period for this tournament, **there is an "information" off limits period of 10 days prior to official practice day, starting 11/4/2026**. **No soliciting information from, nor fishing with, anyone not registered in the tournament.** Teams may fish with their primary or secondary captain on Saturday and Sunday, the weekend before tournament day, as long as one angler is in the boat. No hiring of guides or paying for information during this period. Friday is the only "official" practice day, and all rules apply. (special circumstances may be considered, contact the youth director)

13. Teams will launch on tournament day at **any open, usable boat launch available but must check in on Saturday morning starting between 4:00am and 6:00am at the Umphrey Pavillion parking lot @ 5438 Sam Rayburn Pkwy. Brookeland, Texas 75931**

14. Teams may launch from other locations on official practice day. (See pre-tournament documents for traffic flow)

15. ****Boats must have a live well of sufficient size to keep 5 bass alive all day and an operating aeration system.** Teams may keep no more than 5 bass per TEAM in the live well. Cull on the 6th fish. **All fishing must stop until 6th fish is released.**

16. **No more than Two (2) contestants and (1) captain per boat allowed on official practice day and all persons in a boat **must be a registered contestant / registered adult in this event**. Only the team's registered captain is allowed in the boat with their registered anglers on tournament days. Captain must operate the large motor on practice and tournament day (except launching and trailering boat) – no other type of assistance to contestants on tournament day besides coaching. During official practice day, anglers cannot solicit, gather, or intentionally receive any information from anyone other than another registered competitor in this tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS. Sharing of any information on tournament day is prohibited. The captain may fish on practice day but not on tournament day. Check-in/boat check will begin at 4:30 am. Contact Tournament Director for consideration of special circumstances.

17. Check in/boat check will begin **Saturday morning starting between 4:00am and 6:00am at the Umphrey Pavillion parking lot @ 5438 Sam Rayburn Pkwy. Brookeland, Texas 75931** (see pre tourney document maps). (Boat numbers will be assigned prior to tournament). **Teams must check in, and get a ribbon to be eligible to fish.** Contact Tournament Director for consideration of special circumstances. Captains do not leave your vehicle when already in boat check/ launch line. It causes gridlock.

18. Tournament Hours and check points will be given at check-in, if changes occur, and are the responsibility of each entrant. All boats will take off in a numbered order at safe light. **You must check in with a tournament official located in the Umphrey Pavillion parking lot before your check in time that afternoon, or you**

will be considered late. Competitors, not at the official check-in point before their check-in time will lose all their weight for the day.

19. **Once Checked in**, proceed to bag table to pick up a weigh bag**. Catches must be brought to the bump station in one of our official LYBN weigh bag with mesh insert or penalties may be assessed.** Once fish are put into a tournament bag, proceed quickly to the bump station.

20. Upon entering this fishing tournament; contestants release Louisiana B.A.S.S. Nation officials, and sponsors from liability of accidents, losses, or thefts. Contestants/Parents or Guardians are responsible for knowing and understanding these rules.

21. Scoring will be determined by the total weight of 5 bass PER TEAM meeting designated size requirements. The minimum length is 14" for spotted and largemouth bass. Fish will be measured on a Gator Grip Pro Series measuring board with the mouth closed and tail pinched. All other team ties, the following tie breakers will be used in the following order: (1) The heaviest live Big Bass (2) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the largest number of legal live fish weighed during competition (3) if the tie is not broken, the next tie breaker will be the second heaviest single day catch during competition (2-day competition only). (4) If the tie is not broken by applying the foregoing procedures, there will be a coin toss by tournament officials for placement.

22. Penalties: There will be a **1/4 (0.25)** pound penalty deducted for each dead fish weighed in. **Culling a dead fish is prohibited.** There will be a **one (1.0) pound** penalty deducted for any fish not meeting the predetermined size requirement that is brought to the scales, plus, a loss of same fish.

23. NO COMPETITOR OR BOAT CAPTAIN MAY OPERATE A BOAT UNLESS THAT COMPETITOR OR BOAT CAPTAIN HAS DOCUMENTED PROOF OF A MINIMUM OF $300,000 PER OCCURRENCE BOAT OWNER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERING THE BOAT BEING USED IN THE TOURNAMENT.

24. Boat Captain's may not be a guide on tournament waters unless a direct family member. **Boat captains must meet the criteria set forth in the Captains Participation Requirements and "may not" differ from previous qualifiers without prior approval from the tournament director via email.**

25. **Captains Rules:** These events will allow boat captains the opportunity to educate young anglers about the many variables associated with fishing competition and camaraderie among their competitors. Below are the limitations on assistance that may be given to anglers:

    a. **As of 1/1/2025 all captains, no matter their age, must have completed a Boater's Safety Education course to participate.**
    b. **Only captains can operate the outboard motor on official practice and tournament days except for trailering and launching boats.**
    c. **High School boat captains are not** allowed to operate the trolling motor unless there is imminent danger to the vessel or occupants. If this occurs, competitors must notify the tournament director immediately.
    d. **Junior captains** can run trolling motor, but we strongly recommend teaching anglers to run them themselves then let them troll in competition.
    e. Boat captains **are not** allowed to net fish nor hand nets to high school anglers.
    f. Any **Jr team** may request the assistance of the boat captain for netting fish, but it is recommended that junior teams net their own fish.
    g. Captains may not assist in casting or reeling in lures or fish.
    h. The boat captain should not assist with lure selection or fishing locations, but they may make suggestions on patterns or observations to help anglers make their own decisions.
    i. High school captains are not allowed to tie on lures during tournament hours, but we will allow Jr captains to assist with tying lures.
    j. Captains **may not** remove backlashes for high school anglers, but Jr captains may.
    k. Captains may help with culling fish and keeping fish alive in the live well.
    l. High school captains may not assist with any fishing activity other than navigating the boat with the outboard motor.

26.All other Bassmaster High School Series 2027 rules apply unless otherwise stated in this document. It is the responsibility of every competitor and captain to read and comprehend those rules.

11/13/2026 Official Practice Days. Must be off the water by **5:00 pm.**
(No cast can be made into tournament waters after 5:00pm)

11/14/2026 Tournament Days: **Umphrey Family Pavilion**

- 4:00am: Check in/ Boat check Live-well Inspection.
- **1st cast time will be found in the Fishing Chaos app under "Pools" as your departure time.**
- Tournament Check-in: **2:00 pm** for Junior Bassmasters
- Tournament Check-in: **3:00 pm** first flight for High School
- **Must be checked in with tournament official that afternoon, located at the Umphrey Pavillion parking lot before your "Arrival" time**

Tournament Director: Tommy Abbott (504) 722-6638
Alternate Official: Jim Breaux (225) 772-3026
(Please text if you can't reach by phone)