

2025/2026 WBO OFFICIAL RULES

1. Qualifications: Tournaments are open to anyone over 18 years of age. If under 18 years of age you must be accompanied by someone over 18 years old.
2. Classic tournament entry fee: There will be a mandatory \$200 per boat classic entry fee.
3. 5 Bass Limit : All tournaments will be a five (5) fish limit (unless stated otherwise) per team or when fishing alone.
 - ❖ Largemouth/Spotted Bass must be 15"
 - ❖ Smallmouth/Meanmouth Bass must be 18"
4. Sportsmanship: All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation.
5. No Live Bait : Only artificial lures can be used in all tournaments. The use of pork is allowed.
6. Trolling/A-Rigs: Anyone found to be trolling will be disqualified. Long lining is permitted with use of trolling motor only. A-Rigs allowed with maximum 3 hooks.
7. Dead Fish: 1 dead fish may be weighed. Penalty loss of 1 pound and that fish can't be weighed as big fish.
8. Late Weigh-In: Must be in sight of no wake zone at the end of fishing time or be disqualified. Don't be late! If boat breaks down, you may get in another contestant's boat to return to weigh-in but must keep fish separate.
9. Locking : No locking. This is a Watts Bar only tournament.
10. Alcoholic beverages or drug use: The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs before, during or after tournament hours while at the tournament site will be immediate disqualification.
11. Safety: During all tournaments, contestants will wear their life jackets zipped and kill switch cord connected when boat is in motion with big motor.
12. Protest : All protest must be submitted in writing to tournament directors within 15 minutes after close of weigh-in. Verbal protests will not be accepted.



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THE 2025/2026 TOURNAMENT SEASON

\$40 MEMBERSHIP FEE

\$200 ENTRY FEE PER TOURNAMENT

\$20 Side Pot (Optional)

2025 TOURNAMENTS

September ? 2025

October ? 2025

November ? 2025

2026 TOURNAMENTS

March ? 2026

April ? 2026

May ? 2026

2025/2026 SEASON 2-DAY CLASSIC

June ?-? 2026

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