

2026-2027 B.A.S.S. Nation Series Format

2026-2027 State Level Changes (Changes go into effect in 2026 for states that qualify a year in advance of the Nation Championship)

- State Championship
 - 1 boater and 1 non-boater will advance from each State Nation to the 2027 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship, you must have a minimum of 100 adult members
 - For every additional 325 adult members you will receive another berth to the 2027 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.
 - 100 adult members = 1 berth = 1 boater and 1 non-boater
 - 425 adult members = 2 berths = 2 boaters and 2 non-boaters
 - 750 adult members = 3 berths = 3 boaters and 3 non-boaters
 - 1,075 adult members = 4 berths = 4 boaters and 4 non-boaters
 - Note: If you have less than 100 members the State Team at the Regional serves as our State Nation berth.
- All advancement numbers will be based on adult membership ending the August 31 the Calendar year prior to qualifying.
 - EX. Number of berths at State Championships for 2027 will be based on membership accrued from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

2027 Regional Level Changes

- Top 10 in the raw standings will advance to the 2027 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.
- The top boater and top non-boater from each state team will advance to the 2027 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.
 - If the top boater or non-boater is also inside the Top 10 in the raw standings, we will work down the raw standings to the next place.
- State Team members are eligible to advance via state team competition or via the raw tournament standings.

Nation Regional Entry Fees

- Entry Fee per angler is \$400 for boaters and \$200 for non-boaters/co-anglers
- State team entry is separate and paid by each State Nation.
- Entry fee is non-refundable/non-transferable once you are accepted into a tournament
- If you are on the waitlist, you can cancel at any time and receive a full refund of their entry fee.
- Any angler not accepted into a tournament off the waiting list will be canceled the week of the tournament after on-site registration and will be refunded.
- All refunds will be paid back to the card used for entry unless B.A.S.S. is notified that the card has been canceled/expired, and then a refund check will be processed or if paid via ACH.
- Full field for each tournament is 225 boaters
- All requests for refunds and cancellations must be submitted via email to bn@bassmaster.com

2027 State Team Rules

- Each state team is required to send a minimum of 5 boaters and 5 non-boaters to be eligible for the state team competition.
- To be eligible to send a State Team a State Nation must be in good standing in the B.A.S.S. Nation.
- State teams must attend the regional championship for the region their state is located.
- Each state team may send up to 10 boaters and 10 non-boaters and may send any number in between 5 and 10 but must send equal numbers of boaters and non-boaters.
- Entry fee for the state team is \$100 per boater/non-boater pair.
 - 5 boaters/5 non-boaters = \$500
 - 8 boaters/8 non-boaters = \$800
 - 10 boaters/10 non-boaters = \$1,000

2027 State Team Competition

- The State Team Competition will take place on Day 1 and Day 2 of competition.
- The cumulative top 5 boater weights and top 5 non-boater weights from each state team on each day will determine the winning state team.
- Winner take all

2027 Projected Payout

- Payouts based on 200 boaters/200 non-boaters:
 - Individual Payouts
 - Boater - \$66,500
 - Non-boater - \$31,500
- Team
 - Based on 10 full state teams per event
 - \$5000 winner take all
- Total Boat weight
 - Each day of competition will feature a total boat weight prize to the boat with the heaviest combined weight of the boater and non-boater
 - \$1000 per day (\$500 to boater and \$500 to non-boater)

2027 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship Format

- 3-Day Event
- Days 1-2 : Full Field of Anglers
- Day 2: Non-boater Champion is crowned
 - The top non-boater will advance to Day 3 as a boater to compete for a chance at the Bassmaster Classic.
 - After Day 2, the Top 25 boaters overall and the Top non-boater overall (based on 2-day cumulative weight) will advance to Day 3.
 - Any other non-boaters with enough weight to be inside the boater top 10 will also advance.
- Day 3 – Championship Day – Top 25 plus non-boater champion
 - Top 25 boaters and the Top non-boater compete for final placement and titles. All competitors compete as boaters on the final day.
 - The angler with the highest three-day cumulative weight will be crowned the B.A.S.S. Nation Champion, earning:
 - B.A.S.S. Nation's Best Designation and logo rights
 - Bassmaster Classic qualification
 - A berth in the Bassmaster Elite Series
 - Ranger (or Nitro) Boat to use for 1 year plus a \$2500 stipend for expenses of Jersey and boat wrap
 - Or fully paid entries into the EQ Series or 1 Division of the Opens – if Elite invite is not accepted.
 - If elite series invite is not accepted – Qualification into the 2028 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.
 - The anglers finishing 2nd and 3rd based on the three-day cumulative weight:
 - B.A.S.S. Nation's Best Logo use
 - Bassmaster Classic qualification
 - And fully paid entries into the Bassmaster EQ series or 1 Opens Division