

# 2025 Junior Guidelines

## General Information

- Entry fee for each tournament is \$50.
- Entry fee is nonrefundable/nontransferable once a team is accepted into a tournament.
  - Partner changes are due three weeks prior to the first day of competition. No partner changes will be allowed after this date. If someone cannot fish within three weeks of the tournament, then their partner must fish alone. **The partner change fee is \$50. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
  - Boat captain changes are due no later than 10 days prior to the tournament.
  - If a team is on the waiting list, they can cancel at any time and receive a full refund.
  - Any team on the waiting list who has not been accepted into the tournament will be refunded after registration.
  - All refunds will be issued back to the card used to pay the entry fee, unless B.A.S.S. is notified that the card has been canceled/expired, in which case a refund check will be processed.
  - The full field for each tournament is 50 teams.
  - All cancellations, refund requests and waiting list cancellations must be submitted via email to [junior@bassmaster.com](mailto:junior@bassmaster.com).

## Registration

Group	Registration Starts
All Anglers	Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – 3:00 p.m. CST

- All anglers must have an active B.A.S.S. membership and B.A.S.S. Nation membership. Make sure your memberships are current prior to registration.
- All entries will be based on the timestamp in which they are received — first come, first served.

## Required Paperwork

- Each angler must complete a waiver and a W-9 form prior to practice through our online signature company.
- The waiver and W-9 document are a two-step process to be completed first by the parent/guardian and then by the angler.
- The boat captain must complete a waiver.
- The waiver and W-9 document will only need to be completed once per season and per trail.
- All anglers and boat captains must submit proof of Boater Safety Course completion using the links below:
  - **Junior Angler:** <https://eform.pandadoc.com/?eform=b08b9c61-8fb7-4171-b729-f62847365fb0>
  - **Junior Boat Captain:** <https://eform.pandadoc.com/?eform=fd15c11e-84c7-4bdf-9f43-9d1deebccac8>

## 2025 Junior Championship Qualifications

- The Top 10 teams from each tournament will qualify for the National Championship if **25** or more teams participate. If there are less than 25 teams, the top 10% will advance.
- Each state with an active B.A.S.S. Nation Trail will receive **3** berths to the Junior National Championship to be given away at their respective. State Championships.

## 2026 High School Exhibition Qualifications

- The Junior National Championship winners will qualify to compete in the Bassmaster Classic High School Exhibition.

## 2025 Deadline Dates

Tournament	Registration Deadline	Partner Change Deadline	Boat Captain Change Deadline
Harris Chain of Lakes, Fla.	January 5, 2025	January 12, 2025	January 16, 2025
Smith Lake, Ala.	February 8, 2025	February 16, 2025	February 20, 2025
Lake Tenkiller, Okla.	March 9, 2025	March 16, 2025	March 20, 2025

Buggs Island Lake, Va.	April 13, 2025	April 20, 2025	April 24, 2025
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### **New 2025 Junior Requirement**

- If an angler is going to operate the boat in any manner, he/she must be Boater Safety certified (see above under "Required Paperwork").
- All boat captains must be Boater Safety certified (see above under "Required Paperwork").
- Proof of completion must be submitted one week prior to the first day of official practice for the event you are competing in. Any boat captain or angler who practices during official practice without submitting proof of a completed boater safety course will be disqualified from the event.