## 2025 BASSMASTER ELITE SERIES AMBASSADOR GUIDELINES

All Ambassadors must be an active B.A.S.S. member and 15 years of age or older. Ambassadors are required to sign a liability release. Ambassadors under the age of 18 (19 in Alabama & Nebraska / 21 in Mississippi) must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian on their liability release.

Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. AmBASSadors will receive a full refund if not accepted for the registered event.

Immediate family members (spouse/significant other, father, mother, or children) of an Elite angler are not allowed to enter as an AmBASSador. You must inform the tournament director if you are a registered AmBASSador traveling with an Elite Angler. Any candidate for AmBASSador who, in the judgment of the tournament director, is compromised in such a manner as to unfairly hinder their partner or endanger the safety and well-being of their partner or themselves may not be eligible. If in doubt, please contact the B.A.S.S. tournament department at 205-313-0900 prior to entry.

The tournament information (Schedule of Events & BassTrakk/Skype training video) will be emailed to you a week before the event, but you can log onto <a href="https://www.bassmaster.com/elite">www.bassmaster.com/elite</a> and click on Resources to view the Schedule of Events.

**Competition Days 1 & 2** - All Elite Series registered and confirmed AmBASSadors are guaranteed to go out on days one and two.

Competition Day 3 - Pro field size on day three will be cut to the top 50. AmBASSador Selection Process for day 3: 10 B.A.S.S. Live Cameras 30 AmBASSadors based on your original registration timestamp 10 Super AmBASSadors

## Super AmBASSador Criteria:

- Entering the correct weight the angler tells you for each fish in BassTrakk
- Ability to provide blogs and photos of the angler's day. Please email or text info to <u>update@bassmaster.com</u>
- Skyping

## **Competition Day 4** – No AmBASSadors

An AmBASSador's role is to have fun and help us enhance the online experience by operating BassTrakk, Skype and blogging for Bassmaster.com. A training video will be emailed to you a week before the event.

Elite anglers and AmBASSadors are to be honest and timely with catch and weight reports.

You need to bring your own foul weather gear, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, etc.

Elite anglers are required to make one dry storage compartment available to AmBASSadors and ample space to ice food and drinks.

In the interest of comfort and fit, it is recommended you bring your own Coast Guard approved, chest type PFD.

No tournament trail logos other than B.A.S.S. properties will be allowed on clothing, rainsuits, PFDs, etc.

No alcohol or drugs are allowed in the boat.

During competition, Elite anglers are allowed to fish from anywhere inside the boat. AmBASSadors should make every reasonable effort not to get in their way while they are fishing or landing fish.

Ambassadors are not allowed to share information with Elite Anglers that would help them locate or catch bass on tournament waters or navigate to fishing areas.

Ambassadors are not allowed to handle the Elite Anglers fish or cull for the angler.

AmBASSadors are allowed to drive boats only in cases of emergency or with permission from tournament officials with the exception of loading and unloading boats from trailers. All cost of boat operation is the responsibility of Elite anglers.

When idling in shallow areas, Elite anglers are allowed to ask AmBASSadors to move their sitting position as long as the AmBASSadors can place their feet in the bottom of the boat. If the Angler gets stuck, AmBASSadors cannot depart the boat to assist.

AmBASSadors are allowed to carry still cameras, personal cell phones, tablets or a GoPro. AmBASSador's photos should be discussed with Elite angler partners regarding backgrounds, landmarks, etc. Please submit photos to <a href="mailto:update@bassmaster.com">update@bassmaster.com</a>.

AmBASSadors cannot log onto Bassmaster.com to access BassTrakk totals during competition hours.

If the AmBASSador is comfortable doing so, they may assist the angler with their personal POV camera.

AmBASSadors are not allowed to carry GPS systems, make personal calls or text information to anyone other than B.A.S.S. media or tournament officials unless in an emergency situation.

Elite anglers and AmBASSadors may leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather where danger may be imminent, in case of an emergency or for needed restroom breaks.

In the event of an emergency situation, call 911 first, then notify tournament officials.

In breakdown situations, Elite anglers may transfer their fish to another Elite competitor's boat, or a tournament official-designated rescue boat, and ride to check in, and they may leave their Ambassador with the disabled boat. Ambassadors do not have to stay with the disabled boat. This is voluntary.

Once bass are bagged for weigh-in, AmBASSadors are not required to accompany their angler partner through the weigh-in process.

AmBASSadors are not allowed to fish on tournament waters until after the tournament is over.