



2026 BASSMASTER ELITE SERIES

AmBASSador Guidelines

◆ Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an active B.A.S.S. member.
- Must be 15 years of age or older.
- A signed liability release is required.
- Minors (under 18, or under 19 in AL/NE, or under 21 in MS) must also have a parent or legal guardian's signature.
- Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable, unless you are not accepted into the event.

◆ Restrictions

- Immediate family members (spouse/significant other, parents, or children) of Elite anglers may not participate.
- If you are traveling with an Elite angler, you must notify the tournament director.
- If you may be compromised in a way that impacts fairness or safety, you may be deemed ineligible.
 - When in doubt, contact B.A.S.S. Tournament Dept: 205-313-0900.

◆ Event Information

- Schedule of Events and the BassTrakk training video will be emailed one week before the event.
 - You can also visit: www.bassmaster.com/elite → Click on "Resources" to view the schedule.
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◆ Competition Day Breakdown

Days 1 & 2 (Full Field)

- All confirmed AmbASSadors will go out with anglers. You will receive your pairings via text each evening.

Day 3 (Top 50 Pros Only)

Selection Process (40 AmbASSadors total):

- 10 B.A.S.S. Live Cameras
- 30 AmbASSadors selected based on registration timestamp
- 10 chosen as Super AmbASSadors

Details:

- **There is no meeting after the weigh-in on Friday.**
- The AmbASSador list for Day 3 will be posted behind the weigh-in stage.
- The list will include two columns:
 - First column: The first 30 AmbASSadors to register (guaranteed a spot)
 - Second column: The “waiting list”
- If you’re on either list for Day 3 and cannot participate, please cross your name off the list.
- Day 3 pairings will include the first 30 registered AmbASSadors (skipping any names that were marked off) plus the 10 Super AmbASSadors.
- Day 3 AmbASSadors will receive a pairings text after the weigh-in.

Important Reminder:

If you do not want to be on the AmbASSador list for Day 3, please cross your name off the list. The list will be posted behind the weigh-in stage on the white fencing. Again, there is no meeting after the weigh-in for the Day 3 selection.

Super AmbASSador Criteria

- Accurately enter angler-reported weights in BassTrakk.
- Provide blogs and photos (email/text to: update@bassmaster.com).

Day 4 (Top 10 Pros Only)

- No AmbASSadors
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◆ Your Role as an AmBASSador

- Help enhance the online experience by:
 - Operating BassTrakk
 - Blogging for Bassmaster.com
 - Be honest and timely with catch and weight reports.
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◆ What to Bring

- Foul weather gear
 - Sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent
 - Coast Guard-approved chest-type PFD (recommended for comfort/fit)
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◆ Boat & On-Water Conduct

- Elite anglers must provide:
 - One dry storage compartment
 - Space for your food and drinks
 - No tournament trail logos (except B.A.S.S.) on clothing, gear, or PFDs.
 - No alcohol or drugs allowed in the boat.
 - AmBASSadors should not interfere with angler's fishing or fish landing.
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◆ Prohibited Actions

AmBASSadors may not:

- Share location or fishing info with Elite anglers.
- Handle fish or cull for anglers.
- Operate boats, except:
 - In an emergency
 - With official permission

- Or when loading/unloading from trailers
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◆ Camera & Media Guidelines

- May carry:
 - Still cameras
 - Cell phones/tablets
 - GoPro or personal POV cameras
 - Discuss photo/video usage with angler (re: backgrounds/landmarks).
 - Submit media to: update@bassmaster.com
 - Cannot access BassTrakk totals on Bassmaster.com during competition hours.
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◆ Communication Rules

- Only communicate with B.A.S.S. media or officials during competition.
 - No personal calls or texts unless in an emergency during competition.
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◆ Emergencies & Weather

- In emergencies:
 1. Call 911
 2. Notify tournament officials
 - AmBASSadors and anglers may leave the boat during:
 - Bad weather
 - Restroom breaks
 - Emergencies
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◆ Boat Breakdown Procedures

- Anglers may:
 - Transfer fish to another Elite competitor or rescue boat.

- Leave AmBASSador with the disabled boat (optional for AmBASSador).
 - AmBASSadors are not required to stay with a broken-down boat.
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◆ **Weigh-In & Fishing Restrictions**

- AmBASSadors are not required to attend weigh-in with anglers.
 - Fishing on tournament waters is prohibited for AmBASSadors until the tournament ends.
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