



2026 Bassmaster Elite Qualifiers Overview

- Three (3) Events – must fish all events*
- 2027 Bassmaster Elite Series berth to the Top 10 in the Elite Qualifiers points standings
- 2027 Bassmaster Classic berth to each winner fishing all three events.
- ALL CASH payout
- 28 Day Off-limits
- Official practice is four (4) days prior to each event (see official rules), with the on-site registration day as an off-the-water day
- Mandatory check-in day before the start of the competition. Schedule times to be sent.
- Advertised payout based on 135 competitors. Adjusted for actual field size.
- No Co anglers
- No Exemptions

*Must COMPETE as a Pro angler in all three tournaments in the Elite Qualifiers and fish all days eligible to qualify, unless approved by the Tournament Director. If a winner is unqualified or double-qualified the additional spot will go to the Bassmaster Elite Series AOY list.

2026 Bassmaster Elite Qualifiers Format & Payout

Pro \$3,500 entry (\$2,000 deposit)

- Full field Days 1 and 2
- Top 10 pros fish Day 3
- Weights carry over all three days
- Five (5) fish limit
- Payout based on 135 competitors
- Final payout adjusted to a percentage of the actual field size (+/-135 competitors).
- Big Bass \$500 each tournament
- Total per event **\$378,060**

Payout Per Event				AOY Payout			
Place	Amount	Place	Amount	Place	Amount	Place	Amount
1	\$74,634	8	\$13,170	1	45000	6	7000
2	\$21,951	9	\$12,292	2	12000	7	6000
3	\$14,560	10	\$11,414	3	10000	8	5000
4	\$16,682	11-15	\$8,780	4	9000	9	4500
5	\$15,804	16-28	\$5,268	5	8000	10	3500
6	\$14,926	29-40	\$4,390				
7	\$14,048						