

2026 High School Guidelines

General Information

- Entry Fee is \$100 and is non-refundable/non-transferable once a team is accepted into a tournament.
- Full field for each tournament is 250 teams.
- Partner changes, boat captain changes, or team mergers must be completed at least 7 days before the competition. A \$50 fee applies, per change and all paperwork must be submitted by the deadline.
- Partner changes, boat captain changes, or team mergers within 7 days of the competition require Tournament Director approval and may incur a higher fee and are subject to denial.
- Waitlisted teams may cancel any time for a full refund.
- Teams not accepted from the waitlist will be canceled the week of the tournament and refunded.
- Refunds will be issued to the original card unless expired or canceled, in which case a check will be sent.
- All cancellations, refund requests and waiting list cancellations must be submitted via email to highschool@bassmaster.com

Registration

Group	Registration Starts
All Anglers	December 2, 2025 @ 9:00 AM CST

- All anglers must have an active B.A.S.S. membership and active B.A.S.S. Nation membership. Make sure your memberships are current prior to registration.
- All entries based on timestamp. First come, first served.
- All anglers **AND** boat captains must be Boater Safety Certified.

Required Paperwork

- Each angler's legal parent or guardian must complete a waiver and W9 prior to official practice.
- Each angler must submit proof of a completed boater's safety certificate. If you have submitted the boater safety form in a previous season, you are exempt from having to resubmit.
- The boat captain must submit both a waiver **AND** proof of a completed boater safety certificate. Boat captains are not exempt and must resubmit each tournament season.
- The waiver/W9 document only needs to be completed once per season.
- Paperwork must be turned in by the registration deadline (28-30 days prior to the tournament) or face a fee of \$50.00 per team.

2026 High School Championship Qualifications

- Top 10% from each B.A.S.S. run High School Opens tournament qualify for the championship.
- States with a B.A.S.S. Nation of 60+ active high school members get 2 berths; those with fewer than 60 get 1 berth, awarded at the State Championship.
- Number of berths is based on state membership numbers as of August 31, 2025.
- B.A.S.S. sanctioned high school team trails receive entries based on participation. Check with your trail director for qualification details.

2027 High School Exhibition Qualifications

- The top two (2) finishers from each Bassmaster High School Open
The Junior National Champion Winner