



2017 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Southern, Central, Northern Opens Overview

- **2018 Bassmaster Classic berth to the Pro Division winner of each BPS Bassmaster Opens tournament** (*must COMPETE as a pro angler in all three tournaments in division and fish all days eligible to qualify, unless approved by Tournament Director)
- Three (3) events in each BPS Bassmaster Opens Division
- CASH and MERCHANDISE payout for pro angler and co-angler
- No tournament waters off-limits
- Official practice Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday prior to each event (see official rules)
- Registration/check-in, Wednesdays @ 1pm - 4pm local time
- Briefings, Wednesdays @ 5pm local time
- Advertised payout based on 150 boats. Adjusted for actual field size.
- Pro / Co, random pairings
- The top 25 pros and co-anglers in each division receive early entry into 2018 BPS Bassmaster Opens to fish as pro or co-angler.
- FINAL DAY WEIGH-INS AT BASS PRO SHOPS (except Sabine River), top 12 pros and top 12 co-anglers to compete

2017 BPS Bassmaster Open Series Format – Competition days: Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Pro \$1,500 entry (\$600 deposit)

- o Full field days one and two
- o Top 12 day three
- o Weights carry over all three days
- o Five fish limit

Co-angler \$425 entry (\$200 deposit)

- o Full field days one and two
- o Top 12 day three paired with top 12 Pros @ random
- o Weights carry over all three days
- o THREE FISH LIMIT

2017 BPS Bassmaster Opens Payout (based on fields of 150)

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| - Pro Division each event | \$185,700 cash and merchandise |
| - Co-angler Division each event | \$66,300 cash and merchandise |
| - Total per event | \$252,000 cash and merchandise |
| - 2017 Bassmaster Opens (nine) | \$2,268,000 cash and merchandise |

Who qualifies for 2018 Elite Series from the BPS Bassmaster Opens Series?

Top 5 Pros in points from each of the 2017 BPS Bassmaster Southern, Northern and Central Opens Division that are not already Elite Series qualified are eligible for the 2018 Elite Series. If an angler qualifies through multiple divisions, the qualification will be the higher standing. B.A.S.S. reserves the right to work down respective Opens points standings.