



2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens Overview

- Four (4) events two (2) divisions. Eastern and Central 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 200 boats. Adjusted for actual field size.
- Pro / Co, random pairings
- The top 30 pros and co-anglers in each division receive early entry into 2019 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens to fish as pro or co-angler.
- FINAL DAY WEIGH-INS AT BASS PRO SHOPS (except Champlain), top 12 pros and top 12 co-anglers to compete

2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open Series Format – Competition days: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, random pairings all three days

Pro \$1,500 entry (\$500 deposit/\$1000 balance)

- 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/\$225 balance)

- 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

2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens Payout (based on fields of 200)

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| - Pro Division each event | \$212,000 cash and merchandise |
| - Co-angler Division each event | \$77,550 cash and merchandise |
| - Total per event | \$289,550 cash and merchandise |
| - 2018 Bassmaster Opens (eight events) | \$2,316,400 cash and merchandise |

2018 BPS Bassmaster Opens Championship – Location to be announced on Bassmaster.com

- NO ENTRY FEE
- Points from championship are added to regular season points for final standings.
- WHO QUALIFIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP? The pro and co-angler winners of each regular season Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open event and the Top 10 pro and co-anglers in final division points standing (excluding the four winners should they be in Top 10). A total of 14 pro/co-anglers qualifiers from each division. B.A.S.S. will work down the respective division pro and co-angler points list if necessary to achieve 14 qualifiers from each division. **NOTE:** Pro

and co-angler event winners must fish all four events in division to qualify. If winner is not qualified the spot will be filled from respective Open division's point's standings.

- 2019 GEICO Bassmaster Classic and Bassmaster Elite berths awarded to pro anglers following championship
- 2019 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open entry in division of choice awarded to winning co-angler following championship.
- Must compete as a pro/co-angler in all 4 tournaments in a division and fish all days eligible to qualify for the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens Championship, unless approved by Tournament Director.

Who qualifies for the 2019 GEICO Bassmaster Classic from the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open Championship?

The overall pro winner of the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open Championship and the Top 3 pro anglers in points from each of the 2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open divisions following the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open Championship. In the event of an angler double qualifying for the GEICO Bassmaster Classic from the 2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens and the 2018 Bassmaster Elite Series, the qualification will come from the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens and an additional spot will be awarded to the Elite Toyota AOY standings.

Who qualifies for 2019 Elite Series from the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens Series?

The overall pro winner of the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open Championship and the Top 5 pro anglers in points from each of the 2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens divisions, following the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens Championship, that are not already Elite Series qualified will be eligible for the 2019 Elite Series. If an Open angler qualifies through multiple Opens divisions, the qualification will be the higher points standing. B.A.S.S. reserves the right to work down respective Opens points standings.