

## 2023 BASSMASTER ELITE SERIES MARSHAL GUIDELINES

All Marshals must be an active B.A.S.S. member and 15 years of age or older. Marshals are required to sign a liability release. Marshals under the age of 18 (19 in Alabama & Nebraska / 21 in Mississippi) must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian on their liability release.

Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Marshals will receive a full refund if not accepted for the registered event.

Immediate family members or significant others of an Elite angler are not allowed to enter as a Marshal. You must let the tournament director know if you are a registered Marshal traveling with an Elite Angler. Any candidate for Marshal who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is compromised in such a manner as to unfairly hinder his/her partner or endanger the safety and well-being of their partner or themselves may not be eligible. If in doubt, please contact the B.A.S.S. tournament department at 205-313-0900 prior to entry.

The tournament information (Schedule of Events, Briefing video & BassTrakk/Skype training video) will be emailed to you a week before the event, but you can log onto [www.bassmaster.com/elite](http://www.bassmaster.com/elite) and click on Resources to view the Schedule of Events.

**Competition Days 1 & 2** - All Elite Series registered and confirmed Marshals are guaranteed to go out on days one and two.

**Competition Day 3** - Pro field size on day three will be cut to the top 50.

Marshal Selection Process for day 3:

10 B.A.S.S. Live Cameras

30 Marshals based on your original registration timestamp

10 Super Marshals

Super Marshal Criteria:

- A willingness to take part in the day's activities for the angler they are paired with
- Ability to provide blogs and photos of the angler's day
- A complete understanding of the rules
- A commitment to B.A.S.S. and our efforts to provide as much information as possible on the angler they are paired with in regards to everything on the water (including rules infractions) in order to provide a fair look at competition and a fair playing field
- Entering the correct weight the angler tells you for each fish in BassTrakk  
Skyping

**Competition Day 4** – No Marshals

A Marshal's role is to help us enhance the online experience by operating BassTrakk, Skype and blogging for Bassmaster.com. A training video will be emailed to you a week before the event. Pros and Marshals are to be honest and timely with catch and weight reports.

You need to bring your own foul weather gear, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, etc.

Elite Pros are required to make one dry storage compartment available to Marshals and ample space to ice food and drinks.

In the interest of comfort and fit, it is recommended you bring your own Coast Guard approved, chest type PFD.

No tournament trail logos other than B.A.S.S. properties will be allowed on clothing, rain suits, PFDs, etc.

No alcohol or drugs are allowed in the boat.

During competition, anglers are allowed to fish from anywhere inside the boat. Marshals should make every reasonable effort not to get in the way of Elite Anglers while they are fishing or landing fish.

Marshals are not allowed to share information with Elite Anglers that would help them locate or catch bass on tournament waters or navigate to fishing areas.

Marshals are not allowed to handle the Elite Anglers fish or cull for the angler.

Marshals are allowed to drive boats only in cases of emergency or with permission from tournament officials with exception of loading and unloading boats from trailers. All cost of boat operation is the responsibility of Elite Anglers.

When idling in shallow areas, Elite Anglers are allowed to ask Marshals to move their sitting position as long as the Marshal can place his/her feet in the bottom of the boat. If the Angler gets stuck, Marshals cannot depart the boat to assist.

Marshals are allowed to carry still cameras, personal cell phones, tablets or a GoPro. Marshal photos/videos should be discussed with Elite Angler partners regarding backgrounds, landmarks, etc. Please submit photos/videos to [update@bassmaster.com](mailto:update@bassmaster.com).

Marshals cannot log onto Bassmaster.com to access BassTrakk totals during competition hours.

If the Marshal is comfortable doing so, he/she may assist the angler with his personal POV camera.

Marshals are not allowed to carry GPS systems, make personal calls or text information to anyone other than B.A.S.S. media or tournament officials unless in an emergency situation.

Elite Anglers and Marshals may leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather where danger may be imminent, in case of an emergency or for needed restroom breaks.

In the event of an emergency situation, call 911 first, then, notify tournament officials.

In breakdown situations and with the Marshal's permission, Elite Anglers may transfer their fish to another Elite competitor's boat, or a tournament official-designated rescue boat, and ride to check in, and they may leave their Marshal with the disabled boat. Marshals do not have to stay with the disabled boat. This is voluntary.

Once bass are bagged for weigh-in, Marshals are not required to accompany their angler partners through the weigh-in process.

Marshals are not allowed to fish on tournament waters until after the tournament is over.