

2025 Bassmaster College Series Guidelines

General Information

- Entry Fee is \$100
- Entry fee is non-refundable/non-transferable once a team or individual is accepted into a tournament
- **Off-limits will begin 7 days prior to the first day of official practice per event. During this time, you are not allowed on tournament waters. This is applicable to anglers accepted in the tournament as well as the anglers on the waiting list**
- Partner changes are due 3 weeks prior to the first day of competition, no partner changes after, if someone cannot fish within 3 weeks of the tournament then their partner fishes alone. The partner change fee is \$50.00. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- If a team is on the waiting list, they can cancel at any time and receive a full refund of their entry fee.
- Any team not accepted into a tournament off the waiting list will be canceled the week of the tournament after the onsite registration and will be refunded.
- All refunds will be paid back to the card used for the entry unless B.A.S.S. is notified that the card has been canceled or expired, in which case a refund check will be processed.
- Full field for each tournament is 250 teams
- All refunds and cancellations must be submitted via email to college@bassmaster.com

Registration

Group	Registration Starts
Early Entry Codes	10/15/2024 3:00 pm CST
Legends Trail	10/22/2024 3:00 pm CST
Lunkers Trail	10/29/2024 3:00 pm CST
All Single Events	11/5/2024 3:00 pm CST

- Early entry codes will be given for the 2025 season to each of the following:
 - The 2024 Team of the Year
 - The 2024 College National Championship
 - Each college that participated in the 2024 High School Combine (1 code each)
 - The 2024 college bracket participants
- Each group who receives a code per the guidelines above will receive one early entry code per team.
- Early Entry registration is Tuesday, October 15, 3:00 pm – Tuesday, October 22 at 2:59 pm. If an angler does not use their early entry code during this period, they can register when it opens to everyone else, and their entry will be based on their registration timestamp.
- Having an early entry code does not guarantee registration, it just gives them the first opportunity to register.
- All anglers must have an active B.A.S.S. membership and B.A.S.S. Nation membership. Make sure your memberships are current prior to registration.
- How the registration will work for 2025 entries:
 - All entries will be based on timestamp
 - Each school will initially be allowed 10 teams per trail, not including teams that used an early entry code. Any teams after the first 10 based on timestamp will be placed on the waiting list in timestamp order if the tournament is full.
 - The field size of 250 teams will be filled based on the timestamp with any schools in excess of 10 teams going on the waiting list if the tournament is full.
 - If a team from the field drops out their spot will be filled by working down the waiting list (all on timestamp order). If the team that drops out is one of 10 teams from a school the spot will still be filled on the timestamped waitlist, it will not go to the next team from that school on the waiting list.
- Legends Trail will open on 10/22/2024. All Legends Trail registrants will be notified of their tournament status prior to registration for the Lunkers Trail opening. Lunkers Trail will open on 10/29/2024.

Required Paperwork

- Each angler must complete a waiver and W9 (or other applicable tax paperwork) prior to practice
- The waiver and W9 are combined documents to be completed through our online e-signature company.
- The waiver/tax document only needs to be completed once per tournament trail.

- Boater Safety Course: Each angler must complete a boater safety course and submit proof to the link below by the first day of official practice per trail you or your team chooses to compete in. <https://eform.pandadoc.com/?eform=8c76fa73-d805-4177-860e-0554fbfa9720>

Individual Team of the Year Point Races

- Anglers must fish each tournament as a team (or a solo individual) for their points to count towards Team of the Year standings in their respective trail(s).
- Team of the Year points start when you are confirmed into the trail of your choice. For example, you sign up for Legends Trail, do not get confirmed in, and are waiting list. You then sign up for Lunkers and are confirmed in, your points will only carry in the Lunkers trail. Team of the Year points **ONLY** carry in the trail you are confirmed in first.
- Should an angler miss a tournament or a split occurs between teammates, where one angler chooses not to fish anymore the points will stay with the angler that continues to fish.
- In situations where there is a “Split” among teammates and both anglers choose to continue participating in a trail, both anglers will lose all tournament points earned at the time of the “Split”.
- B.A.S.S. does not work down tournament standings for Team of the Year for the Championship qualifications.
- Overall Team of the Year will be awarded at the National Championship.

2025 College Championship Qualifications

- The top 10% from each tournament qualify for the championship. (For example, with 215 teams we will round up to 22 teams to qualify)
- Top 20 teams from the two Team of the Year Races qualify. No work downs.
- Each state nation that runs a college state championship gets one berth. (Must have 5 or more teams competing in the tournament to receive 1 berth.) Must send in rosters to college@bassmaster.com. by June 2, 2025.

2025 College Bracket Qualifications

- Each Team of the Year race champion
 - Lunkers Trail
 - Legends Trail
 - Overall Team of the Year
 - National Champions
- Should any of the 3 above be a duplication, B.A.S.S. will work down the Overall Team of the Year points to get to 4 teams. However, if the National Championship is a duplication of Team of the Year, then that spot goes to the National Championship 2nd Place.

2025 Deadline Dates

Tournament	Registration Deadline	Partner Change Deadline
Legends – Harris Chain of Lakes, FL	January 7, 2025	January 14, 2025
Legends – Smith Lake, AL	January 28, 2025	February 4, 2025
Legends – Lake Eufaula, OK	March 12, 2025	March 18, 2025
Lunkers – Clewiston, FL	January 1, 2025	January 15, 2025
Lunkers –Buggs Island, VA	April 2, 2025	April 9, 2025
Lunkers – Chickamauga Lake, TN	May 2, 2025	May 9, 2025

New 2025 Rule Requirements

- All anglers are required to have completed a Boater Safety Course. Proof of completion must be submitted one week before the first day of official practice for the event you are competing in. Any angler who practices during official practice without submitting proof of a completed boater safety course will be disqualified from the event.