

5/17
LAKE GEORGE

6:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

5/24
PARADOX LAKE

6:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

6/14
SARANAC CHAIN

5:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

7/26
TUPPER LAKE

5:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

8/23
LAKE CHAMPLAIN

5:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

Tournaments Available On:



USA Bassin Entry Fee:

\$7.25 Tourney X

\$50.00 Tournament

\$10.00 Big Bass

\$30.00 USA Bassin Annual Membership Due Before Angler Can Participate In Tournaments. A USA Bassin Membership Is Valid from September 1st, Thru August 31st

Awards will be presented during the USA Bassin Kayak LIVE Awards show. All winning anglers from the events will be invited to join the livestream, where they can share insights about the tournament. This LIVE show aims to spotlight the accomplishments of the anglers participating in USA Bassin Tournaments.

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KAYAK CLASSIC

Powered By **Jackson Kayak**

LAKE BARKLEY

OCTOBER 1ST THRU OCTOBER 3RD

EVENT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 1ST

- REGISTRATION: 4:00 PM
- PRE TOURNAMENT MEETING: 5:00 PM

OCTOBER 2ND

- LAUNCH: 5:30 AM
- LINES IN: 6:00 AM
- LINES OUT: 2:00 PM

OCTOBER 3RD

- LAUNCH: 5:30AM
- LINES IN: 6:00AM
- LINES OUT: 2:00PM
- AWARDS: 4:00PM



+ \$5,000 Cash
(Based on 50 Entries)



\$150.00 ENTRY

Anglers with 250 points in the USA Bassin Kayak Trail will qualify for the USA Bassin Kayak Classic.

Anglers that finish 1st place in their Division Points or with the Divisions BIG BASS of the year will receive a free entry into the Tournament of Champions. This event is held in conjunction with the USA Bassin Kayak Classic.



USA Bassin Rules & Membership Form

Angler: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Kayak: _____
Model: _____ Model Year: _____
Motor: _____

Member ID: _____
Member Fee \$30.00 (Check For Payment Received)
1st Year USA Bassin Member? YES or NO

1. Membership and Eligibility

Participation in all Jackson Kayak Trail events is strictly limited to current USA BASSIN members who are 16 years of age or older. Participants under the age of 18 must provide a signed release and permission from a parent or legal guardian.

Membership Details

- Cost: \$30.00 per person.
- Youth Membership: Individuals under the age of 19 before September 1st receive a complimentary "Youth" membership.
- Benefits: A USA BASSIN membership permits participation in any USA BASSIN Tournament nationwide.
- Season: The official USA BASSIN season spans from September 1st through August 31st.
- Tournament Officials: The Tournament Director and other tournament officials are eligible to fish in all USA BASSIN events.
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2. Tournament Entry Fees:

The entry fee varies by division.

- 5-Tournament Divisions: The cost is \$50.00 per kayak for each tournament. This price includes a \$10.00 contribution to the Big Bass Pot.
- 10-Tournament Divisions: The cost is \$25.00 per kayak for each tournament. This price includes a \$5.00 contribution to the Big Bass Pot.

A separate TourneyX Fee of \$7.25 will be added to all entry fees to cover the cost of the event software/app usage.

Please note that the Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the stated entry fees for specific tournament locations that may impose an additional lake usage fee or require the collection of sales tax.

3. Eligible Watercraft:

- Vessels must be a minimum of 9 feet and a maximum of 18 feet in length.
- Catamaran-style personal fishing vessels are eligible, provided they comply with all other regulations.

The following vessels are prohibited: Homemade kayaks, sailboats, Jon boats, pirogues, coracles, rowboats, dinghies, skiffs, float tubes, inflatable rafts or rigid inflatable boats (e.g., Zodiac), pontoon boats, pontoon-style pond boats, twin-hull watercraft, or similar vessels.

4. Propulsion and Motor Restrictions:

- Propulsion is limited to paddle, pedal, pole, or electric motor.
- A maximum of one electric motor may be attached to the kayak.

The electric motor's output may not exceed the lesser of:

- The manufacturer's labeled Maximum HP/Thrust Capacity,
- 3 HP, or
- 155 foot-pounds of thrust.

The electric motor must be securely attached for safe operation.

- Competitors using a motorized kayak/electric-propulsion watercraft must adhere to all applicable boating regulations concerning registration, use, and operating restrictions for the designated fishing area.

Anchoring:

- The use of both manual and motorized anchor systems is permitted.

5. Tournament App:

All Competitions are conducted using TourneyX. Each angler who wishes to participate in such an event must create a, free, TourneyX user account before the first day of competition.

6. Point Scoring System:

For divisions with five tournaments, a 100-point scoring system will be used.

- 1st place: 100 points
- 2nd place: 99 points
- 3rd place: 98 points
- (and so on)

All anglers who do not weigh in a fish will receive 50 participation points.

10-Tournament Divisions= 50 points scoring system: All Anglers not weighing in a fish receive 50 participation points.

Divisional Champions= will be determined by the Angler that has the highest final total points in said division. The points an Angler receives from each tournament will be automatically added to the standings of the division you fished and to "National Points Standings" located on the home page of the USA BASSIN Web Site. All Anglers that finish the season with 250 National points will qualify for the USA Bassin Kayak Classic.

7. Tackle and Fishing Methods

- a. **Catch Requirement:** All bass must be caught alive by the competing angler, in a conventional sporting manner, and from their own vessel.
- b. **Lure Regulations:** Only artificial lures are permitted, with the exception of pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits. All lures must also comply with state regulations.
- c. **Rod and Line Usage:**
 - i. Anglers are limited to using only **ONE** fishing rod at a time.
 - ii. A new cast may not be initiated until the previous cast is fully completed.
 - iii. At no time may more than one lure from one rod be actively fishing in the water.
- d. **Rig Types:** Alabama rigs, similar umbrella-type rigs, and the "Donkey Rig – Double Fluke" are allowed, subject only to the laws of the state where the competition is taking place.
- e. **Prohibited Methods:** Trolling as a method of fishing is strictly prohibited. Long lining and drifting with the current or wind are permitted.
- f. **Sight Fishing:** Any bass caught while sight fishing must be hooked inside the mouth.
- g. **Fish Handling:** Fish must not be kept on stringers. Temporary fish gripping devices are acceptable for holding fish in the water.

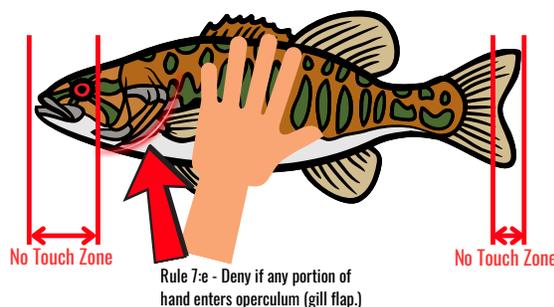
8. Official Photo Submission Guidelines:

These guidelines are strictly enforced to ensure the accurate scoring of all fish submissions. Failure to comply with these criteria may result in disqualification of the angler, the catch, or a reduction in the measured length.

A. Photo Quality and Content Requirements:

Each photo submission must meet the following criteria to avoid penalties or disqualification:

1. Measuring Device: The entire fish, from the tip of the lip to the end of the tail, must be clearly visible on an approved measuring device.
2. Identifier Code: The assigned unique identifier code must be visible in the photo.
3. Angle: The photo must be an overhead shot, taken directly down, not at an angle.
4. No Obstructions on Fish: The fish must be clear of any holding devices, fishing lures, or hooks.
5. **Critical Viewpoints:** The lip, eye, and tail end must not be obstructed. This includes obstructions by the angler's hand or the identifier code.
 - o Tail: Pinching and holding the tail is permitted, provided no portion of the fish is covered. Tournament officials must clearly see the tip of the tail and the measuring board markings with no obstructions.
 - o Eye: A covered eye will result in the disqualification of the catch, necessitating the submission of a better, legal photo.
6. **Hands/Fingers:** Hands and fingers must not be placed in the gill plate.



****The Competitor's hand may only be placed behind the eye, mouth and over the caudal peduncle. FISH WILL BE DENIED if any portion in the NO TOUCH ZONE is covered.****

B. Photo and Video Integrity:

1. File Type: Only the original/raw photo file is acceptable. Screenshots, crops, duplicates, and edited photos will be disqualified.
2. Angler Responsibility: The quality of all submitted photos and videos is the sole responsibility of the angler.
3. Uploading: Anglers must be prepared to manually upload photos by transferring them via a USB port to the official judge's computer using the necessary cables, cords, and software.

C. Protocol for Questionable or Deceased Fish:

If a submitted fish has a glossy or damaged eye, appears to be dead, or has other unusual markings, the angler must take the following steps:

1. Video Documentation: Record a video showing the fish on the KETCH Board and clearly identifying the area(s) of concern.
2. Release Confirmation: Immediately following the documentation, the video must show the fish being placed back into the water and actively swimming away alive.
3. Recommended Release Video: Anglers are encouraged (though not required) to take a release video for every fish, starting with the fish on the measuring board, showing the identifier, and then showing the fish actively swimming away.

D. Tournament Scoring and Issues:

1. Single Count: A submitted fish will count only once toward an angler's aggregate score for the tournament.
2. Culling Rule: If a fish submitted on Day 1 is culled and does not appear in an angler's Top 5 fish, that fish can be caught again and counted toward a Day 2 total, provided the date and time stamp align with the current day.
3. Immediate Reporting: Any questionable issues concerning a fish must be immediately brought to the attention of a USA Bassin official.

Compliance with the criteria above is mandatory to avoid possible penalty or disqualification.

9. Video Release Protocols for Conservation and Scoring Integrity:

All participants must adhere to the following video recording protocols, which are essential for maintaining the highest standards of conservation, fish health, and scoring accuracy.

Mandatory Video: Compromised Fish

A video is MANDATORY for any fish exhibiting signs of compromise to be eligible for scoring. Failure to provide a clear, valid video for a compromised fish will result in immediate disqualification of that entry.

When a Video is Required:

- Eye Damage: Cloudy, glossy, opaque, or "popped" eyes.
- Physical Anomalies/Markings: Unusual sores, blood, unique deformities, or damaged eyes.
- Signs of Distress/Health Issues: Lethargic, unresponsive, or dying behavior.

The video must be continuous and clearly document the following:

1. On the Measuring Board: Clearly show the fish on the measuring board with the Identifier Code visible, specifically highlighting the area(s) of concern (e.g., cloudy eye, sore).
2. The Release & Recovery: Immediately follow with the uninterrupted release into the water. The video must conclude by documenting the fish actively swimming away under its own power (the "resumption of swimming").

Why this Matters: This rule protects you. By documenting the successful release, you provide undeniable proof of CPR (Catch, Photo, Release) compliance, even with a pre-existing injury.----

-Standard Release Video: The "Gold Standard" (Highly Recommended for ALL Fish)

While mandatory only for compromised fish, it is strongly advised that anglers record a release video for every fish submitted to prevent scoring disputes.

Standard Release Video Best Practices:

1. The Setup (Start on the Board): The fish positioned correctly on the measuring board with the Identifier Code clearly visible.
2. The Action (The Release): The uninterrupted transition from the board to the water.
3. The Recovery (The Kick): Clear footage of the fish actively swimming away under its own power.

Pro Tip: No video of a "compromised" fish = No Score. When in doubt, film the release!

10. Official Measuring Device

- a. The mandatory and official measuring devices for the USA Bassin Kayak Trail Series and its subsidiaries are the BUBBA, KETCH, and YAKATTACK Leaderboard measuring boards.
- b. Each contestant is responsible for providing their own official measuring device.
- c. USA Bassin staff reserves the right to inspect measuring devices at any time (before, during, or after the tournament).
- d. Use of an unauthorized or illegal measuring device will result in the competitor's disqualification from the tournament.

11. Scoring Rules

- a. Method: Scoring is based on the cumulative length of each contestant's longest verified catches, utilizing the Catch, Photograph, and Release (CPR) method.
- b. Measurement: Fish length is measured in 1/4-inch increments and will be rounded down to the nearest 1/4 inch.
- c. Eligible Species: Only Black Bass species are eligible, which include Largemouth, Spotted, Guadalupe, Shoal, Smallmouth, and any hybrid of these species.
- d. Minimum Length & Validity: All scored fish must measure a minimum of 12 inches with the mouth completely closed. Any fish failing to meet this minimum length will not be scored. A submitted fish may only count once toward an angler's total score for the entire tournament.
- e. Tournament Score: An angler's score will be the total length of their five longest verified catches. This constitutes the daily limit of the best five fish.

12. Scoring Deductions and Rules:

- Mouth Open: A deduction of 1 inch will be applied.
- Minimum Length: All measurements are rounded down to the nearest quarter-inch (e.g., 20 7/8" becomes 20 3/4"). Fish below the minimum required length will not be scored.
- Contact with Board: The fish's lip or tail must be touching the measuring board to be scored; otherwise, it will result in "No Score."

13. Tie-Breakers:

- USA BASSIN Kayak Tournaments: Ties will be resolved by comparing the length of the longest fish, then the next longest, continuing until all fish contributing to the anglers' limits have been compared.
- USA BASSIN KAYAK TRAIL Divisional Champion: Ties for the Divisional Champion title will be broken in favor of the angler who accumulated the greatest total length of fish over the entire season.

14. Tournament Limits:

Competitors are restricted to a five-fish limit per tournament. Anglers may upload more than five fish submissions; however, the TourneyX system is designed to automatically select and display only the five longest bass for each angler's final score.

15. Lines In and Lines Out:

The tournament director will establish these official fishing times. Safety must always be paramount at all events.

Lighting Requirements: A 360-degree light is mandatory for any angler launching before or after safelight. Anglers using motors must also comply with all state laws regarding vessel lighting.

Clarity and Disqualification: Launch and off-the-water times are distinct from the official "Lines In" and "Lines Out" times. These times must be clearly communicated to all participants, allowing sufficient time for anglers to gather for weigh-in/awards. Any angler found to be fishing outside of the set "Lines In" and "Lines Out" times will face disqualification.

16. Safety / Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Requirements:

- Safety on the water is paramount. All contestants are required to wear a properly fastened, chest-type, U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) while fishing from or maneuvering their kayak throughout tournament hours. Inflatable belt-type PFDs are strictly prohibited.
- Every kayak must also be equipped with an emergency whistle and either a 360-degree light or installed LEDs that are visible from all angles.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten, postpone, or cancel tournament days if weather or water conditions are deemed unsafe. Competitors are permitted to leave their boat to seek immediate shelter when bad weather or imminent danger arises (e.g., lightning, excessive wind, hazards from pleasure boaters or hunters, etc.). Competitors are expected to exercise sound judgment and are personally accountable for their actions when faced with a potentially dangerous situation.

17. Sportsmanship:

Contestants are expected to uphold high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation throughout the event. Immediate disqualification will result from drunkenness. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited in boats during tournament hours.

18. Off-Limits and Proximity to Competitors

Off-Limits Areas:

The tournament director will specify and announce all off-limits areas at the mandatory pre-tournament meeting. Fishing in any designated off-limits area will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament.

Proximity to Competitors:

Anglers are prohibited from fishing closer than 50 yards to another competitor who is anchored. If an angler grants permission for another competitor to fish closer, this permission extends to all other competitors.

Holding Spots:

Using a non-contestant to "hold" or reserve a fishing location for a team or angler is strictly forbidden and will result in disqualification.

19. Leaving Your Boat

Competitors are required to remain in their boats throughout the duration of the tournament. The only exceptions permitted are in the event of:

- Illness.
- Brief excursions for necessities ("nature calling").
- Severe storms or other comparable hazards.

Should an angler need to leave the tournament waters early for any reason, they must attempt to contact the Tournament Director before departing.

20. Cheating and Protests

Immediate disqualification from all U.S.A. BASSIN events will occur for anyone found cheating in any tournament. Compliance with all State rules and regulations is mandatory. Any protests must be submitted to the Divisional Tournament Director within 24 hours of the "lines out" call.

22. Refusal of Membership and Entry:

USA BASSIN Tournament Trail Events reserves the right to refuse membership or deny entry into any of its events.

23. Tournament Rules:

Tournament rules and regulations are subject to change at any time before the event begins. Any information presented orally or in print, including but not limited to details found on USA BASSIN's website and flyers, should be considered an indication of expected rules and may not be the final, accurate version used at the tournament. For the most up-to-date rules, please check the USA BASSIN website or contact the tournament director.

Liability Release: In consideration of membership in U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit (" USA BASSIN") as well as being granted permission to participate in the fishing tournaments and other events held or sponsored by USA BASSIN (the "Events"), THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY RELEASES, DISCHARGES, WAIVES AND RELINQUISHES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH OCCURRING TO HIM/HERSELF ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO , OR CONNECTED WITH IN ANY MANNER ENTRY OR PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS, wherever or however the same may occur and for whatever period said activities may continue, and the undersigned agrees that under no circumstances will he/she or his/her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns prosecute or present any claim for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death against USA. BASSIN, LLC, USA BASSIN: The Next Generation, Inc. or any of their principals, officers, directors, employees, or agents ("Released Persons") for any of said causes of actions, whether the same shall arise by the negligence of any of said persons, or otherwise. The undersigned further and separately agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless Released Persons from any loss, liability, damage, or cost, including but not limited to court costs and attorney's fees, that they may incur, in connection with participation in Events, whether caused by the negligence of Released Persons or otherwise. This release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the applicable law. The undersigned further states that he/she has carefully read the foregoing, knows the contents thereof, and has signed this release as his/her own free act. Any member agrees, by his or her signature on this agreement, to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination, commonly referred to as a truth verification test, and to abide by its conclusion. Truth verifications test(s) will be used at USA BASSIN'S sole discretion and administered by it or its agents. Refusal to take or failure to pass the examination as determined by USA BASSIN will result in disqualification, at the sole discretion of USA BASSIN. The undersigned HEREBY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by or against the undersigned regarding any matter whatsoever in connection with the tournament. Verification of liability insurance: I, the undersigned, further state that I am a current member of USA BASSIN and that I maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in any USA BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. Attorney's Fees: Only USA BASSIN and Released Persons are entitled to recover their attorney's fees. The undersigned is not entitled to recover attorney's fees regardless of the outcome of any litigation or settlement. The laws of the State of Indiana, excluding only its choice of law provisions, shall govern the validity, enforcement, and interpretation of this Contract. Any dispute or cause of action under this Contract shall exclusively be filed and resolved in a state court located in Lawrence County, Indiana and the undersigned irrevocably agrees to submit to personal and subject matter jurisdiction in the same. I signify by my signature that I have read and understand the above agreement and all USA BASSIN Rules.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail Membership form to Tournament Director
Contact USA BASSIN at usabassinfishing@gmail.com for details on becoming a director!!
All Federal, State, and Local laws, rules, markings, orders, and warnings must be followed. Violation of any laws may be cause for disqualification.





Tournament Identification Tag

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