

2026 B.A.S.S. Nation Series Guidelines

General Information

- Entry Fee is \$400 for boaters and \$200 for non-boaters/co-anglers
- Entry fee is non-refundable/non-transferable once you are accepted into a tournament
- If you are on the waitlist, you can cancel at any time and receive a full refund of their entry fee.
- Any angler not accepted into a tournament off the waiting list will be canceled the week of the tournament after on-site 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/expired, and then a refund check will be processed or if paid via ACH.
- Full field for each tournament is 225 boaters
- All requests for refunds and cancellations must be submitted via email to bn@bassmaster.com

Registration

Group	Registration Starts
State Nation Early Entry Codes	Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 9:00 am cst
State Nation members Zoned for each Qualifier	Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 9:00 am cst
All Nation Members	Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 9:00 am cst

- Early entry codes will be given for the 2026 season to each of the following:
 - 2025 B.A.S.S. Nation Champion
 - 2025 B.A.S.S. Nation Non-Boater Champion
 - All 2025 B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Champions – Boater and Non-Boater
 - State Nation Early Entry Qualifiers – 20 per state
- Each group that receives a code per the guidelines above will receive one early entry code per angler.
- 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 2026 entries:
 - All entries will be based on timestamp
 - The field size of 225 boats will be filled based on the timestamp with any anglers in excess going on the wait list.
 - If an angler from the field drops out their spot will be filled by working down the waiting list (all on timestamp order).
- Waiting List refunds will be processed after all of the registrations have been processed.

Required Paperwork

- Each angler must complete a waiver and W9 or appropriate tax paperwork prior to official practice.
- The waiver and W9 are a combined document to be completed through our online e-signature company.
- The waiver/W9 document only needs to be completed once per series.
- Each angler must submit proof of a completed boater's safety certificate. If you have submitted the boater safety form in a previous season, you are exempt from having to resubmit.

2026 Nation Championship Qualification Guidelines

- The top 10%, boater and nonboater, from each Nation Regional Championship qualifies for the Nation Championship.
- Each state nation that runs a state championship can qualify a designated number of competitors to the Nation Championship based on membership totals. State Directors have been notified of these qualification numbers.

2026 Deadline Dates

Tournament	Registration Deadline without Late Fee	Registration Deadline with Late Fee (\$100)
Cherokee Lake, Jefferson City, TN	Tuesday, March 24, 2026	Friday, April 3, 2026
Toledo Bend, Many, LA	Tuesday, April 7, 2026	Friday, April 17, 2026
Mississippi River, La Crosse, WI	Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Friday, May 1, 2026
Lake Champlain, Plattsburgh, NY	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	Friday, July 24, 2026