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2026 Rules and Regulations

To Qualify for the 2026 Championship a contestant must fish a minimum of 2 events. The Championship tournament will be held on October 3rd, and 4th on the Mississippi River – Pool 8 Savanna, The tournament site will be the Savanna City Ramp, 1 Main Street, Savanna IL. The **MANDATORY** pre-tournament meeting, and the drawing for starting positions, for the championship will take place on October 3rd at 6:30am at the ramp site. Take off will be at first safe light after the meeting at the directors discretion. Championship entry fee will be as follows – Fished 2 events \$125 – 3 events \$90 – 4 Events \$70 – 5 events or more \$60. Big bass will be \$20 for the event.

- 1. SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Competitors are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life preserver and have a kill switch attached to them when ever the combustion engine in operating, Violation of this rule is grounds for disqualification.
- 2. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Tournament Competitors are the adhere to high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal possession or use of a controlled substance during the tournament or **TOURNAMENT FUNCTIONS** or any violation of state, marine, fishing of conservation laws will not be tolerated. Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification.
- 3. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial baits may be used. No live or prepared baits will be allowed. Only one casting or spinning rod may be used at a time. Any competitor found to have in his/her possession equipment or baits not allowed will be disqualified.
- 4. HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS:** Only Boats and Motors that are in compliance with the BIA horsepower rating will be allowed.
- 5. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT:** Each boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment, in addition each boat must have a adequate aerated livewell to maintain a five fish tournament limit.
- 6. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except those areas designated off limits on the day of the tournament or within 50 yards of a another competitors first anchored boat. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants may not depart the boat to retrieve a fish. The boat must remain in legal tournament waters on tournament days. Contestants must remain in his boat at all time except in the case of dire emergency.
- 7. OFFICIAL CHECK POINT:** There shall be only one (1) official point for check out in the morning and check in for the afternoon.
- 8. SCORING:** Tournament standing and final winner shall be determined by the pound and fraction of the pound of each contestants catch during the day. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be weighed. All contestants are bound by the laws in the state they are fishing in. All bass must be caught in a live and conventional manner. Any fish caught foul hooked will not be weighed. At no time shall a participant have more than 5 fish in their possession. If in the event a participant has more fish in their possession than the described limit their largest fish will be released and not counted for that days catch.
- 9. DEAD FISH PENALTY:** A penalty of one-half (½) pound will be deducted for each dead fish brought to the scale to be weighed. No dead fish will be weighed for big bass.
- 10. ELIGIBILITY:** Participation is open to angles of any sex who are members of Chasin Bass. Participants must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 11. REGISTRATION:** Prior to each event there is a mandatory meeting at the time of registration. An official Chasin Bass entry form must be filled out and signed for this event.
- 12. PAIRINGS:** This is a singles tournament. The registered contestant is the only one allowed in the boat at any time during the event except in the case of emergency, At that time the contestant must stop fishing and as soon as possible notify the director of the emergency situation.
- 13. STARTING POSITIONS:** Starting positions will be drawn at the mandatory pre tournament meeting.
- 14. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE:** Practice or scouting fish will be allowed up to the day of the tournament. Contestants are not allowed on the water the day of the tournament until the start of the event.
- 15. NO WAKE ZONES:** All no wake zones are no pass zones unless the boat being passed is fishing, gives permission to pass, is inoperable or multiple boat lanes permit a different route to be taken.
- 16. SHORT FISH PENALTY:** Any fish presented for weigh-in by a contestant that fails to measure the minimum 14" size limit shall not be counted for the days totals, in addition the largest fish of that catch shall also be culled. In the case of a slot limit, all fish must be in the legal limits for that body of water.
- 17. LATE PENALTY:** Competitors who have not arrived at the appointed time shall be penalized one pound for each minute they are late. Any participant over 10 minutes late will lose credit for that days catch.
- 18. TIES:** In the event of stringer ties. Big bass breaks stringer ties, In the event of Big bass ties. Largest stringer breaks big bass ties.
- 19. COMPLIANCE:** It shall be the sole responsibility of all entrants to comply with the said rules and regulations of both the state of participation and Chasin Bass singles tournaments.
- 20. RULINGS:** The Tournament Director shall reserve the right for rules interpretations and rulings thereof. Furthermore, the tournament director reserves the right to change dates or sites of any given tournament. Any protest must be filed in writing, signed by the protester, and filed within ten minutes of weigh-in. The decision of the tournament officials in all rulings shall be final. Any and all contestants are subject to a truth verification exam (polygraph test) at the discretion of the tournament director or official. Failure to take an successfully complete this test is reason for disqualification and forfeit of all prizes from this event and all future Chasin Bass Events.