

BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA
26th BCA Scholarship Bass Tournament – September 11, 2026
LIABILITY WAIVER

This Entry and Release of Liability is made by and between the Building Contractors Association of Northeast Indiana (BCA) and the persons herein named as Entrants. There shall be a limit of two persons per boat.

COMPANY NAME: _____

Copy this form for 3rd and additional boats.

Boat #1 – Print Names

Boat #2 – Print Names

Entrant #1: _____

Entrant #1: _____

Entrant #2: _____

Entrant #2: _____

Big Bass Entry? [] Yes [] No

Big Bass Entry? [] Yes [] No

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW.

Warnings & Assumption of Risk. Entrant(s) understand that, despite all safety precautions, there are inherent elements of risk in water sports and participation in tournaments of this type. Such risks include physical injury or death resulting from improper use of equipment, equipment malfunction, and improper actions by participants. By entering, Entrant(s) fully accept any and all risks arising from participation in the tournament.

Release of Liability for Negligence. Entrant(s) hereby, for themselves and their heirs, administrators, and assigns, release and discharge BCA and its servants, agents, and officers from all claims for damages, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, property damage, death, and medical expenses, resulting from BCA's negligence.

Indemnification. Entrant(s) agree to indemnify and hold harmless BCA from any and all liabilities, settlements, expenses, and costs, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred in defending against claims: a) arising from the negligent acts or omissions, reckless acts or omissions or intentional misconduct of Entrant(s) while participating in the tournament, or b) arising from a combination of the negligent act or omissions of BCA and the acts of Entrant(s).

Boat Operation Responsibility. Entrant(s) agree to be solely responsible for the safe operation of the boat and for the safety of any and all persons on or about the boat. Entrant(s) agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and laws of the United States Coast Guard, State, County, and other regulatory agencies with respect to boating safety, operation, and recreation.

Tournament Rules. Entrant(s) agree to comply with the Tournament Rules, which are made part of this Entry.

Miscellaneous. This entry, together with the Tournament Rules, constitutes the entire agreement between BCA and Entrant(s) concerning participation in the tournament. This agreement shall be interpreted and enforced under the laws of Indiana. If any term of this Entry shall be determined to be illegal or unenforceable, this Entry shall remain in full force and effect as to all other terms.

The undersigned represents that entrants have read and fully understand that this tournament registration entry includes a release of liability for BCA's negligence.

Signature: _____
Entrant / Entrant's Representative

Date: _____

BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA 2026 SCHOLARSHIP BASS TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES

RULES COMMITTEE: Sean Kline and Randy Mettert

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES:

- 1) Entries must be made in writing on the official tournament entry form and will be accepted through August 27, 2026, at the BCA office.
- 2) Entry Fee is \$250 per boat for BCA members and \$275 for non-members. The Big Bass Pot is \$10 additional. Registration fees are due in full at the time of registration for non-members.
- 3) *Cancellation Policy:* Registration fees will be refunded for cancellations received by August 27. After that date, the registration fee will be applied as a donation to the BCA Scholarship Fund.
- 4) Take-off positions will be based on when the BCA office receives the tournament reservation and liability forms.
- 5) The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd starting positions will be held for the winning companies from the 2025 tournament through Thursday, August 20th, subject to their successfully fulfilling registration requirements. After that date, these positions will be opened to teams already registered so the starting schedule can be finalized.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

- 1) All contestants must obey all local, state, and federal laws. Violations, if discovered or reported, will result in immediate disqualification.
- 2) All contestants must wear a Coast Guard-approved lifejacket whenever the gasoline engine is running. This rule will be strictly enforced, and immediate disqualification will result if a violation is discovered.
- 3) Only Largemouth Bass, Kentucky Bass, and Smallmouth Bass will count. All fish must be legal length. There will be a two-pound penalty for any short fish brought to the scales. The exception to this rule is the Big Non-Bass prize, for which any fish counts.
- 4) The limit of fish per boat will be five (5). There will be no culling within the weigh-in area, and only five fish will be allowed in the boat when you enter the check-in area.
- 5) There will be a late penalty of one pound per minute with disqualification after 10 minutes late. No excuses.
- 6) All fish must be caught in a sporting manner (no trolling, live bait, snagging, etc.).
- 7) Ties: Any ties will be broken by the earliest entry received by the BCA.
- 8) Fishing Locations: Anywhere on Lake Wawasee except within 50 yards of another contestant who is first anchored with trolling motor raised.
- 9) No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in any boat during tournament hours.
- 10) All rules are subject to interpretation by the Rules Committee, and their decisions shall be considered final.