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Circuits

- Minnesota Junior B.A.S.S. Nation
- The Bass Federation (TBF)
- B.A.T.S. (Bassinator Anglers Traveling Series)



Eligibility

- Entering 3rd-8th grade for Fall 2025
- Must have a partner
- Boat & Boat Captain



Boat Captains

- Must be 18+
- Must coordinate this on your own
 - Family Member
 - Friend
 - Neighbor
- No Professional Fishing Guides
- Background Check required
- Let's talk etiquette



Boat Captains, etc.

- Boat Captains MAY do the following:
 - Coach/verbally give advice
 - Provide fish handling care & help with culling, but students must decide what to keep/release
 - Recommend fishing areas
 - Tie knots & untangle reels
 - Land fish with or without a net
 - Run the trolling motor



Boat Captains, etc.

- Boat Captains MAY NOT do the following:
 - Fish
 - Go on plane in the boat within 150 yards of shore
 - Pass other participant boats while traveling to the first location



Boat

- All Boats Must Have:
 - Minimum of 16' in length
 - An operating live well with aeration system
 - An operating kill switch connected to the boat captain
 - \$300,000 minimum liability insurance policy
 - keep copy in boat
 - random checks



B.A.S.S. Conference Team Tournament Dates

- 1. Monday, June 23, 2025 Tetonka/Sakatah (Waterville)
- 2. Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Cedar Lake (Annadale)
- 3. Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Deciding off of High School

State Tournament (tentative)

Friday, July 18, 2025 Lake Waconia (pending)



B.A.S.S. Boater's Safety Requirement

Q: Is proof of completion of a boater's safety course required to fish state run events within B.A.S.S. Nation?

A: Only if required by the B.A.S.S. Nation running the event and/or the laws of the state where the competition is being held.

Quick Answer for 2025...ONLY captains of those attending NATIONAL EVENTS will need to complete and submit.

Rules: MN Junior B.A.S.S. Nation

- Fish limit is 5 per team
 - Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass
 - Minimum of 12" in length
- Artificial lures ONLY during competition
- Anglers fish in teams of 2 kids per boat with an official boat captain
 - Individual anglers are **NOT** allowed.
 - No additional people allowed in boat
- Life Jackets
 - 14 & under must wear a life jacket at ALL times
 - No inflatable life jackets
- For a list of all official rules & conference updates, please visit the

The BASS Federation (TBF)

- Minnesota State Championship <u>Info</u>
- August 11, 2025
- Lake Koronis (Paynesville)
- Registration and tournament details are the responsibility of the angler.

Eligibility:

- Entering 3rd 8th Grade in Fall 2025
- Must be a member of a Junior Bass Club
- Must have a TBF Membership
 - Paid by Anoka Ramsey Junior Bassers dues





B.A.T.S. (Bassinator Anglers Tournament Series)

- All tournaments will use the FishDonkey app catch, record, release
- Each tournament is limited to 50 boats
- The 3 qualifying tournaments will take the top 25% of registered field to the TOC
- 1. June 14, 2025 Clearwater
- 2. July 12, 2025 Mille Lacs
- 3. Aug. XX Le Homme Dieu (date TBD)

September XX – TOC – Waconia (date TBD)

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 - No additional people allowed in boat
- During competition, boat captains may not fish or tie knots

What to Expect

- Volunteer commitment
 - Boat ramp clean up day April 19-May 3
 - Can be any Minnesota lake of your choice during the two week window—coordinate with your partner
 - Send in photos to opsahlcolleen@gmail.com
- Practice Days
 - x1/week Thursdays
 - Lake location(s) to follow
- Inner Squad Scrimmages
 - Two local tournaments against each other
 - June 19, 2025 & July 31 Chisago Chain of Lakes
 - FishDonkey app
 - Prizes

Dues

- \$250.00 which includes the following:
 - Junior Bassers Custom Jersey
 - Boat Captain Background Checks
 - Insurance
 - TBF Membership
 - MN Junior B.A.S.S. Membership
 - Bassmaster Membership



Next Steps

- Sign up for B.A.S.S. Membership
 - Pay \$12.00
- Register for our Team with Sports Engine
 - Pay \$238.00

Registration will open after this meeting on website and Facebook page



Season Kick-Off Event

- Please join us:
 - DATE
 - Minnesota Junior BASS Nation season kick-off event
 - Rogers High School Auditorium
- Meet other kids from your team
- · Play a fishing quiz game with many great prizes to be given awa
- Guest speakers talking all things FISHING!

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Q&A

Questions?

