

The Association of Collegiate Anglers is monitoring inclement weather forecasted to impact Paris, TN and Kentucky Lake during the Bass Pro Shops Big Bass Bash presented by Berkley this upcoming weekend. On Friday, a strong cold front is expected to move in later in the day, bringing with it below freezing temperatures, gusty winds, and a chance for precipitation to include snow.

Taking these weather forecasts into account, the ACA is not going to require anglers to launch and participate in official take off at Paris Landing State Park.

Registered anglers competing in the Big Bass Bash will now be allowed to trailer to any launch ramp of their choosing on Kentucky or Barkley Lake during both days of tournament competition. Competitors will be allowed to launch at a specific time each day and have a certain time when they can make first casts.

Anglers also will be allowed to trailer back to the weigh-in site to officially weigh-in a fish during any of the sessions on both days of competition. Registered anglers must be past the official checkpoint on the parking lot at Paris Landing State Park with their fish in a weigh-in bag to weigh-in for a given session.

We will be monitoring official start times and stop times for each day of the event based on the weather conditions. Final plans for each day's fishing sessions will be formally announced on Friday night at the registration meeting. In addition, anglers will be notified by text and posts will be made on social media about the weekend's fishing start and stop times for each days' session.

We are expecting to fish a shorter day on Saturday with start times pushed back to mid-day to help ensure the conditions are more desirable for travel and fishing. Also of note is that Daylight Saving Time will push everything back an hour on Sunday as clocks spring forward.