



MCBC TOURNAMENT TRAIL



TOURNAMENT TRAIL CREATED BY COLLEGE ANGLERS, FOR COLLEGE ANGLERS

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

WHERE	Lake Clinton, De Witt County IL
WHEN	Saturday April 1st, 2023
RAMP LOCATION	Main Marina - 6599 Sailboat Rd, Weldon, IL 61882
TAKEOFF/WEIGH-IN	7:00am takeoff and 3:00pm weigh-in
ENTRY FEE	\$100 per boat. Optional \$20 big bass side pot paid in cash morning of tournament
PAYOUT	95% payback, and payout to top 30% of the field - (Max of 55 Boat Tournament)

Register online at collegiatebasschampionship.com. Please complete registration form and bring it with you to the tournament check-in the morning of the tournament. Teams can register in-person, cash only during pre-tournament meeting if the tournament isn't full. Tournament morning registration is from 6:00am till 6:30am the morning of the tournament. There is no limit on the number of boats each team may enter.

This event qualifies for [Bass Pro Shops ACA School of the Year Points](#).

THE MCBC TOURNAMENT TRAIL HOPES TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE EVENT FOR ALL. WE HOPE TO FILL THE VOID OF THE LACK OF COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST AND NORTHEAST. WE WANT TO GIVE A BIG THANKS TO KARL'S FISHING & OUTDOORS FOR BEING OUR TITLE SPONSOR FOR THE MCBC TOURNAMENT TRAIL. WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT ON THIS EVENT WITHOUT THE HELP OF THEM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE MCBC TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AT MIDNORTHERNCBC@GMAIL.COM.

TOURNAMENT RULES

The following rules will apply to the tournament and remain unchanged throughout the event unless State or local laws are in conflict. Anglers must follow Illinois state laws at all times. The interpretation and enforcement of rules will be left to the Tournament Directors. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Directors will take appropriate action, and all matters are final.

OFF LIMITS

There is no off limit period leading up to the event. Competitors will be allowed to pre-fish for the event up until 12am tournament day.

PARTICIPATION/ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to college students who are enrolled full time in an accredited university and are members of the recognized fishing team/club. Proof of enrollment may be requested.

There is no limit to the number of boats each university may enter in the tournament. Only two competitors will be allowed per boat. Individuals may fish solo with prior approval from Tournament Directors. All contestants must possess a valid Illinois fishing license.

TOURNAMENT HOURS

Blast-off is at 7am or safe light, and tournament ends at 3pm. Tournament check-in ends at 6:45am the morning of the tournament, if you are not checked-in by then you will be disqualified. No refunds.

TAKE-OFF & WEIGH-IN

Take-off will be held at the Marina - 6599 Sailboat Rd, Weldon, IL 61882. Take-off positions will be determined prior to take-off. Live wells and kill switches will be inspected during take-off.

Weigh-in will take place at 3pm at same location as take-off (6599 Sailboat Rd, Weldon, IL 61882). No fish will be weighed in until 3 pm. Bringing more than 5 fish to the scale will result in disqualification.

TAKE-OFF POSITION DETERMINATION

All take-off positions will be drawn at check-in on the morning of the tournament. Teams that registered for the event prior to **March 1st, 2023** will draw their take-off position from a priority pool of numbers for the top take-off positions the morning of the tournament. Teams that register after **March 1st, 2023** will then draw from the remaining pool of numbers the morning of the tournament to decide take-off position.

PAYOUT & PRIZES

Each MCBC Tournament will have a payout of 95%, where the additional 5% will go to the hosting school to help cover expenses. MCBC will payout to the top 30% placing teams of each MCBC event. The exact amount awarded for each placing team in the top 30% will be based on how many teams register for the event. MCBC Tournament Directors will announce exact payouts prior to the MCBC event when we know the exact number of boats competing. Each MCBC event will have a side pot for big bass for that tournament day. This side pot will be \$20 CASH per team and will be collected the morning of the tournament. The entire side pot for big bass will be paid out to the angler that weighs in the heaviest bass for that tournament day. The bass must be alive to qualify for big bass. Additional prizes may be given out to top placing teams, and will be announced prior to the start of the tournament.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. When sight fishing, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth. Only artificial lures may be used. Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at a time. Additional rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or rod is used. Trolling, defined as moving the bait with the assistance of the combustion engine, as a method of fishing is not allowed. No strolling or long-lining will be permitted. All bass must be caught alive, in a conventional, sporting manner. All angling must be conducted from the boat. In accordance with Illinois state laws, you may only fish up to two hooks per line.

BOATS AND MOTORS

All boats must be a minimum of 14 feet in length. No cumbersome crafts will be allowed. All boats must be equipped with wheel steering; no other steering device will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard required safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated live well capable of maintaining alive a limit of bass. Each boat is required to have a working kill switch. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in the Tournament may not to exceed the horsepower set forth on the "Maximum Capacities" placard in the boat. No platforms may be used during tournament competition to gain a height advantage. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public.

SAFETY

Watercraft liability insurance will be the responsibility of each angler. It must have the minimum coverage that the state requires and is mandatory of all contestants participating in the tournament. MCBC Tournament Trail or it's Directors/Hosting Schools are not liable for any accident associated with this event. Safe boating practices must be followed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened, USCG approved personal flotation device any time the combustion engine is running. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut off device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation. In the event of severe weather forecasted, trailering instructions will be given ahead of time or at registration, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Directors.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS

Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters that are determined by Tournament Directors and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "Off-Limits", "No Fishing", "No Boats", "Boats Keep Out", etc. by local, state or federal officials. Fishing is not permitted within 50 feet of a competitor's boat. Competitors cannot leave the boat at any time unless it is at the official checkpoint, or in the case of an emergency. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. The tournament boat must remain in tournament waters during the tournament day. In the event of equipment failure, a competitor may bring his fish to weigh-in in another competitor's boat as long as the fish are bagged in a separate bag.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Each competitor is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship. The use of mobile communication devices such as cell phones is prohibited during the event except in an emergency. Any observed infraction(s) will result in disqualification. Please contact the tournament director if an emergency situation arises. All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, their school, event sponsors, the sport of fishing and the MCBC Tournament Trail. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards

include, but are not limited to, the following: Violation of or failure to comply with any of the official rules for the Tournament. Consumption and/or possession of any alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during practice days, registration/check-in, the pre-tournament meeting or during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in are strictly prohibited. Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months. Suspension/disqualification from any fishing tournament or organization. In other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules, or which fail to comply with the standards set forth in this paragraph. Disqualification both for the college/university fishing club and anglers committing the violation is possible from future MCBC events for failure to abide by these rules. The determination of the tournament directors is final in these rulings. In case of any conduct not complying with the standards, the Tournament Directors shall have the right to refuse any application or to deny a confirmed application.

SCORING

Only largemouth or smallmouth bass may be weighed in. Minimum length is 16". Five (5) fish limit per boat. Teams may not have more than five (5) bass in the livewell at any time unless actively culling. Culling must be done immediately. Fish will be measured with mouth closed and tail fanned to longest position. Ties for total weight will be determined by biggest bass weighed.

QUALIFICATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

MCBC Tournament Trail will host a 2-day championship event on Lake St. Clair on October 14th & 15th in 2023. More information regarding this event will be announced prior to the event. Qualification for this event is as follows:

- Each MCBC regular season event that a universities bass team fishes in will allow that respective bass team to qualify one additional boat to the MCBC championship event.
 - If a universities bass team sends multiple boats to fish in a singular MCBC event, it will still only count for one additional boat for that team to fish in the MCBC championship event.
 - Ex). If a universities bass team fishes in a total of 4 separate MCBC Tournament events, then that respective university is allowed to bring 4 boats to the MCBC Championship event.
- After the completion of all MCBC regular season events, if we have additional spots not filled for the championship event the Tournament Directors will award extra boats for additional university bass teams based off the top placing universities throughout the regular season.
 - Top placing universities will be based off a point system for each event. The point system will go off of how many teams are competing for the specific event.
 - Ex). If there is a 50 boat field for a MCBC regular season tournament, then the awarded points go as followed. 1st place-50 points, 2nd place-49 points, 3rd place-48 points, and will follow that format for each placing teams.
 - Disqualified teams will not receive any points. Teams that are tied will evenly split the allocated points those placing spots.
 - These points given out by MCBC to decide further qualifications for the MCBC championship event will not count towards Bass Pro Shops School of the Year Points.
- MCBC Tournament Directors will make an announcement prior to the MCBC championship event announcing the number of boats that each universities bass team can bring to the championship event.

PENALTIES

All boats must check-in to the designated check-in location. Late penalty is one (1) lb per minute up to 15 minutes, after 15 minutes that boat will be disqualified. Any competitor weighing in a bass under 16" will be disqualified. The official measuring board for the MCBC

Tournament Trail will be of the Tournament Directors choosing prior to the event. Any dead bass presented for weigh-in will result in a (1) lb penalty per dead fish deducted from the total weight. No dead fish will be allowed to weigh for big bass. Contestants are not allowed to cull dead fish for any reason. If a dead fish is weighed in, that fish then becomes the property of the respective team that weighed it in.

SCHOOL OF THE YEAR POINTS

Bass Pro Shops School of the Year points will be given at each MCBC Tournament. School of the Year points is based upon the ACA Points System. The breakdown of awarded School of the Year points for each particular event will be announced prior to the start of the MCBC Tournament.

PROTESTS

A protest or complaint may be filed in writing before the weigh-in scales close. The situation will be given consideration and ruled on by the Tournament Directors. All decisions will be final.

LAUNCH FEES

Anglers are responsible for any and all applicable launch fees on the dates of the tournament.

EMERGENCIES

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911 FIRST, THEN CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.

In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there are 3 permitted methods of returning to weigh-in:

- a. Both competitors remain in their boat and being towed by water
- b. One competitor stays with the boat while the other enters the boat of another team with their daily creel
- c. Both competitors enter a rescue boat so designated by the tournament director

Under these three (3) conditions, the teams' catch may be counted without penalty, except for late penalties outlined in the tournament rules.



Co-Founders/ Directors

Alec Olson- University of Minnesota- Twin Cities (952)-540-7800

John Wall- Purdue University (630)-728-4445

Sam Kicera - University of Wisconsin- Madison (608)-206-3346

Matt Kauffung- Ohio State University (513)-500-4231