

OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BASS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Hosted & presented by:
Murray State College & Oklahoma B.A.S.S. Nation**



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September 30 – Grand Lake O’ the Cherokees - ACA SOY points qualifying tournament.



October 6 – Lake Texoma - ACA SOY points qualifying tournament.

"Each of these events are sanctioned to be eligible for points to count towards the Bass Pro Shops School of the Year presented by Abu Garcia"

March 16 – Pine Creek – OCBC Regional

April 6 – Ft. Gibson - Oklahoma College State Championship

Tournament Details

When – September 30th, 2023

Where – Grand Lake O' the Cherokees – Grove, Ok

Ramp Location – Wolf Creek Ramp

Take off / Weigh-in – 7:00 am or safe light. 3:00 pm weigh-in (No Max boat field for this tournament.)

Entry Fee - \$100 per boat. Optional \$20 big bass side pot paid in cash the morning of the tournament.

Form of Payment - Pay online at <https://obnhs.profishingtournaments.com/tournament.php?id=106>

Registration

Register online at <https://obnhs.profishingtournaments.com/tournament.php?id=106>

Please complete the registration form prior to the official tournament practice day. There is no limit on the number of boats that each school may register.

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 Oklahoma 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

Off limits will start at sunset the Sunday before each tournament until safe light the day before the tournament. Competitors will be allowed to pre-fish the day before each event from safe light to 5 p.m. that evening.

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 Oklahoma fishing license.

Tournament Hours

Take 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 Wolfe Creek Ramp. Launch order will be determined prior to take-off. Live wells and kill switches will be inspected during take-off. The weigh-in will take place at 3pm at the same location. No fish will be weighed in until 3 pm. Bringing more than 5 fish to the scale will result in disqualification.

Payout & Prizes

Each OCBC Tournament will have a payout of 70%, where an additional 10% will go to the hosting school to help cover expenses. OCBC will payout to the top 5 placing teams for the first 20 teams. Then 1 team for every 10 teams after. The exact amount awarded for each placing team in the top group will be based on how many teams register for the event. OCBC Tournament Directors will announce exact payouts prior to the OCBC event when we know the exact number of boats competing. Each OCBC 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 the 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. The use of A-rigs up to 5 hooks will be allowed in accordance with Oklahoma law.

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 unless approved by tournament directors. Contact us with any questions regarding allowed boats. 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 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 for all contestants participating in the tournament. OCBC Tournament Trail or its 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 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 or live well.

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 OCBC 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 OCBC 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, spotted and smallmouth bass may be weighed in. Minimum length is 12". 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 the team with the most live fish vs dead fish. In the event of still having a tie the biggest bass weighed will be used.

Qualification for the Oklahoma College State Championship Event

Oklahoma schools "only" will compete in the Oklahoma regional on Pine Creek Lake, March 16, 2024, at the Lost Rapids Ramp. From the placement of that tournament the top 20 teams or the top 50%, whichever is greater will advance to the Oklahoma BASS Nation College State Championship. Held on Ft. Gibson Lake, April 6th, 2024, at Taylor Ferry North Ramp.

Penalties

All boats must check-in at the designated check-in location. The 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 12" will be disqualified. The official measuring board for the OCBC Tournament Trail will be chosen by the Tournament Directors choosing prior to the event. Any dead bass presented for weigh-in will result in a (.5) 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.

Bass Pro Shops School of The Year Points

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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:

1. Both competitors remain in their boat and are being towed by water.
2. One competitor stays with the boat while the other enters the boat of another team with their daily creel.
3. 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.

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