

2025 Qualification Criteria for the Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship Presented by Bass Pro Shops

Every school bass fishing team that has won the Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by Bass Pro Shops in the past three (3) years (2022-2024) is guaranteed **one (1) team** in addition to any other qualifications they have earned per Championship Qualification criteria.

Every school that has a university/college recognized bass fishing team is **guaranteed one (1) team entry** into the 2025 Championship, regardless of any of the below criteria.

For every qualifying ACA event during the 2024-2025 season in which a school bass fishing team has participated, that school bass fishing team qualifies for one (1) additional team entry into the 2025 Championship, not to exceed three (3) teams total. *The qualifying 2024-2025 ACA events include: 2024 Bass Pro Shops Big Bass Bash presented by Berkley; 2024 AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open; and 2025 Pickwick Slam.*

For instance:

- If a school bass fishing team participated in the 2024 AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open and the 2025 Pickwick Slam, then that will qualify them to send two (2) additional teams plus their one (1) guaranteed team to the 2025 Championship, for a total of **three (3) teams**.
- If a school bass fishing team only participates in the 2024 AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open or the 2025 Hartwell Slam, then that will qualify them to send one (1) additional team plus their one (1) guaranteed team to the 2025 Championship, for a total of **two (2) teams**.

Any school bass fishing team that is ranked in the **Top 25** of the Bass Pro Shops School of the Year presented by Abu Garcia race as of May 7, 2025, will qualify to send up to **three (3) teams** in addition to their one (1) guaranteed team (for a maximum of four (4) teams total) to be entered into the 2025 Championship.

The **Top 10** finishing anglers at the 2024 Bass Pro Shops Big Bass Bash presented by Berkley automatically qualify to compete in the 2025 Championship. These qualified anglers may choose another angler from their bass fishing team to compete with at the 2025 Championship. There is not a limit to the number of entries a school can qualify this way into the 2025 Championship via a Top 10 finish, however the qualified angler must compete.

The **Top 10** finishing angler pairings at the 2024 AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open automatically qualify to compete in the 2025 Championship. These qualified angler pairing entries are in addition to the above criteria; **these qualified angler pairing entries must compete as the same angler pairing that competed at the 2024 AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open**. There is not a limit to the number of entries into the 2025 Championship that can qualify via this Top 10 finish by school.

The **Top 15** finishing angler pairings at the 2025 Pickwick Slam automatically qualify to compete in the 2025 Championship. These qualified angler pairing entries are in addition to the above criteria;

these qualified angler pairing entries must compete as the same angler pairing that competed at the 2025 Pickwick Slam. There is not a limit to the number of entries into the 2025 Championship that can qualify via this Top 15 finish.

Wild Card Drawings: If the 2025 Championship field is not full of qualified teams at the close of registration, there will be a Wild Card drawing for the remaining spots. Bass fishing teams will be allowed to submit only one (1) additional team into a Wild Card drawing (details to be provided after the close of registration). Any Wild Card teams will be announced by the ACA on a date to be determined. **There is no guarantee Wild Card slots will be available.**

*Full field is expected to be 200 teams, however the ACA reserves the right to change the size of the field at its sole discretion.

All angler eligibility requirements must be met, and anglers must be in good standing with their school and school bass fishing team to be able to compete in the 2025 Championship. We reserve the right to decline entry for any bass fishing club based on school violations, conduct at other college tournaments, or any violations deemed detrimental to the growth and spirit of the sport of college fishing. Final decisions are at the sole discretion of the Director of Collegiate Operations and Tournament Director.