

High School 2026 Season

Anoka Ramsey Junior  
Bassers

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# Circuits

- Minnesota Junior B.A.S.S. Nation
- Student Angler Tournament Trail (SATT)

# Eligibility

- Entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade for Fall 2026
- 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 about your volunteer boat captains!

# Boat Captains, etc.

- Boat Captains **MAY** do the following:
  - Verify length of caught fish
  - Help with hook removal
  - Assist in untangling jammed reels
    - Lures **MUST** be out of water
  - Provide education on proper fishing ethics & distance away from other teams
  - Provide fish handling care & help with culling, but youth **MUST** identify which fish is to be kept or released

# Boat Captains, etc.

- Boat Captains **MAY NOT** do the following:
  - Fish
  - Run trolling motor
  - Tie knots for anglers
  - Land fish (with or without a net)
  - Make a determination on which fish to keep/not keep
  - Allow youth anglers to operate the outboard engine except at initial launch in the morning and only after weigh-in
  - Must have MN DNR Boater Safety Course\*-Click [here](#) for more info

# 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. June 15, 2026 – Clearwater
2. July 13, 2026 – Birch Lake
3. July 27, 2026 – Washington Stella

State Tournament  
September 12-13, 2026  
Leech Lake

Watch for volunteer opportunities for the College National Championship

# How to Qualify for the State Tournament – tiered advancement structure

- Fish all three Minnesota Junior B.A.S.S Nation Conference Tournaments
- Conference Size & Automatic Bids
  - Top 5 boats determined by total points will earn an automatic bid to state.
- Conference qualifiers (New this year)
  - 5 Conference Qualifiers - 20 boats each
  - The next 10 highest finishing boats in each conference will compete with 1 other adjacent conference together.
- Advancement to State
  - The top 4 boats from each second chance qualifier will advance to the state tournament

# National Tournament

- Top finishers at the State Tournament advance to the Bassmaster High School National Tournament in summer 2027
- Date & Location announced Spring 2027
- 1<sup>st</sup> place – 100 points, all the way down to to 61 to 40<sup>th</sup>
- DNW (did not weigh) last -3 points
- DNC (did not check in) = 25 points
- DNF (did not fish) = 0 points
- Next 5 top region qualifies for a second chance to go to state

# 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 2026...ONLY captains of those attending NATIONAL EVENTS will need to complete and submit.

More info can be found [HERE](#)

# 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
  - Inflatable life jackets
    - Only if you are 16+ (80 lbs)
- For a list of all official rules & conference updates, please visit the [Minnesota Junior B.A.S.S. Nation website](#)

# Student Angler Tournament Trail (S.A.T.T.)

- This series gives away lots of prizes and scholarships, some to the winners, and others to random participants.
- They are held all around the state, can have as many as 200 boats, and are run in a catch, record, release format (not live weigh-ins)
- These events will require prompt online registration (they fill up quickly as soon as registration opens), and additional fees to participate.
- Our team dues cover the insurance necessary to participate, but not the event fees.
- Registration & tournament details are the responsibility of the angler

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# ELIGIBILITY: Student Angler Tournament Trail (S.A.T.T.)

- Entering 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade for Fall 2026
- Must be a member of a Junior Bass Club
- Must have a TBF Membership
  - Paid by Anoka Ramsey Junior Bassers dues
- \$40.00 per team, per event

More information found at their [website](#)

# S.A.T.T. Tournament Dates

- 05/17/2026 – REGIONAL DAY – Waconia
- 05/31/2026 - Mississippi River (pools 4, 5, 5a & Lake Pepin)
- 06/14/2026 – Lake Minnetonka
- 07/12/2026 - Mille Lacs
- 07/26/2026 – Leech Lake Pools
- 08/09/2026 – TOC – Gull Lake
  
- 08/23/2026 – State Team– Pelican (Orr, MN)

# What to Expect

- Volunteer commitment\*
  - Boat ramp clean-up day – Ice out -May 03, 2026
  - 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
    - Dates and lakes TBD
    - FishDonkey app
    - Prizes
- Seminars/team classes
  - Dates and locations to follow
- End of season Banquet – details to follow
- Primary Team communication will be through Sports Engine and/or email
- Watch for email after registration closes for Jersey information- Will be time sensitive!

# Dues

- \$212.00 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
- Sign up for our Team with Sports Engine
  - Pay \$200.00

Registration will open after this meeting on website & Facebook page

# Help Fishing become its own sport through ARAA in 2026

- **Purpose**

- Foster program growth and create additional fishing opportunities for more kids
- Grow our Junior program to create continued participation into High School

- **Key Roles**

- Director/Coach
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications
- Fundraising/Sponsorship Lead
- Current Director will stay on as Consultant through next year to help establish team

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Q&A

Questions?