



KMD-03 Choptank & Tuckahoe Rivers 2025 Tournament Schedule

- 4/13/2025 - Pocomoke River - 6:30 am to 2:30 pm
- 6/08/2025 - Wicomico River - 5:30 am to 1:30 pm
- 6/22/2025 - Choptank River - 5:30 am to 1:30 pm
- 7/20/2025 - Nanticoke River - 6:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 8/10/2025 - Marshyhope Creek - 6:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tournament Director: Chris Leslie
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Tournaments Available On:



USA Bassin Entry Fee:
\$7.25 Tourney X Fee
\$50.00 Tournament
\$10.00 Big Bass

(\$30.00 USA Bassin Annual Membership Due Before Angler Can Participate In Tournaments)
A USA Bassin Membership Is Valid from September 1st Thru August 31st



Grand Prize:



+ \$5,000 Cash



Anglers that finish in the top 200 in National Points will qualify for the Jackson Kayak Classic.

Anglers that finish 1st place in their Division Points or with the Divisions BIG BASS of the year will receive a free entry into the Tournament of Champions. This event is held in conjunction with the Jackson Kayak Classic.

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USA Bassin Rules & Membership Form

Angler: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Kayak: _____
Model: _____ Model Year: _____
Motor: _____

Member ID: _____
Member Fee \$30.00 ☐ (Check For Payment Received)
1st Year USA Bassin Member? YES ☐ or NO ☐

Liability Release: In consideration of membership in U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit ("USA BASSIN") as well as being granted permission to participate in the fishing tournaments and other events held or sponsored by USA BASSIN (the "Events"), THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY RELEASES, DISCHARGES, WAIVES AND RELINQUISHES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH OCCURRING TO HIM/HERSELF ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH IN ANY MANNER ENTRY OR PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS, wherever or however the same may occur and for whatever period said activities may continue, and the undersigned agrees that under no circumstances will he/she or his/her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns prosecute or present any claim for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death against USA. BASSIN, LLC, USA BASSIN: The Next Generation, Inc. or any of their principals, officers, directors, employees, or agents ("Released Persons") for any of said causes of actions, whether the same shall arise by the negligence of any of said persons, or otherwise. The undersigned further and separately agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless Released Persons from any loss, liability, damage, or cost, including but not limited to court costs and attorney's fees, that they may incur, in connection with participation in Events, whether caused by the negligence of Released Persons or otherwise. This release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the applicable law. The undersigned further states that he/she has carefully read the foregoing, knows the contents thereof, and has signed this release as his/her own free act. Any member agrees, by his or her signature on this agreement, to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination, commonly referred to as a truth verification test, and to abide by its conclusion. Truth verifications test(s) will be used at USA BASSIN's sole discretion and administered by it or its agents. Refusal to take or failure to pass the examination as determined by USA BASSIN will result in disqualification, at the sole discretion of USA BASSIN. The undersigned **HEREBY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY** in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by or against the undersigned regarding any matter whatsoever in connection with the tournament. Verification of liability insurance: I, the undersigned, further state that I am a current member of USA BASSIN and that I maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in any USA BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. Attorney's Fees: Only USA BASSIN and Released Persons are entitled to recover their attorney's fees. The undersigned is not entitled to recover attorney's fees regardless of the outcome of any litigation or settlement. The laws of the State of Indiana, excluding only its choice of law provisions, shall govern the validity, enforcement, and interpretation of this Contract. Any dispute or cause of action under this Contract shall exclusively be filed and resolved in a state court located in Lawrence County, Indiana and the undersigned irrevocably agrees to submit to personal and subject matter jurisdiction in the same. I signify by my signature that I have read and understand the above agreement and all USA BASSIN Rules.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

1. Membership:

The following rules shall apply to all Jackson Kayak Trail events. Participation in this tournament is open only to current members of USA BASSIN who are 16 years of age or older. Any person under the age of 18 entering a tournament must also have permission and a signed release of a parent or legal guardian. Membership into USA BASSIN is \$30.00 per person. All members under the age of 19 before September 1, 2025, shall be considered a "Youth" and receive a free membership. A USA BASSIN membership gives you the right to fish any USA BASSIN Tournament anywhere in the country. The Tournament Director and other tournament officials are permitted to fish all U.S.A. BASSIN events. The 2025 season runs from Sept.1 2024-Aug.31, 2025.

2. Tournament Entry Fees:

Entry fee for a 5-Tournament Divisions is \$50.00 per kayak per tournament, entry includes the \$10.00 Big Bass Pot. Entry fee into a 10-Tournament Divisions is \$25.00 per kayak per tournament, entry includes the \$5.00 Big Bass Pot. The tournament director may adjust entry fee on tournament locations that require a lake usage fee or sales tax. A TourneyX Fee of \$7.25 will be added to entry fee's for the events software/app usage.

4. Kayak Regulations:

Vessel must be 9' minimum and shorter than 18' Watercraft propulsion is restricted to paddle, pedal, pole, or electric motor. Catamaran style personal fishing vessels complying with all other regulations will be eligible. Electric motor must be attached to the kayak in a safe manner for operation. An electric motor used to propel a watercraft may not exceed the lesser of (a.) manufacturer's labeled Maximum HP/Thrust Capacity, (b.) 3 HP, or (c.) 155 foot-pounds thrust. Competitors must comply with all boating regulations pertaining to motorized kayak/electric-propulsion watercraft registration, use, and operating restrictions for the designated fishing area. No more than one electric motor may be attached to a kayak regardless of combined horsepower/thrust/power rating. Motors with dual props operated by a single power source are permissible only if the unit is manufactured and sold as a single unit. No "Homemade" Kayaks, Sailboats, Jon boats, pirogues, coracles, rowboats, dinghies, skiffs, float tubes, inflatable rafts, or rigid inflatable boats (e.g., Zodiac), pontoon boats, pontoon-style pond boats, twin-hull watercraft, or similar. The use of manual or motorized anchor system is permitted.

5. Tournament App:

All Competitions are conducted using TourneyX. Each angler who wishes to participate in such an event must create a, free, TourneyX user account before the first day of competition.

6. Point Scoring System:

5-Tournament Divisions= 100-point scoring system: Sample Scoring 1st place angler--100 point; 2nd place--99 points 3rd Place --98 points and so on. All Anglers that didn't weigh in a fish receive 50 participation points.

10-Tournament Divisions= 50 points scoring system: All Anglers not weighing in a fish receive 25 participation points.

Divisional Champions: will be determined by the Angler that has the highest final total points in said division. The points an Angler receives from each tournament will be automatically added to the standings of the division you fished and to "National Points Standings" located on the home page of the USA BASSIN Web Site. All Anglers that finish the season in the Top 200 in National points will qualify for the Jackson Kayak Classic.

7. Photo Criteria:

a. These rules are established to ensure fish submissions are scored accurately. Failure to comply with these criteria may result in disqualification, disqualification of the catch, or a reduction of length.

b. Anglers must be prepared to manually upload photos using the necessary cables, cords, and software to transfer photos via a USB port to the official judge's computer.

c. Each fish photo must meet the following criteria to avoid penalties or disqualification:

- The entire fish, from the tip of the lip to the end of the tail, must be clearly visible on an approved measuring device.
- The assigned unique identifier code must be visible.
- The photo must be an overhead shot (not taken at an angle).
- The fish must be clear of any holding devices, including fishing lures or hooks.
- The lip, eye, and tail end must not be obstructed, even by your hand or identifier. Pinching and holding the tail is permitted, provided no portion of the fish is covered. Tournament officials must clearly see the tip of the tail and the measuring board markings with no obstructions. A covered eye can result in disqualification of the catch, requiring submission of a better legal photo.

d. If the fish has a glossy or damaged eye or appears to be dead or has other odd markings, the angler must record a video showing the fish on the KETCH Board, identifying the area(s) of concern, and then placing the fish back into the water, showing it swimming away alive. Anglers are encouraged but not required to take a release video of every fish, beginning with the fish on the measuring board, showing the identifier, and then the fish actively swimming away.

e. Hands and fingers must not be in the gill plate.

f. Only the original/raw photo is acceptable. Screenshots, crops, duplicates, and edited photos will be disqualified.

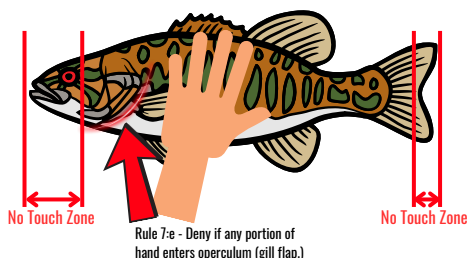
g. A submitted fish will count only once toward an angler's aggregate score for the tournament.

h. If a fish submitted on Day 1 is culled and does not appear in an angler's Top 5 fish, that fish can be caught again and counted toward a Day 2 total, provided the date and time stamp align with the current day.

i. Any questionable issues with a fish should be immediately brought to the attention of a USA Bassin official.

j. The quality of the photo and video submitted is the angler's responsibility.

** Criteria above must be met to avoid possible penalty or disqualification **



The Competitor's hand may only be placed behind the eye, mouth and over the caudal peduncle. FISH WILL BE DENIED if any portion in the NO TOUCH ZONE is covered.

8. Measuring Device:

a. All KETCH Products measuring boards and the YAKATTACK Leaderboard are the official mandatory measuring devices for the USA Bassin Kayak Trail Series and its subsidiaries.

b. Contestants must provide their own measuring device.

c. Measuring devices may be inspected by USA Bassin staff at any time before, during, or after the tournament.

d. Any competitor found using an unauthorized or illegal measuring device will be disqualified from the tournament.

9. Scoring:

a. Scoring is determined by the length of each contestant's catch, measured in 1/4-inch increments, using the Catch, Photograph, and Release (CPR) method.

b. Each competitor will be provided with a unique identifier for the tournament.

c. The five longest verified fish lengths will be totaled to determine the angler's score.

d. Measurements will be rounded down to the nearest 1/4 inch.

e. Only Black Bass species are eligible, including Largemouth, Spotted, Guadalupe, Shoal, Smallmouth, and any hybrid of these species.

f. The daily limit consists of the best five fish.

g. All fish must measure a minimum of 12 inches with the mouth completely closed. Fish that fail to meet this requirement will not be scored.

h. A submitted fish will count only once toward an angler's aggregate score for the entire tournament.

10. Scoring Deductions:

a. Mouth open: 1" inch deduction

c. Lip or tail not touching the board: No score

d. Measurements are rounded down to the next 1/4-inch mark. (No score if below the minimum length.)

11. Ties:

Ties for all USA BASSIN Kayak Tournaments will be broken by longest fish, followed by next longest fish until all fish that are part of their limit have been accounted for. Ties for USA BASSIN KAYAK TRAIL Divisional Champion will be broken by the angler that has the greatest total length for the season.

12. No Live Bait:

Only artificial lures can be used in U.S.A. BASSIN tournaments. The use of pork trailers is permitted.

13. Limits:

This is a best 5-fish limit at each tournament. Anglers may submit more than 5 and the Tourney X system will automatically cull the fish to show the anglers 5 longest bass.

14. Trolling:

Presenting a lure by pedal, paddle or motor is prohibited. Drifting with wind or current is allowed. Long lining is also allowed.

15. Lines In And Out:

These times will be set by the tournament director. Safety should always be a top priority at all events. A 360 light is required if anglers will be launching before or after safelight. Anglers with motors must follow their states laws regarding lighting. Enough time should be allowed for anglers to gather for awards/check-in. Launch times and off the water times are NOT the same as lines in and lines out. These times need to be clear with all participants. Any angler found to be fishing outside of these times will be disqualified.

16. Safety / Life Preserver:

Safe boating must be always observed. **Each contestant is REQUIRED to wear a fastened chest type U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device while fishing from or maneuvering their kayak during tournament hours.** Inflatable BELT type PFDs are not allowed. All Kayaks must be equipped with an emergency whistle and a 360-degree light or installed LEDs that are visible from all angles. At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed, or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Competitors may leave their boat and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is eminent. Competitors are expected to use sound judgement and are accountable for his/her own actions when faced with a potentially dangerous situation. (i.e., Lightning, excessive wind, pleasure boaters, hunters, etc.)

17. Sportsmanship:

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. Drunkenness shall be cause for immediate disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be allowed in the boats during the tournament hours

18. Off Limits:

The tournament director will announce the off-limits areas at each pre-tournament meeting. Any angler fishing in the off-limits areas will be disqualified from the tournament. Anglers may not fish closer than 50 yards to another competitor who is anchored or given permission. If permission is given to one, then all may fish same water. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall be cause for disqualification.

19. Leaving Your Boat:

Competitors shall remain in the boat always during the tournament. Except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for "nature calling", a severe storm or other such hazards. If for any reason an angler decides to leave the tournament waters early, competitors must try to contact the director, prior to leaving the tournament.

20. Cheating & Protest:

Anyone caught cheating in any tournament event will be immediately barred from fishing in any U.S.A. BASSIN event. All State rules and regulations must be followed. All protests must be submitted to the Divisional Tournament Director with-in 24hrs of lines out.

21. Refusal of Membership:

We reserve the right to refuse membership or entry into any of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Trail Events.

24. Tournament Rules:

All rules and regulations for all tournaments are subject to change at any time until the start of a tournament. Information given orally or printed on any publications, including but not limited to information on USA BASSIN's website and flyers may not accurately represent the rules that will be used at the tournament and are merely indications of what USA BASSIN expects the rules to be. For the most current version of the rules, visit the USA BASSIN website or call the tournament director.

Mail Membership form to Tournament Director
Contact USA BASSIN at usabassinfishing@gmail.com for details on becoming a director!!
All Federal, State, and Local laws, rules, markings, orders, and warnings must be followed. Violation of any laws may be cause for disqualification.