



U.S.A. BASSIN

Lake Shafer Regional

\$2,500.00 Guaranteed First Place Prize

Based on 50 paid entries

**Bass Cat Silver Cup, The MillerTech Tournament of
Champions & Bass Cat Classic Tournament
Held on Kentucky Lake, April 2026**

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Lake Shafer Regional Information

<u>Registration Information</u>	<u>Tournament Information</u>
Registration Date: 11/09/2025	Tournament Date: 11/09/2025
Registration Hours: 5:00am – 7:00am	Tournament Hours: 7:00 - 3:00pm
Pre-tournament Meeting: 7:00am MANDATORY ONE MEMBER FROM EACH TEAM MUST ATTEND!	Tournament Location: Lake Shafer
Entry Fee: \$165.00 Per Team \$150 + \$15 Launch Fee (Entry fee includes Big Fish Pot & Chance at Uncle Sam Bass)	Ramp: Big Monon Ramp
Registration Site: Big Monon Ramp	Tournament Director Kurtis Bowsher 1972 N. St. Rd. 39 Monticello, IN 47960 574-581-0812 kurtisbowsher@yahoo.com

U.S.A. BASSIN Regional Rules

1. USA BASSIN Regional Registration:

All teams that finish the season with 250 points or more in a division or in the National Standings shall be eligible to fish a U.S.A. BASSIN Regional Tournament of their choice and may fish in more than one Regional Tournament. There is a \$150.00 entry fee for all U.S.A. BASSIN Regional Tournaments (Entry includes the Big Bass Pot and a chance at Uncle Sam Bass). All Regional qualified teams may pre-register by mail. If per-registering, entry forms must be post marked and mailed 10 days prior to the Regional Tournament you desire to fish. **Send all entries to the Regional Tournament Director of the Regional Tournament you desire to fish.** Entry fees will be accepted at registration. Take off positions will be determined by when the director receives your entry fee. **The Regional Registration and Pre-Tournament meeting is mandatory.** One (1) member of each team or a must be present. Failure to attend a Regional Registration/Pre-Tournament meeting will result in disqualification. There will be a \$10.00 fee for paying an entry during registration. If you can't make the registration, you may use a proxy. There is no additional fee for using a proxy. All entries paid for at registration must be in cash. The director will not accept entries at the ramp on the day of the tournament.

2. Payout:

80% of each entry is used towards Payout. The \$5,000 first place prize is based on 100 paid entries, prorated if more or less teams participate.

3. Refunds:

A refund will be given only if the director is contacted by 12:00pm (Noon) Wednesday prior to the Registration Day. Failure to inform the Regional Tournament Director of a refund will result in a forfeit of the entry fee. USA BASSIN will only refund \$120 of the Entry fee.

4. U.S.A. BASSIN Bass Cat Classic Tournament:

Teams that finish in the top 30% (by total weight) of each Regional Tournament will have the choice of which Classic tournament they want to fish in, either the Bass Cat Silver Cup or the Bass Cat Classic. A team will only be eligible to fish in one Classic tournament. If you're on more than one team, then you may fish in the other Classic tournament with the other partner, only if that team is qualified through a Regional event. The Bass Cat Classic Tournament will be limited to the first 250 entries received. Go to www.usabassin.com for more information on the Bass Cat Classic.

5. USA BASSIN Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament:

All teams that fish in a Regional Event but did not finish in the top 30% (by total weight) will only be eligible to fish the Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament. The Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament will be limited to the first 250 entries received. Entries into the Bass Cat Silver Cup for the top 30% will not open until March 1, 2026. Go to www.usabassin.com for more information on the Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament.

6. The USA BASSIN Tournament of Champions:

The top 10 teams in this event will receive a cash paycheck. There is seven ways to qualify for this event.

1. Be the Divisional Champion of any USA BASSIN Division.
2. Catch the Biggest Bass in your Division.
3. Finish the season with 1000 points or finish the season in top 200 in the National Points.
4. Finish in the top 3 at a Regional event
5. Catch the Biggest Bass in a Regional Event.
6. Finish in the top 3 (USA BASSIN Teams Only) at a USA BASSIN Open Event.
7. Catch the Biggest Bass (USA BASSIN Teams Only) at a USA BASSIN Open Event.

7. Limits:

This is a five (5) fish limit per team or when fishing alone tournament. Anyone who brings in more than five (5) fish will have their sack culled to the five (5) fish limit starting with the big fish first. Teams may carry more than five (5) fish, but all culling must be done on the water—not on the bank.

8. Short Fish Penalties:

Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, and spotted bass may be brought to weigh-in. All fish brought to weigh-in must be of legal size determined by state law for that body of water fished. Short fish will be culled from your sack and your largest fish will be culled from the remaining fish. A Bump Board will be available at weigh-in as a courtesy board.

9. Live-well Inspection:

Boat must have a working live- well, either built into the boat or portable. Live wells must have some type of pump or circulator to keep fish alive. All live wells will be checked on the ramp prior to launching your boat.

10. Substitutes:

You can only fish a USA BASSIN Regional with your declared partner. If your declared partner cannot fish a USA BASSIN Regional, you may fish it solo. No Substitutes permitted at Regional events.

11. Boat and Motor

Boats must have required Coast Guard Safety Equipment and must have a motor within the rating limits.

12. Pre-Fishing

All USA BASSIN Regional Tournaments will not be closed to pre-fishing.

13. Weigh-in Bags:

Participants may only bring fish to the weigh-in station in a weigh-in bag provided by USA BASSIN.

14. Late to Weigh-in:

There will be a grace period of 15 minutes from the end of the tournament for a team to turn in their weigh-in card. After the 15 minutes grace period if a team has not turned in their weigh-in card then the team will be disqualified.

15. Off-Limits:

Off-limits areas, if any, will be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. Teams may not fish closer than 50 yards to another competitor unless they are 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. Any team fishing in the off-limits areas will have that day's weight disqualified from the tournament.

16. Dead fish Penalty:

For each dead fish a 1/2-pound penalty will be deducted from your total weight. A dead fish will not be weighed-in as big fish. Fish that appears altered or mangled shall be the tournament director's decision to weigh or not to weigh the fish.

17. Life Preserver:

During all Regional Tournaments, contestants not wearing their life jackets zipped and secured when the combustion engine is running and in gear will have that day's weight disqualified from the tournament.

18. Ties:

Ties for big bass will split big bass pot. Ties for all place finishes will be broken by big bass.

19. No Live Bait:

Only artificial lures can be used in a USA BASSIN Tournament. The use of pork rine is permitted.

20. No Trolling:

Trolling with the use of a combustible engine as a method of fishing is prohibited.

21. 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 extending through the close of the weigh-in.

22. Leaving Your Boat:

Competitors shall always remain with their partners in the boat 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 a team decides to leave the tournament waters early, competitors must contact the Regional Director, prior to leaving the tournament. If you have boat trouble, one member must remain with the disabled boat. The other team member may board another competitor's boat with that day's catch and bring fish to the weigh-in. Please contact the Regional Director prior to doing so.

23. Cheating:

Anyone caught cheating in a USA BASSIN Tournament will be immediately barred from fishing any USA BASSIN event in the future. We reserve the right to have a random truth verification test performed at any time. You may not use a cell phone to gain an advantage over the rest of the competitors.

24. Protest:

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Regional Director before the close of weigh-in. Verbal protest will not be accepted.

25. State Rules:

All state rules and regulations must be followed. Teams breaking a State Rule or Regulations will have that day's weight disqualified.

26. Insurance:

All members will carry liability insurance on any boat they might use during any of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments. Failure to do so or reporting false information will result in disqualification. Participants must have the company name and either policy number or the name of the agent binding the coverage on the membership form.

27. Refusal of Membership/Entry:

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

28. 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 in 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.

All Rules and regulations of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments are subject to review by U.S.A. BASSIN Official

Tournament Director

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Lake Shafer Regional Entry Fee \$150.00
(Entry includes the Big Bass Pot and a chance at Uncle Sam Bass)

Partner 1: _____

Partner 2: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Team ID 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, 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: _____

Signature: _____

Make Checks payable to the Regional Director and Mail entry form to:

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