

2018

R & B BASS CIRCUIT

100% Payback!

East Division

Directors:

Jim Graham: 260-403-2672

April 21: **Hamilton Lake**

Register @ City Beach 7:30 - 2:30

Off Site Parking

May 19: **Lake James**

The Corner Landing 6:30 - 1:30

June 17: **Lake St. Clair**

Harley Ensign Ramp 6:30 - 2:30

July 7: **Randall Chain**

Waffle Farm 6:30 - 1:30

August 18: **Lake Wawasee**

Syracuse Ramp 7:00 - 2:00

September 15: **Coldwater Lake**

DNR Ramp 7:30 - 2:30

South Division

Directors:

John Gipson, Jr. 269-362-4670

Tom Noe 269-214-8386

April 28: **Lake Shafer**

Indiana Beach 7:30 - 2:30

May 5: **Lake Manitowish**

DNR Ramp 7:30 - 2:30

May 20: **Bass Lake**

DNR Ramp 7:30 - 2:30

July 1: **Lake Shafer**

Indiana Beach 7:30 - 2:30

September 1: **Freeman Lake**

Dodge Camp 7:30 - 2:30

September 22: **Lake Shafer**

Indiana Beach 7:30 - 2:30

West Division

Directors:

Andy Buss 574-993-3028

John DuPont: 574-870-7817

April 29: **Lake Tippecanoe**

Tippy Dance Hall 7:30 - 2:30

May 12: **Lake Wawasee**

Syracuse Ramp 6:30 - 1:30

June 10: **Winona Lake**

Kosciusko Co Fairgrounds 6:30 - 1:30

July 15: **St. Joe River**

Maggies Landing 6:30 - 1:30

August 12: **Webster Lake**

DNR Ramp 7:00 - 2:00

September 9: **Lake Maxinkuckee**

DNR Ramp 7:30 - 2:30

October 6 & 7—Classic @ Detroit River; Elizabeth Park

Classic Rules and Boat Order

There are two ways to qualify for the Classic. Each division will follow this criteria:

- Any team who has participated in all 6 regular-season tournaments from any Division automatically qualifies regardless of their finish in the Year-to-Date Standings.
- The top 50% of teams from an average field of their division's final standings will qualify for the classic. For example, if the division averages 51 teams per tournament, the top 26 teams in the standings will qualify. Any team who finished higher than 26th place but participated in all 6 divisional tournaments still qualifies.
 - However, tournament directors do not count. If directors are fortunate to finish in the top 50% they will not take a team out of the Classic. Hence, in the example above, if directors finished 5th place overall, the top 27 teams would actually qualify.
- The starting order will be determined by the Standings. The team standing in 1st place in the division with the highest average turnout will be boat 1. The team standing in 1st place in the division with the second highest average will be boat 2 and so on.
- **New for 2018**, if one individual of a team cannot attend the classic, the remaining member can partner up with a member of another team who also has a team member that cannot attend. They may fish from the same boat, but not as a team, each individual will weigh in their catch to count as their team's weight.

Rules & Expectations

1. There will be a mandatory meeting 20 minutes prior to take off. One member must be present.
2. Boat order will be determined by random draw for first 40 entrants, after which, teams will be numbered by order of registration. Any team who registers during or after the pre-tournament meeting will not draw for a number. They will be deemed the call boat.
3. Livewells must be inspected before take off. All boats must pass by the Take Off Boat with their livewells open for inspection.
4. Five fish limit: smallmouth, largemouth, and spotted.
5. Dead fish weighed will result in ¼ pound penalty from total weight. A dead fish cannot be weighed for a team's big fish. Note: state laws prohibit returning dead fish to water.
6. Weighing in a short fish will result in the loss of that fish as well the loss of big bass. A courtesy bump is available.
7. Any team coming to the weigh-in with more than 5 bass will be disqualified. Culling must be done on the water, during tournament hours.
8. Check-in time will be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. **THERE WILL BE NO GRACE TIME. IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
9. Safety, good sportsmanship, and courtesy will be expected and enforced. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
10. A one time, **\$30** team membership fee must be paid before participation in any tournament. (100% of membership fees will be placed into classic pot.) The membership fee allows a team to fish all **THREE** Divisions.
11. Each tournament costs **\$70** (this includes the Big Bass) and must be paid before the tournament. Only cash will be accepted at the ramp. The big bass money will pay back two spots: 80% and 20% respectively.
12. Payback will be 1 team for every 5 teams participating with a maximum of 10 paid spots. 90% of entry fees will be paid back at each tournament. The remaining 10% will be placed in the classic pot. **\$10** of each entry is placed into the big bass pot. All moneys can be tracked on the website.
13. In the event of a tie, big bass will break the tie. If big bass is also a tie, teams will split evenly.
14. A cash prize up to **\$400** will be awarded to the Points Champions. If the average field is 40 or more boats, **\$400** will be awarded to the Season Champions. If 30 boats is the average, **\$300** will be awarded, and so forth. Points are accumulated by the following:
 - 10 points for participation at each tournament
 - 30 points for 1st place, 29 points for 2nd place, 28 points for 3rd place, etc.
 - Total weight will be added to total points at one point per pound.
15. Substitutes are allowed, but only one substitute per division. One member of the team must be present. A member may fish solo anytime. No substitutes are allowed at the Classic.
16. Top 50% of teams from an average field in the final standings will qualify for the classic. Also, any team participating in all 6 tournaments from any division will automatically qualify for the classic. For Classic details, see Classic rules on front.
17. Trolling is not allowed.
18. Only artificial baits may be used with only a single rod at any one time.
19. All State and Federal rules/laws will be strictly enforced: this includes boating laws.
20. Life Jackets are required and must be worn anytime the gas engine is running.
21. All boats must have an aerated livewell in working order.
22. All boat owners must have sufficient liability insurance to cover any accident.
23. Teams with schedule conflicts may pay for a single tournament, receive participation points for an event, and not attend. However, this can only be done **ONE** time per season per division. If a team is fishing multiple divisions, they may pay and skip one tournament in each of the divisions.
24. Unless worked out with tournament directors in advance, teams must be present to claim their prize and/or cash.
25. All alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited at all times.
26. Tournament "hours" begin the moment a team arrives and does not end until the last prize has been handed out.
27. Failure to comply with any rule may result in disqualification.
28. All protests must be given to the Tournament Directors in writing within 5 minutes of weigh-in scales being closed. Rule interpretation will be determined by the Tournament Directors and their decisions are final.

2018 R & B Bass Circuit

Name _____ (Boat Owner)	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City/State/Zip _____	City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____

In signing, I submit as truthful verification for the tournament directors and R & B Bass Circuit. I have read and understand the rules. I have sufficient liability insurance to cover any accident. I acknowledge the tournament directors' decisions are final on all matters and will accept all protest results as explained in rule 22. Tournament Directors and R & B Bass Circuit will not be held responsible, or liable, for any damages or injuries to participants or their property.

Signature _____ Signature _____