



2025 IBF Tournament Trail

- We pay out over 100%! In 2024 The IBF Paid out over \$50,000.00 in winnings to tournament anglers.
- 2025 IBF Tournament Trail contestants can qualify for 2025 TBF Semi-Finals.
- There is no better value in Illinois Tournament Fishing!

Overview

Tournament Trail events will be one day, with the exception of the IBF Tournament Trail Classic, which will be a two-day event. In addition to paying over 100%, THE TOP 20% OF contestants from each IBF Tournament Trail Event will qualify for spots in the 2025 TBF Semi-Finals on Mississippi River Pool 19 - Oct 11 & 12, 2025. (Must also participate in 4 Regular season IBF Tournament Trail events.) Contestants are required to be members of the Illinois Bass Federation/TBF to participate in Regular Season IBF Tournament Trail Events, IBF Tournament Trail Classic, and to qualify / participate in the 2025 TBF IL/IN Semi-Finals.

Summary for 2025

- **The Top 20% IBF Tournament Trail contestants from Angler and Co-Angler sides will qualify for the TBF Semi-Finals from each IBF Tournament Trail Event.**
- Must Participate in 4 regular season Tournaments Trail Events to Qualify for Semi-Finals.
- Entry fees will be charged for the Classic.
- The Classic boat draw order will be based on the YTD point standing for the 1st day, and will be based on the first day finish position for the 2nd day.
- Angler & Co-Angler of the Year will be based on the final points standing after 7 regular season events.
- Contestants must check in at the weigh tables and sign a weigh slip even if they do not record a fish. Failure to do so will result in loss of participation points, which will impact AOY Standings.
(Tournament Director may grant exceptions in emergency situations)

2025 IBF Tournament Trail Schedule

check www.ILBassFed.com for updates

3/22 & 3/23 Presented By Price Custom Baits –Lake of Egypt, Pyramid Acres

4/13 Presented By Schrocks Repair- Clinton Lake, Clinton lake marina

5/4 Presented By Hydro Baits- Lake Sara, Marina ramp.

6/29 Presented By Jay Presley and SUNRUN, Pool 13 Savanna, Marina ramp.

8/23 & 8/24 Presented By Dealer Performance Services - Pool 12, Dubuque, IA. Schmitt Landing

9/20 & 9/21 IBF Classic Pool 10, Marquette, IA Bridge ramp

10/11 & 10/12 IL/IN TBF Semifinals, Pool 19 Mississippi River Fort Madison, IA



Ranger Cup awards are available in 2025 for 60 boat tournaments or more.

All information is believed to be accurate by the IBF, but is subject to change or correction.

Entry and Payout Details

All tournaments will have an entry fee of \$175.00 for Boaters and \$100.00 for Co-Anglers. This includes the Classic. Entries must be postmarked no later than 10 Days prior to the event to avoid a \$25 late fee. Entries will be accepted up to the beginning of the Pre-tournament meeting (on the evening before the tournament). An official entry form and waiver must be completed in order to compete. Winners must provide SS# for 1099's. Entry Forms may be downloaded from www.ILBassFed.com.

Committed sponsor contribution will put us over 100% payout in 2025, with room for additional sponsorships. Ranger Cup® money is an added bonus!

Entry fees and entry fee breakout will be:

Angler	\$175	Co-Angler	\$100
Tournament Pay-out	\$107	Tournament Pay-out	\$55
Big Bass Pot	\$5	Big Bass Pot	\$4
Paid at Event:	66%	Paid at Event:	60%
To the Classic Payout	\$53	To the Classic Payout	\$32
To the Angler of Year Award	\$5	To the Angler of Year Award	\$4
Total Payout	97%		94%
Reserved for Expense (max)	\$5	Reserved for Expense (max)	\$5

I see 97% and 94%, how does the IBF say payouts are over 100%?

• **Sponsor Contributions.** Pay-outs will be increased by 100% of Sponsor contributions to the Open Trail!

• In addition, we return as much money reserved for expenses as possible!

Events will pay down 20% of each division (Angler and Co-Angler), but at least three places. In addition, each division will have one Big Bass pot and plaques awarded to the winners. Checks will be to each Angler and Co Angler placing in the top 20% of their division.

Any Contestant wishing to withdraw from an event must contact the Tournament Director no later than 6:00PM Tuesday prior to the event to receive full entry fee restitution. There will be a \$10 fee assessed for withdrawing after that deadline.

All Contestants must be registered and be represented at the pre tournament meeting. In the event an Angler must use a representative at the meeting, the Tournament Director must be notified before the beginning of the meeting.

IBF Tournament Trail Classic

At the conclusion of the 7 regular season events, The Classic qualifiers will be announced. The Top 50% of the total Anglers in points standing and the Top 50% of the Co-Anglers in points standing will qualify for the Classic.

The 2025 Classic will compete for prize money based on money in the 'Classic Fund' from 7 regular season events. Each paid entry from 7 regular season events includes \$53 for the Classic Fund for Anglers and \$32 for Co-Anglers. As well as money gained from Classic entry fee. Angler \$175, Co-Angler \$100

Classic Pairings -Boaters and Co-Anglers will be paired by their standings at the completion of the seven regular season events.

Classic Boat Launch Order - The point standings will dictate the boat order for the first day of the Finals. Day two boat order will be based on day 1 Classic finish.

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Regular Season Tournament Pairings

A drawing will be conducted by the Tournaments Director (or Delegate) to pair Anglers and Co-Anglers.

In the event there are more Boaters entered than Co-Anglers, Boaters may be afforded the option of fishing alone or be paired together, depending on their priority.

Pairing Priority:

1. Guarantee Anglers and Co-Angler - enter on the same entry form by the entry deadline. Anglers will be paired with a Co-Angler and will use their Boat. It is possible that a Guaranteed Angler will be given the option of fishing alone. A Guaranteed Co-Angler will be guaranteed entry and participation in the Event.
2. Angler or Co-Angler entries received by the entry deadline, but not as a pair.
 - a. Anglers (boater): will be accommodated for entry, but may be paired with another boater. They will not fish alone.
 - b. Co-Angler: will have priority over late entries, but may not be able to fish (e.g. more co-anglers than can be accommodated by the number of boats).
3. Angler or Co-Angler entries received at the tournament site (late entries).
 - a. Anglers (boater) will be accommodated for entry, but may be paired with another boater. They will not fish alone.
 - b. Late Co-Angler entries will not be accepted if the entry would result in more co-anglers than can be accommodated by the number of boats.

The tournament director will notify Co-Anglers in advance if it is known that the Co-Angler may not be able to participate, however, late cancellation may make advanced notice impossible. In addition, late boater entries may make a spot available at the tournament meeting (e.g. "the last minute").

Entry Confirmation

Entry confirmations will be done by e-mail or text only. It is the responsibility of the Contestants to make sure the Tournament Director has a functioning and legible e-mail address in which to send the confirmation. If a confirmation is not received, contact the Tournament Director for confirmation at IBFTournamentDirector@gmail.com (309) 208-2335

Check-in/Weigh-in:

All contestants must go to the weigh in table, sign their weigh in slip and their partners weigh slip. They must do this even if they do not have fish to weigh. Failure to sign a weigh slip before scales close results in disqualification (participation points are not awarded).

Courtesy Bumps at the Bump Station will not be allowed. A Courtesy Bump Board Tub with same model Board will be provided for participants to check out from the Weigh-In Trailer prior to weighing their fish. Bump Board Tub must be returned to Weigh-In Trailer promptly.

Points Standings

Points for each one day event will be based on a 100 Point scale (100 points for first, 99 points for second, etc.). In the event a contestant participates in an event and records no catch, the participant will be awarded up to 40 points for their effort.

Two day combined weight tournaments will have double points (Super Tournament and Open Trail Finals).

Questions??

See www.ilbassfed.com for more details or email IBFTournamentDirector@gmail.com

