



BBKC FAQ (Top Questions):

Q: *What is the BBKC?*

A: The BBKC is the Big Bass Kayak Championship. You fish from Jan 1, 2019 through Aug 15, 2019. The angler catching the largest bass (spotted, smallmouth or largemouth) wins a chance to fish in the BBKC for \$10,000 in Oct 2019.

Q: *I entered the BBKC also, Can I fish the BBKC, or the BBJC?*

A: Yes! Anyone can enter and fish and qualify for the BBKC, but to fish the BBKC, you must catch all your fish out of a KAYAK. You can enter your catch in BOTH the BBKC and BBKC from the KAYAK, only if your catch is in a KAYAK. If you are a high school angler or college angler, you can enter the BBKC, as long as the fish is caught from a Kayak, and enter both the BBWC and BBJC as well. You must follow each tournaments set of rules or your fish may be disqualified.

Q: *Do I enter a certification form for both for the same fish?*

A: Yes. If you are entered in both the BBKC and the BBKC, fill out a certification form for both, with the same fish information. Use the same photos when you submit the fish.

Q: *What is the advantage to entering both, BBKC and BBKC?*

A: If you are a kayak angler, basically you are doubling your chance to qualify and win a state, and go fish the finals.

Q: *Can I fish in another state if I travel or move?*

A: Once entered, contestants may fish in any of the 49 participating states (excluding Alaska), subject to state and local regulations. You register the fish where the fish lives, not you!

Q. *What about fishing more than one state?*

A: Once entered, you must declare which state you are fishing. To fish more than one state, an addition \$20 fee, or to fish the Nation the total fee is only \$65. If you decide half way through the year, you want to compete in additional states, the fee is still \$20 per state, or \$40 more for the nation.

Q: *Can I certify more than one bass in the competition?*

A: There is no restriction on the number of bass entered, provided each bass is entered on a separate 2019 certification form. And as long as you are declared in multiple states, you can enter fish caught out of those states and lead more than one state. Be sure to use the correct certification form for the contest you are fishing.

Q: *Do I have to pay another \$25 each time I enter a catch?*

A: NO! The \$25 entry fee is a one-time only charge. Enter as many fish as you wish! But for a second state, the fee is \$45, or fish the nation for \$65. These are also one time fees.

Q: *How do I certify a catch?*

A: Complete & mail the Big Bass Certification Form along with the photo(s) of their catch a catch contestants simply:

- Measure the catch LENGTH with the Official 2019 BBKC Ruler and photograph it with the entire ruler showing. DO NOT lay the fish on the ruler. (A measurement with a Hawg Trough will also be accepted)
- When measuring or using Hawg Trough, you must have fish facing left, mouth closed bumped against board, bottom of fish on bottom of hawg trough. Hand off eyes, and tail fin. BBKC reserves the right to deny certification of fish incorrectly measured and photographed.
- Measure the catch GIRTH with the Official 2019 BBKC Ruler and photograph it with the entire ruler showing. (A measurement with a Hawg Trough and the Official 2019 Ruler around the girth in the same photo will be accepted)
- Hold the fish so you can take a selfie! Or have a friend take your photo of you holding the fish. Make it a good photo, it could be used in BASSIN' Magazine or even on the cover!
- Complete & mail the Big Bass Certification Form along with the 3 photo(s) of their catch to BBKC Headquarters.

- OR (optional), video your catch. Video must include you catching the bass, measuring the length of the bass, and measuring the girth of the bass, as well as releasing the bass and you holding it showing your face with the bass. (it is highly recommended to photograph the length and girth as well and submit that with the card from the video recorder) (This is not required, but photographs are still required for all catches.)

Q: Can I submit my fish digitally via email?

A: New for 2019, will be the first year we accept fish digitally. You may email the following to BBKC@freshwatermediagroup.com. You MUST have all the following forms. 2019 Big Bass Kayak Certification form, completely filled out. Valid fishing license. The 3 required photos. It must be received within 30 days of catch.

Q: Does my BBKC code change after I enter a fish?

A: No your 2019 BBKC code is yours. It must be displayed on each fish submitted to the BBKC.

Q: What is the minimum size requirement for my state?

A: BBKC and BASSIN' promote catch and release. You can measure any bass, photo it, and send it in. No more taking a fish to a certified scale. It is that easy! Any fish qualifies!

Q: How many times can I send in a fish?

A: BBKC and BASSIN' allow you to send in as many fish as you want. We take second place to the Championship if first place is not able to attend! We encourage you to submit all your catches, each time you catch a larger fish!

Q: Should I send in all my catches?

A: BBKC and BASSIN' allow you to send in as many fish as you want. We take second place to the Championship if first place is not able to attend! We encourage you to submit all your catches, each time you catch a larger fish!

Q: When and where are the BBKC Finals this year?

A: This will be held confidential by BBKC staff. It will be announced near the Aug 15th, 2019 cutoff date. Bassin' and the BBKC keep this secret to not allow local anglers to be on the water when not all anglers are possible to do so.

Q: How are fish measured, and why are my measurements different?

A: Three independent judges look at your photos, and determine the length and girth of your fish. Then a final decision is made if there are discrepancies between

your measurements and ours. A straight edge is used on the mouth of the bass, and then on the tail, determining where it lines up with the ruler. Our decision is final for leaderboard results.

Q: What species of fish are allowed to be entered in the competition?

A: Only largemouth black bass, spotted bass and smallmouth bass will be considered for qualification.

Q: When does the competition begin and end?

A: Entries for certification for the 2019 BBKC begins Jan 1, 2019 and ends August 15, 2018.

Q: When are winners announced?

A: Entries and state winners will be announced in this order. You may fish on August 15, 2019. Your entry must be postmarked by August 16th, 2019. You have 1 week, Aug 23, 2019 for your entry to arrive in the mail. (We suggest overnight at this point) Winners will be announced by Aug 25th, via email. 2nd place qualifiers, will be notified at a later date if accepted due to 1st place not being able to attend.

Q: What is the top prize this year?

A: As more sponsors come on board, more prizes will be added. \$10,000 from BASSIN Magazine as of today.

Q: How big was the bass that won in my state last year?

A: There were no results for this competition, but check out www.bigbassworldchampionship.com for the results from 2018. Some of those anglers are kayak anglers!

If you have more questions, please feel free to contact BBKC at brad.uhl@freshwatermediagroup.com