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The Wisconsin Alliance of Bass Tournament Anglers

**2024 Tournaments**

**\* ONLINE entries ONLY after MARCH 21, 2024 \*  
the boat draw is on April 16th.**



**\$300 Entry Division**

May 11 .....	Madison <i>presented by Hausz</i>
June 9 .....	Mendota <i>presented by Cedar Lake Sales</i>
June 22 .....	Big Green <i>presented by The Boat Doc</i>
July 20 .....	Madison <i>presented by Quams</i>
August 11 .....	Delavan <i>presented by Action Boat House</i>

**August 3rd, Big Bass Battle**  
Okauchee Lake ... presented by ABC

**September 6 & 7, WABTA Classic**  
Sturgeon Bay ... presented by Dick Smith's

**\*\*Mandatory Meeting September 5 &  
registration, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - TBD**

# 2024 TOURNAMENT DETAILS

## \$300 ENTRY DIVISION SCHEDULE

### May 11, 2024 – Hausz – Madison

Entry Fee: (incl. Big Bass) ....\$330 - facility fees included

Tourn Site: .....Green Lantern Bar, Madison, WI

Meeting: 5:30 am

Hrs: 6:00 am - 2:00

### June 9, 2024 – Cedar Lake Sales – Mendota

Entry Fee: (incl. Big Bass) ....\$320 - need to pay at station or park sticker

Tourn Site: .....Governor Nelson State Park, Waunakee, WI

Meeting: 5:30 am

Hrs: 6:00 am - 2:00

### June 22, 2024 – The Boat Doc – Big Green

Entry Fee: (incl. Big Bass) ....\$320 - facility fees included

Tourn Site: .....Dodge Memorial Park

Meeting: 5:30 am

Hrs: 6:00 am - 2:00

### July 20, 2024 – Quams – Madison

Entry Fee: (incl. Big Bass) ....\$330 - facility fees included

Tourn Site: .....Green Lantern Bar, Madison, WI

Meeting: 5:30 am

Hrs: 6:00 am - 2:00

### August 11, 2024 – Action Boat House – Delavan

Entry Fee: (incl. Big Bass) ....\$320 - pay launch at station

Tourn Site: .....Delavan Boat Launch

Meeting: 5:30 am

Hrs: 6:00 am - 2:00

## BIG BASS BATTLE

### August 3rd, 2024 – ABC – Okauchee Lake

Entry Fee: .....\$100 PLUS a \$100 tax deductible donation to Wisconsin Hero Outdoor

Tourn Site: ..... Hrs: 6:00 am - 2:00

Meeting: 5:30 am

## 2024 WABTA CLASSIC

### Sept. 6 & 7, 2024 – \*\*MANDATORY MEETING SEPT. 5\*\* – Sturgeon Bay

Tourn Site: Sturgeon Bay, Out of the Quarry

Hrs: 6:30 am - 2:30



## Team of the Year \$300 Division

The winner will be the team with the best total weight for all \$300 WABTA Tournaments. The winning team, will receive \$900 in cash. The second place team will receive \$500 in cash. The third place team will receive \$300 in cash. The fourth place will receive \$200 and the fifth place team will receive \$100.

**2023 – Kurzitski/Corraro**

## Team of the Year \$150 Division

**2023 – Reeling/Hight**

### Previous Team of the Year and WABTA Classic Winners

#### Team of the Year Winners

- 2023 Corraro/Krutzitski
- 2022 Kevin Dillingham & Dan Goldberg
- 2021 Dave VanErt & Al Mecikalski
- 2020 Corraro/Krutzitski
- 2019 Kevin Fassbind & Jay Wollenberg
- 2018 Kevin Fassbind & Jay Wollenberg

#### WABTA Classic Winners

- 2023 Caleb Kuphall & Justin Newkirk
- 2022 Steve Holden & Mike Frazier
- 2021 Michael Zawicki & Jeff Zawicki
- 2020 Kevin Fassbind & Jay Wollenberg
- 2019 Kevin Manzer & Jason Janicsek
- 2018 Caleb Kuphall & Justin Newkirk

## 2023 WABTA Classic

The WABTA is very proud to announce the 2023 Classic was a huge success. A field of 50 teams, qualified to fish for \$27,000 in cash and prizes. The Classic is a tournament for WABTA members who had previously qualified.

Everyone who attended had a great time. There was a WABTA sponsored picnic after the first day's weigh-in. We hope that even more members can join in the festivities in 2024.

## 2023 Classic Funds Paid Out \$27,000

### WABTA Board of Directors

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**\$300**  
**2023 Team of the Year**

**Corraro/  
Kruzitski**

**\$150**  
**2023 Team of the Year**  
**Reiling/Hight**



## WISCONSIN ALLIANCE OF BASS TOURNAMENT ANGLERS

**"Poker Night"** get together held at MD Saloon 2/21/24, see website  
FB live 2024 season update,  
**"Camaraderie Night"** (free pizza) 3/21/24 - FB live meeting 2024 Kick Off,

April 16th Boat Drawing 7:00 p.m. Facebook Live @ TBD

### **Offers it's Members**

- An organization that caters to tournament anglers
- WABTA Open Team Tournaments with generous dockside payouts
- The WABTA Classic qualifying event
- Representation with Wisconsin Tournament Regulators

### **History**

The W.A.B.T.A. was founded in January, 1993 by concerned tournament anglers. The seven founding members believed that tournament fishermen in Wisconsin needed a unified voice of representation to help shape the future of tournament angling. Also, the founders believed that a primary function of the organization should be to offer its members a non-profit arena in which to compete. WABTA open team tournaments with generous payouts and a qualifying year-end championship were born. Today, the WABTA strives to maintain the principles on which it was founded.

### **What we're all about**

The purpose of the WABTA is to: Establish communications between its' members, other fishing organizations, and tournament regulators; Provide a tournament format which returns a high percentage of the purse; Promote competition while maintaining sportsmanship; and encourage family participation such as father/son, husband/wife, etc.

### **Tournament Applications**

Information and entry forms to WABTA sponsored events can be obtained by calling Jay Wollenberg (414-510-9149). or by visiting [www.wabta.org](http://www.wabta.org).

The WABTA Tournaments are filling earlier each year. For each WABTA tournament, participants that fished the previous year have until March 21, 2024, to pay the entry fee and secure a position in the pre-paid (draw) field.

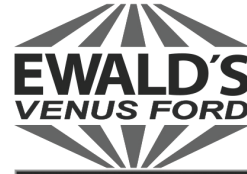


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## Waiver / Release

By checking this box, both participants are acknowledging that they have read and agree to the terms of the Waiver/Release Form. This form will apply to each and every WABTA tournament and event during the \_\_\_\_\_ calendar year.

### Waiver, Release of All Claims and Hold Harmless Agreement for the Wisconsin Alliance of Bass Tournament Anglers or WABTA

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in the above tournament you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries arising out of this tournament that you might sustain. The terms “I”, “me”, and “my” also refer to parents or guardians as well as the participants in the tournament. In registering for the tournament you are agreeing as follows:

As a participant in the tournament I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury, and I knowingly and freely assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damages or losses, which I may sustain as a result of participating, in any manner, in any and all activities connected with or associated with such tournament. I further recognize and acknowledge that fishing and operating a motor boat are hazardous recreational activities and involve potential risks of injury.

I, for myself and my heirs, assigns, personal representative and next of kin, voluntarily waive and relinquish any and all claims that I may have as a result of participating in the tournament against The Wisconsin Alliance of Bass Tournament Anglers, their affiliates, members, officers, directors, sponsors and assigns any and all other participating and governmental units, any independent contractors, officers, agents, servants and employees of such governmental units and independent contractors, and any and all other persons and entities, of whatever nature, that might be directly or indirectly liable for any injuries that I might sustain while participating in the tournament (the parties described in the preceding sentence are referred to as “released parties” in the remainder of the agreement).

I, for myself and my heirs, assigns, personal representative and next of kin, fully release and discharge the Wisconsin Alliance of Bass Tournament Anglers and the other released parties from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, assessments, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and expenses, arising out of or relating to any injuries, including death, damage or losses, which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of my participation in the tournament.

I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Wisconsin Alliance of Bass Tournament Anglers, and any and all other released parties, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes or action, assessments, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and expenses, arising out of or relating to any injuries, including death, damages and losses, sustained by anyone, and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my conduct and the activities of the tournament.

I further understand and agree that the terms such as “participation”, “tournament” and “activities,” referred to in this Agreement include all exercises and physical movements of any nature while I am participating in the tournament, and further include the provision of or failure to provide proper instructions or supervision, the use and adjustment of any machinery, equipment and apparatus, and anything related to my use of the services, facilities, or premises involved in the tournament.

I understand the nature of the tournament for which am registering, and I acknowledge and certify that I have read and fully understand this Waiver, Release, and Hold Harmless Agreement that I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and that I agree to be bound by its terms. I further understand that any advisements or warnings of particular risks of this tournament that I subsequently receive will be incorporated by reference into and become part of this Agreement.



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### \$300 Entry Division Schedule

<input type="checkbox"/>	Madison	May 11	\$330
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mendota	June 9	\$320
<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Green	June 22	\$320
<input type="checkbox"/>	Madison	July 20	\$330
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delavan	August 11	\$320

### WABTA Classic September 6 & 7

Sturgeon Bay: presented by Dick Smith's

- There will be no refunds of paid tournament entries. You will be credited for a future WABTA event depending on circumstances.

## WABTA Application for Membership

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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By checking this box, both participants are acknowledging that they have read and agree to the terms of the Waiver/Release Form. This form will apply to each and every WABTA tournament and event during the 2024 calendar year.

**ONLINE entries ONLY accepted after 3/21 cut off date. GET ENTRIES in early.**

Early bird registration is up on our webpage to enter into the 2024 WABTA events!  
 You can enter at [www.wabta.org/register](http://www.wabta.org/register).

**All entries entered after April 16th will have boat position determined by date/time of entry.**

## DEADLINES: ONLINE: 7 pm Thursday Prior to Tournament

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## How To Qualify for the WABTA Classic

- ◆ You must be a WABTA member
- ◆ Anglers must register and pay for any 4 tournaments and launch a boat the morning of said event.
- ◆ If you fish any 4/5 events and pay all classic fees you automatically qualify.
- ◆ Any COMBINATION of 4 tournaments will make that team classic eligible.

### *You will be a single qualifier if...*

- ◆ Your partner is unable to fish the classic.
- ◆ Single qualifiers may pair up with other single qualifiers to fish the classic.
- ◆ No one individual can fish Classic "Alone"

## Facts about The WABTA Classic

The WABTA Classic is funded by your membership dues, sponsor fees, raffle proceeds and a portion of the WABTA tournament entry fees.

Drawing for the next Classic will start at this year classic with the top 3 locations within 8 hours of Milwaukee to be determined. A drawing for #1 choice and alternative will occur.



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## **HERE ARE OUR EASY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND RULES. YOU MUST FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THEM BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN OUR TOURNAMENTS.**

1. **RULES:** The following rules of this tournament will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left to the Board of Directors. A copy of the tournament rules must be in each competitor's boat during the tournaments. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final in all matters.

2. **PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY:** You must be a WABTA member to fish in each years circuit. Participation in this tournament is open only to individuals who are 18 years of age and older unless fishing with a parent or guardian. Proof of age is to the satisfaction of the Board, and is the responsibility of the competitor. The Board reserves the right to refuse any application for any event, for any reason. All entries must be paid online by 8:00pm on the thursday prior to the tournament. There will be no entries accepted the day of the tournament. There will be a \$40 NSF charge on all returned checks.

3. **PRETOURNAMENT PRACTICE:** Each individual tournament lake is off limits to all contestants from 12:01am the day of the tournament, until the start of the tournament.

4. **REGISTRATION:** There is a 5:30am check in meeting on tournament day. You must have your boat checked by a board member before the morning meeting.

5. **SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver any time the combustion engine is operating. The preserver must be strapped, snapped, zippered, or buckled securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is turned off. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification. If a competitor receives a citation/ticket during the tournament hours for a local ordinance violation or a DNR law violation that competitor will be disqualified.

6. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Drunkenness by any competitor during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor which reflects unfavorable upon the effort to promote fisheries, conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for immediate disqualification. No seeding/salting: Moving fish to an area with intent of gaining an unfair advantage is strictly prohibited. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants will be allowed in tournament boats. Use of illegal drugs, or non-prescribed drugs at the tournament headquarters, in the tournament boat, or at all event facilities will result in disqualification.

7. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Each competitor may only use one rod with one lure at a time. Artificial baits only. Trolling is not allowed. Fishing from the front deck while under power from the combustion motor is not allowed. Any umbrella-type rigging, harness or other device designed to hold more than one lure at a time – with or without hooks – is not allowed.

8. **HORSEPOWER REGULATION:** Maximum horsepower for all outboard motor boats used in tournament competition will not exceed limitations set by the US Coast Guard in their ruling of Nov 1, 1972. All competitors in WABTA tournaments are required to have boater's liability insurance of at least \$100,000 liability coverage.

9. **BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT:** Every boat must have all required Coast Guard mandated safety equipment. In addition, it must have a functional live well space that is properly aerated to adequately maintain a live limit of bass by the fisherman using the boat. The use of binoculars and cameras with telephoto lenses is prohibited during tournament hours.

10. **BOAT IDENTIFICATION:** Each boat must be given, prior to the tournament start, an inspection by a Board Member and assigned a boat number,.

11. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing is confined to the tournament lake. Fishing on the tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of a marina gas pump. Competitors are restricted from impeding another competitors immediate water (25 yards is considered a courteous distance). No competitor may fish within 25 yards of a boat with the anchor deployed and the trolling motor out of the water. All fishing must be done from the boat. Competitors must leave and return to the official check in by boat and must remain in tournament waters during tournament hours. Competitors must not leave the boat to land a fish, and are only allowed to leave the boat in case of eminent danger defined as high probability of great bodily harm or death due to weather or lake conditions, to leave the boat to retrieve a lure if it becomes entangled in a dock or moored boat, or to use the facilities at the tournament headquarters or a commercial gas dock open to the public.

12. **SCORING:** Tournament standings shall be determined by the catch during the day of the tournament. Only largemouth and smallmouth will be weighed. The limit shall be a total of 5 of the above species in aggregate per day for a team, or 3 of the above species for a single competitor during warm water periods. All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the State of Wisconsin. Only bass as described which measure 14 inches or more in length as measured with mouth closed shall be weighed in. Bass presented for weigh in which fail to measure 14 inches shall immediately disqualify the team. There will be a 1 pound penalty for each dead bass brought to the scales. This penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor. Only one fish can be weighed in for Big Bass. Any bass that appears to have been illegally harvested will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of the Board Members. In event of a mechanical failure, or acts of God prohibiting or disrupting the weigh in process, the Tournament Board reserves the right to return all competitors money for the event. Only the weigh master has final say over a fish's legal status, short or dead.

13. **LATE PENALTY:** Late is late. If you are late, you are disqualified.

14. **TIES:** In case of a tie, the first tie breaker shall be the number of fish. If a tie still remains, the purses will be combined and divided equally. Trophies will be decided by a coin flip. Last paid place ties will split the last paid place purse.

15. None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated Board Member from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat at any time during the practice period or the tournament day.

16. **ORDER OF START:** A lottery system will determine boat position for all entries received prior to start the boat number drawing meeting. After the boat draw meeting boat position will be determined by entry post mark. During the DNR warm water period and for each WABTA Classic, the event field will be split into 2 flights. This will only apply to event fields of 40 or more boats.

17. **PROTEST:** Each participant will have the right to protest another participant for a rules violation. Protests must be submitted in writing before the official close of the scales by tournament officials. A protest fee of \$50 must accompany the protest, and will be returned if the protest is upheld. Tournament official's reserve the right to review and act on rules infractions after the close of scales.

18. **POLYGRAPH TEST:** All competitors are subject to a polygraph testing. Failure to submit to a test, failure of the test in the polygraph examiner's opinion, or failure to follow the instructions of the polygraph examiner is grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of any and all prize money. Any competitor who has failed a polygraph test for cheating in a bass tournament or whose results are found to be inconclusive shall not be eligible to compete in WABTA tournaments. The ordering of a polygraph test is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

19. **RELEASING OF FISH:** Each boat is responsible for releasing their own fish IMMEDIATELY following their teams weigh in. Fish must be released in the designated area identified by the tournament director the day of the tournament. Failure of this rule will result in disqualification and/or dismissal from WABTA.

20. **IN THE EVENT OF AN EQUIPMENT FAILURE:** You must immediately notify a Board Member by cell phone of the problem. There will be only two permitted methods of returning to the official tournament headquarters: by both partners remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or by one partner entering the boat of another tournament contestant. Under these two conditions the contestants' catches will be counted without penalty (except for late penalties, dead fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules).

21. **SUBSTITUTE RULE:** If a situation arises during the tournament season that a team needs to use a substitute angler, it is permitted with the following stipulations. The substitute must be a WABTA member. The total weight for the day will count in full for that tournament day. If a contestant decides to fish by themselves, he/she would only be allowed to weigh the daily bag limit allowable by DNR regulations for the date of the tournament, and he/she would get credit for the full allowable days catch in the team of the year standings.

22. **GUIDES:** Paid guides are prohibited via verbal information or on the water information 7 days prior to all tournaments.

23. **CELL PHONES:** The use of cell phones are permitted for emergency use only. **THEY MAY NOT BE USED TO COMMUNICATE WITH PARTICIPANTS AND/OR NON-PARTICIPANTS DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS.** Violation of this rule will result in disqualification or/or dismissal from WABTA.

24. **ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT:** *Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates integrity, honor and respect toward fellow competitors, tournament staff and the general public that does not reflect unfavorably on WABTA, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors. This includes but is not limited to the participant's social media accounts and digital sights. Breach of this rule will result in a board review. Consequences will vary based on the infraction.*

25. **CLASSIC QUALIFICATIONS:** You must register and pay for any 4 out of 5 tournaments and launch a boat the morning of said event. You have to fish with same partner in 4/5 tournaments. You may have a sub and their weight counts. Board has final say on any interpretation.