



**2026 Mountain State Forest Festival
Bass Fishing Classic Entry Form
Saturday, September 26, 2026**

*Name 1 _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

*Cell Phone _____ *Trailer License Plate # _____

*Length of Boat _____ *Make of Boat _____

*E-mail address _____

*Name 2 _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

*Cell Phone _____ *Trailer License Plate # _____

*Length of Boat _____ *Make of Boat _____

*E-mail address _____

Registration Fee \$75.00 per boat with \$10.00 going to Lunker. Registration is limited to the first twelve (12) boats upon receipt of application and registration fee.

Please complete and remit to: Mountain State Forest Festival
PO Box 388
Elkins, WV 26241

Release: By signing this form, I release the Mountain State Forest Festival and its agents from any and all personal injury or property damage that I may incur as a result of my participation in the Mountain State Forest Festival.

*Signature 1. _____ *Date _____

*Signature 2. _____ *Date _____



Mountain State Forest Festival

Bass Fishing Classic

Rules & Regulations

1. Entrants must be 18 years of age unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Tournament officials will disqualify any entrant for violation of tournaments rules, unsportsmanlike conduct, or rough handling of fish. Tournament will operate under B.A.S.S. Nation Official Rules.
3. All grievances will be made to tournament officials prior to weigh-in.
4. Official's decision is final.
5. Live bait is not allowed.
6. No trolling.
7. All fishing must be done from inside entrant's boat. Only one line per angler may be in the water at a time.
8. Only two entrants permitted in boat during tournament hours. Partner changing during the tournament is not allowed
9. The catch limit is five (5) per team. All fish must measure ten (10) inches from tip of snout, with mouth closed to the end of the tail.
10. Scores will be based on total weight.
11. There will be 0.25 lb. penalty per dead fish. NO culling of dead fish.
12. No fishing is permitted within fifty (50) feet of another boat when anchored with trolling motor up.
13. Contestants arriving late at check in;
 - Boat will be penalized one (1) pound per minute.
 - Any contestant more than ten (10) minutes late will be disqualified.
14. All boats must be registered, operated in a safe manner, and have required US Coast Guard Safety equipment at all times during the tournament.
15. All boats must be operated according to U.S. Coast Guard Navigation rules found at www.navcen.uscg.gov/mwv/navrules/navrules.htm
16. Fish must be handled appropriately and maintained in properly aerated live wells or coolers in accordance with WV Division of Natural Resources Administrative Procedures Fishing Tournaments and Big Fish Contests Policies Appendix 3 found at <https://wvdnr.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-fishing-tournament-policy.pdf>
17. WV Fishing Regulations must be followed at all times with a summary available at: <https://wvdnr.gov/fishing/fishing-regulations/>
18. All boats must be in good condition and always display the provided motor band during the event.
19. Proof of insurance must be presented at registration.

20. Prize money is presented based on the weight of your team's catch. In case of a tie, position shall be determined by dividing award money equally among tied teams.
21. Tournament officials will have the authority to change starting times or cancel tournament should severe weather arrive, in which case the Mountain State Forest Festival will refund entry fee.
22. Penalty for short fish will be loss of biggest fish. A courtesy board will be provided at weigh-in site.
23. All boats must be inspected prior to start of tournament. It is the contractor's responsibility to make sure boat is inspected.
24. No more than five (5) bass may be in live wells at any time. Any person(s) found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.
- 25. Tournament will be held at Scott Ford Boat Ramp on the Tygart River in Elkins, on Saturday, September 26, 2026. Boats will launch at 6:30 AM or safe light and check-in time is 2:00 p.m. Entry is limited to the first twelve (12) boats to register. All participants must sign the Mountain State Forest Festival Liability Waiver at registration.**

By signing below, I indicate I have read the Bass Fishing Classic General Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/ business:

* Signature 1 _____ * Date _____

* Signature 2 _____ * Date _____