



## Louisiana Youth BASS Nation Path to the National Championship



- Louisiana High School BASS Nation is comprised of 3 divisions or “Trails”: West, East, and the North.
- There are three qualifiers, per trail, for a total of 9.
- You can fish one trail, two, or all of them, it is your choice.
- You can fish any and/or all qualifiers you wish in each trail. *To help with additional spots to nationals, we ask teams to try to fish at least one qualifier in each trail if possible.*
- **Top 5% of finishers at each qualifier, qualify to fish the state championship. If teams in the top 5% have previously qualified, the spot goes to the next team in line. 5% of previously non-qualified teams will qualify at every tournament.**
- Each trail will issue points depending on a team’s finish at each qualifier. 300 for first place. Minus one point for each finishing position below that. If a team has zero fish to weigh, they do not hold a place ranking in the tournament and will receive 50 points if they showed up to fish. *(This format follows the state adult trial and BASS Nation Youth trails in other states)*
- Points will be compiled, and teams will be ranked for each trail, after the final qualifier. *(The State Championship does not count toward trail points)*
- Trail champions automatically qualify for the national championship.

- A certain number of top finishing teams with points, from each trail will qualify for the National Championship. (That number is dependent upon how many teams participate in each trail)
- Every team who fishes our qualifiers will accrue points for every tournament that they fish for the season. The team with the most accrued points, overall, will become our “Anglers of the Year” and get an automatic bid to the BASS High School National Championship, scholarship funds, and prizes. (The more tournaments you fish, the better your chances to win this title)
- Teams who are in good standing with BASS can fish BASS High School Opens throughout the country (Usually 4 per year). Teams finishing in the top 10% of any B.A.S.S. High School, “national” open will qualify for the state championship and the BASS High School National Championship.

## Junior Bassmaster Path

- All Junior Bassmaster teams can fish all High School qualifiers in their own Junior division.
- Junior teams accrue points for every tournament that they fish. 300 for first place, Minus one point for each finishing position below that. If a team has zero fish to weigh, they do not hold a place ranking in the tournament and will receive 50 points if they showed up to fish. *(This format follows the state adult trial and BASS Nation Youth trails in other states)*
- Their trail consists of all the high school qualifiers. They can fish as many or as few as they want.
- Total points are added up after the last qualifier and a “Team of the Year” is crowned.

- AOY Points champions get an automatic bid to the Junior Bassmaster National championship.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place points team qualifies for the National Championship
- **Teams must fish a minimum of three qualifiers to be eligible to fish the state championship.**
- The state champion Jr. team wins an automatic bid to the fish Junior Bassmaster National Championship.
- The first 50 teams that sign up to fish each BASS High School Open throughout the country will have an opportunity to qualify for the Junior Bassmaster National championship if they do well in the event.

*Qualifications are subject to change per BASS and LYBN requirements.*

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