



26th Annual

BIG BASS CHALLENGE

September 12, 2026 — Safe Light to 3 p.m., at Lake Wilson (Hell Creek State Park boat ramp)

Entry Forms & Fees -Entry forms and fees received before Sept. 1, 2026 will be \$130.00/boat, and \$150.00/boat after the deadline **(cash only after Sept. 1 and on tournament date)**. Maximum of 2 occupants per boat. Payable to HBAA, 2023 Metro Lane, Hays, KS 67601.

Numbered Starts — **Entry forms and fees will be accepted on or after August 5, 2026** Starting positions for the tournament will be determined by the order in which entries are post-marked and received.

Entries post-marked before August 5, 2026 will receive a later starting position.

Pre-Tournament Check-in -All boats must check in at the state park boat ramp for a livewell check and inspection beginning at 5:00 a.m. Start positions issued at check-in.

Sportsmanship -Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and resource conservation.

Safety — Tournament contestants must observe safe boating and fishing practices. Each contestant is required to wear a Coast Guard approved, chest-type PFD while combustion engine is running. No alcohol.

Boat Requirements — Boats must be 14-feet or longer and must meet Coast Guard requirements. Boats must be equipped with an aerated livewell in good working order and shall contain Catch-N-Release or a similar electrolyte solution.

Proof of liability coverage in the amount of \$300,000.00 or more is required at check-in time.

Permitted Areas — Fishing is permitted by boat anywhere on the lake, except within 50-feet of another contestants anchored boat or in areas designated off limits by the regulatory agency.

Weigh-in Procedures -Official weigh-in will be at the State Park boat ramp. One legal black bass (largemouth, smallmouth or spotted bass) may be presented to the weigh master per hour. ID must be presented when weighing in. During the weigh-in, one partner must remain with the boat for a livewell inspection. Only 2 legal bass may be in the livewell at any time.

Permitted Methods -Casting of artificial lures and prepared pork trailers are allowed, but no Alabama rigs allowed. No live bait and no trolling is permitted.

Prizes & Awards -One fish per boat may be entered for big bass every hour. Cash prizes will be awarded for the biggest bass weighed in every hour of the tournament. Overall prizes and placing will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament.

Other Rules -Fish must be alive and taken from Wilson Res. on tournament day. Ties go to the first fish weighed in. Announcements at the pre-tournament check-in may take precedence. A team may weigh in one fish per hour. Tournament duration is 8 hours. Contestants are to stay in their boats during tournament hours (except during weigh-in). Time will be marked when fish is placed in the weigh-in bag.

For More Information- visit our web site at www.haysbass.com

26th Annual BIG BASS CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM

Boater _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____
Phone _____ Boat # _____
E-mail _____
Signature _____

Non-Boater _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
Signature _____