

2026 KPCAC Bass Fishing Classic Official Tournament Rules

Anglers must hold a valid South Carolina Fishing License through SCDNR and abide by all State and Federal regulations. Participants enter this tournament at their own risk and discretion.

KPCAC Bass Fishing Classic

When: Friday, October 23, 2026

Time: 6:30 – 3:30 PM

Where: Lake Moultrie – Berkeley County Mega Boat Landing
933 Broughton Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Entries

Registration Fee: \$200

Includes: 1 Captain and 1 Angler

Captains Swag Bucket with 2 Shirts

Chance at Specified Prize Money

Logistics

Pre-Tournament Meeting—

A tournament briefing will be held at 6:30 AM EST, on Friday, October 23, 2026 under the pavilion at the Berkeley County Mega Boat Landing. The purpose of this meeting is to review the tournament rules and regulations, and present any last-minute rule adjustments. All attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. Any decisions, rulings or announcements made at this meeting take precedence over all other tournament rules. Attendance is mandatory.

Fishing Hours—

The Tournament Director will begin safety checks directly following the tournament briefing. Fishing is allowed starting at 7:30 AM EST through check-in time of 3 PM EST. The Weigh-in Station will open at 2:30 PM EST at the Mega Landing. All teams not checked-in at the Weigh-in Station by 3 PM EST will be disqualified.

If a Small Craft Advisory is in effect at 5 AM EST on Friday, October 23, 2026, all registered participants will be notified of any tournament delays, postponements, or cancellations due to weather.

Fishing Area—

Official tournament boundaries extend from the Railroad Trestle near Pack's Landing to the Pinopolis Dam. Anglers cannot lock up or lock down to the Cooper River at Pinopolis Lock or Trailrace Canal.

Basic Tournament Rules

Fishing Method—

All legal forms of fishing (hook and line only) are allowed. Only one rod may be used at a time by an angler. No snagging or trolling allowed. Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait is allowed.

Eligible Fish—

Only largemouth bass species and small mouth bass will be allowed to weigh in. There will be a three fish limit. No More than three fish are to be contained in the live well at all times. All fish must be legal according to SCDNR rules and regulations and must meet the minimum size limit set for the lake by the Tournament Director.

The winner will be determined by the total weight of 3 qualifying fish, as chosen by the team. One point per pound for all qualifying fish. In the case of a tie in total weight of the teams 3 qualifying fish, the winner will be determined by the angler's biggest fish weighed in.

Penalties—

There will be a 1 pound penalty for short fish, as determined by the Tournament Director. Fish will be measured mouth closed and tail swiped.

There will be a ¼ pound penalty for any dead fish.

There will be an automatic disqualification for bringing an illegal fish (per SCDNR rules and regulations) to the scale.

Safety & Sportsmanship

Boating Safety—

All State and Coast Guard requirements must be met by participants and their equipment operated in accordance with those laws. Operating a boat in a negligent or unsafe manner or in violation of any State or Federal law may result in disqualification.

Each boat will be provided a means of Tournament identification, which must be displayed during Tournament hours. Current SCDNR registration, and liability insurance of at least \$100,000 is required to participate.

Only boats and motors complying with SCDNR rules and regulations can be used in the tournament. No boat may be powered by an engine exceeding the Coast Guard approved rating plate.

Sportsmanship—

Sportsmanship is expected of all participants. Any participant who demonstrates poor sportsmanship, engages in misconduct, violates these rules, or fails to comply with SCDNR rules and regulations may be disqualified from the event at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

This applies to behavior both on and off the water, including:

- Use of improper or illegal fishing techniques
- Misconduct at event-related facilities.
- Public speech or online posts deemed harmful to the KPCAC Bass Fishing Classic

In addition, participants may not receive assistance from non-participants through the use of mobile phones or radio devices for the purpose of gaining an advantage during the tournament.

Prize Categories

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Cash Prizes (with a 20 boat minimum)

1st Place: \$2,500

2nd Place: \$1,500

3rd Place: \$500

Participants are responsible for any income tax liability accrued by virtue of winning cash or prizes in this tournament.

Legalities

Protests/Compliance—

Any protest must be made within 30 minutes of the end of the check-in period. The Tournament Director will settle any protest and their decision will be final.

Failure to comply with any rule or regulation of the tournament, or law, rule, or regulation of SCDNR, may cause the disqualification of an angler or the anglers catch. If a registered angler is so disqualified, their boat will not be entitled to any prize, award, or refund.

Disclaimer of Liability—

All participants and guests of participants are responsible for their own personal safety and the security of their personal property and expressly assume any and all risks to their personal safety and well-being, as well as their personal property, as a result of their participation in the tournament. It is a pre-condition of participation in the KPCAC Bass Fishing Classic that all participants shall release and hold harmless anyone associated with this tournament from any and all claims, losses, costs and expenses, personal injuries, wrongful deaths and property damage, of any nature whatsoever, arising from or during participation in the tournament. By electing to participate in the KPCAC Bass Fishing Classic, all participants agree to, and grant, this release of liability and shall not be permitted to withdraw or disavow that release of liability.