



BASS CAT OWNERS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

2018 QUEST Rules & Guidelines

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES CAREFULLY TO INSURE QUALIFICATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE BASS CAT QUEST PROGRAM.

Bass Cat Boats extends the following Tournament Incentive Package to registered owners of boats in Quest, for either Bass Cat or Yar-Craft. Owners must follow the guidelines within, and tournaments must be sanctioned and listed as sanctioned prior to the event. Tier 1 sanctions are only applicable to new boats less than 2 years of age and pay up to \$5,000 per event, and Double Up requirements for participation apply.

Bass Cat will generate a listing of the sanctioned events and all requests for sanctions must be accepted and approved at least 30 days prior to the event dates.

A. Tournaments must be open to participation by any qualified angler. Specialty events may qualify if open to equal participation, and is open to all Bass Cat Owners.

B. Tournaments must have a written structure and rules for each event. Starting and completion times must be regulated. The format must be organized and accepted as a common tournament structure. Revolutionary formats are open to acceptance by the Program Administrators. Further restrictions may be posted "on line" at www.basscat.com as they are deemed necessary, and will be considered regulations for compliance in the Program Immediately.

C. National and Regional Collegiate Bass Fishing Events:

This regards to sanctioning of National and Regional Collegiate Bass Fishing events. These incentives will be \$2,000 for those with a GPA of 3.25 or better, and \$1,000 for those with a GPA of 2.75 or above, for Sanctioned Regional or National Collegiate Championships. Presently there are three (3) recognized affiliations. The student must be a Full Time student with at least 12 hours. This applies to collegiate anglers as in where a direct family member owns the boat that they use in the event, and does not include one time borrowing for the event. They must both qualify in and use an eligible Bass Cat boat during the event and those prior, unless boat was acquired just prior to competition.

Those college anglers also competing in non Collegiate events are qualified for all other Quest events, as long as they compete in a qualified Bass Cat boat during the collegiate season, and/or fall within the guidelines for GPA and scholastic hours as a Full Time Student. Borrowing a boat for a Quest sanctioned event as a singular does not qualify, unless used under the requirements above.

Post-graduation competition is only qualified for competition in the Collegiate events. They are not able to compete in further sanction events or compete as Quest members in this as an open program unless they own their boat. This period is past the first semester of the scholastic year post graduation. Full time Masters and Doctorate programs do qualify post-Bachelors degree as ongoing education, pending these are full time programs (proof required).

D. There are three levels of Quest for 2018. The Section N has a specific area relating to new boat owners which are less than 2 years of age. Those owners are entitled to up to \$5,000 in incentives.

The Double up, and the standard Quest program, for Quest events with 60 participants or 30 Boats in team/draw competitions there will be a \$250.00 incentive. Tournaments With 60 Boats in team/draw competitions and/or 120 anglers can accrue \$500.00 for each tournament win under guidelines established below. Events with over 100 Boats and/or 200 anglers can achieve \$1,000.00 in incentive monies. Each Owner may qualify for up to \$2,000.00 or two major wins, in annual Quest incentives when participating in local and regional events, outside of the Double UP limit. Each individual is qualified for two Double UP wins.

Double Up events are required to have 125 boat participants or 250 total anglers. Each BCB Quest member is then eligible for a total of \$2,000 for each Double UP win, to a Maximum of Two wins. Events sanctioned as Double Up's with less than 125 boats are then standard Quest program events. There are no Owner Sanctions available for Double UP events. There are dealer requests for consideration, Double UP's are limited by other restrictions.

National events waive maximum, no two programs will apply jointly. For Example: BASS Tour, Elites, and Federation formats, or other similar programs Proof of present ownership, a copy of state boat registration, may be requested and is required at that time.

1. Quest Non-Boaters, Co-Anglers, competing in Pro/Am style formats as co-anglers may also qualify for \$500 in Quest sanctioned tournaments with over 125 boats, or \$250 with less than 125 boats to 85 boats. No incentives exist below 85 boats for Co-Anglers. All of the same rules and guidelines apply.

2. Split Decisions Teams in which both anglers own Bass Cat's, and both boats are registered with Quest, can qualify for an additional 50% of funds as a team. Bass Cat realizes that only one individual can own the qualifying boat. Thus the teams can opt for joint participation and the Quest funds will be equally dispersed at 50% higher levels, to a maximum of \$1500 on the Joint Quest Win. The incentive would be \$375, \$750 and \$1500 for the Quest win. Double Ups do not qualify for Split Decisions.

E. Bass Cat Tournament Incentive Program Requirements

Quest will require each angler receiving bonus monies to:

1. *Be registered in the Quest Program, and/or own a new boat under full warranty, and follow all other guidelines in these (#R) formats. The Tournament must be won in a Bass Cat Boat. Un-owned new products do not qualify, as all units must be registered by both the state and Bass Cat.*

2. *Owner Operator of the Bass Cat Boat must be wearing either, a Bass Cat Hat, Coat, or Shirt for the event. Images will be required at time of weigh in or awards, no exceptions and proof of clothing will be required. (Note: Promotional Persons See #J Also) Cell phone images are accepted.*

3. *Ownership must be on file at Bass Cat as the valid owner of the boat. Joint ownership will be validated by state registration and the boat must be registered to the individual(s). Lifetime registration of transfer warrants will be required prior to Lifetime. Failure to transfer warranty on Lifetime units, may dissolve said Lifetime Warranty.*

F. Highest Finishing angler in the Top 20 of Bass Cat Owners: Bass Cat will provide the following incentive to the highest finishing Bass Cat registered owner, in the following organizations Top 20, for the events list and paid as listed. The amount of \$500.00, for 125 boat participation, will be authorized for events Top 20 completion as the Bass Cat highest finisher. This may require tournament director authorization. Should the individual events have less than 125 boats and above 75 boats the amount of incentive will be \$250 for the highest finishing registered Bass Cat boat owner.

Those events which presently qualify for the Highest Finishing Bass Cat owner are:

- Bass Champs
- Texas Team Trails
- Arkansas Bass Team Trail
- BFL (Bass Fishing League)
- ABT (Alabama Bass Trails)

Other events may be designated the dates of those events list accordingly.

G. It is further understood that Bass Cat Boats reserves the right to change, alter, add, or eliminate any or any part of these guidelines, including fees, at any time in any given season. No intent is expressed to continue these programs past the 2018 season. This program will be adjusted occasionally. Those alterations will be posted online in the Quest Section of the Owners Board for access to the most up to date regulations, prior to tournament take off. This is an online based promotion, and electronic alterations supersede all printed materials. Tournament acceptance is not extended to future events, nor grand-fathered into sanctioning. Events are only approved following the listing, within 30 days prior to competition ending.

H. High School scholarship program: final program presentation is pending acceptance or guidelines in cooperation with varying state regulations. The program will be in place during 2018 for students who are above GPA requirements of Collegiate Quest *(3.25 - 2.75) and are competing regularly in a family boat. Guidelines will be required that coaches be owners and a direct family member, such as an uncle, grandparent or parent.

I. Bass Cat title events or Bass Cat Dealer specific events (including various charity events) do not qualify for Sanctions or Incentives as those are already supported with product by Bass Cat Boats. Examples: Regional Championships of Team Trails, Real Money Team Trails of Georgia and Cystic Fibrosis events.

Winner Submission forms must be submitted, complete and received No later than 30 days following participation in the Sanctioned Event.

This may be in written or electronic (Internet) form and signed off by one of the approved administrators of the Tournament Incentive Program. Further information can be obtained either on the Bass Cat Owners Board, or, through www.basscat.com.



J. Each Bass Cat promotion boat/angler can participate in Quest. Members of the Bass Cat Promotional Staff must be wearing full attire (hat, and shirt) for incentives and membership under Quest.

K. Bass Cat reserves the right to regulate this program as desired. It will require all participants to complete proper IRS forms for legally required reporting of income. (Form 1099 MISC). The future of said program is not guaranteed and is solely based on funding available and participation.

L. Forms must have the correct address and must be submitted complete, postmarked no less than 30 days following event closure with proper records for verification of incentives, and necessary signatures and proof. Failure to provide proof of clothing, participation and final placement as winning individual or team, shall be reason for refusal of awards. Individuals understand that compliance with Quest guidelines is solely their responsibility and in no way the responsibility of either the dealership or Bass Cat Boats. Approved organizations with printed sponsor exemptions for clothing requirements will be accepted in those instances, waiving clothing requirement.

Please allow 45 to 60 days for the processing of claims and verification of authenticity that program guidelines have been met.

M. It is our understanding that Pro XS engines may qualify for individual Mercury Marine and MotorGuide incentives totaling an additional \$1,000 and \$500 (\$1,500 Total). Regulations are a program of Mercury Marine and not associated to Bass Cat Boats. Find these searching at www.MercuryMarine.com

N. TIER 1 EVENTS - Original owner 2016 model year and newer boats, with less than 2 years from date of original sale are qualified for Tier 1 Quest funds. These offer incentives of up to **\$5,000.00** for wins in the following circuits which have 125 boats or more in participation:

- Alabama Bass Trail
- Arkansas Bass Tournament Trail (excluding championship)
- Bass Champs
- Bassmaster Elites
- Bassmaster Opens
- Bassmaster Team Championship
- BASS Federation Championship
- FLW Federation National Championships
- BFL events Carolina Bass Challenge
- FLW Tour, FLW Costa Series
- Texas Team Trail
- Wild West Bass Trail

O. Completion of submitted Quest claim forms, and/or request for incentive payments, are considered as approval and permission for Bass Cat and Yar-craft to use any likeness in photos with anglers as promotional material, as opportunities exist. While Quest is now 2 decades old, Bass Cat reserves the right to regulate, alter, or discontinue this program at any time. No future program is guaranteed in any format.

P. Issues involving outside delivery service and loss of packages, or handling and stamping are not the responsibility of Bass Cat Boats. Participants are fully responsible for compliance with all program guidelines. Postage, or delivery failure will/may require re-issuance by the governing tournament officials. Copies of all forms should be kept for re-submittal, in such cases.

Q. It is the Quest of Bass Cat Boats that this program be accepted for many events in the coming seasons. Acceptance is not required by the individual events, and may run without the approval of the tournament officials. Issues in paragraph "P" will require approval or cooperation, under certain circumstances.

R. Registration: There is no cost to original owners of all 2000 model year product and later, which has the Lifetime Warranty status and/or is transferred as of November 1, 2004. A singular fee to transfer Lifetime Warranty (2000 & Later) and Quest is \$200.00, plus any dealership fees that may apply for 2000 and later models, and includes membership in Quest. There is a \$200 Quest Membership Fee on all used boats 1999 or older. This is specifically attached to the owner and that particular Bass Cat boat serial number. Membership in Quest and or transfer of Lifetime Warranty is open to all Bass Cat Owners, no matter age of product. Transfer of Lifetime Warranty automatically qualifies the owner for Quest Membership. Units purchased used from "in good standing" Bass Cat dealerships, will be registered by dealership and Bass Cat, at no charge.

S. Tournament Circuits are sanctioned based on the number of events, and units, in a given area, dealer or region. Dealers can sanction 6 events or 3 circuits per dealer, and they must be approved by the program administrators. BCB regulates the amount of sanctions for each individual dealership.

Individual owners may request sanctioning of one event in a dealership radius of 100 miles, or, if distanced from a dealership by at least a 100 mile radius, one circuit (or portion thereof). Or up to six events locally outside the radius. Quest Membership is not required prior to Sanctioning, though is required 30 days in advance of any event to participate.

T. Tournaments under automatic Quest sanction as of this printing in 2018 are:

- Arkansas Bass Tournament Trail
- Alabama Bass Trail
- Anglers Choice Team Trail
- BFL
- Winter Bass-O-Thon Series
- Bass Champs
- Media Bass
- 100% BASS
- CAST Texas
- Carolina Anglers Team Trails
- ABA Events
- Heartland Anglers TN
- Joe Bass Series, OMTT-MO
- Real Money Team Trail of GA
- Texas Bud Light Series
- Ignition Bass
- Best Bass Tournaments (BBT)
- Texas Team Trail
- Wild West Bass Trail
- Top Bass Live Release
- Vince Millers Series
- Get5Bass
- Futrell Marine
- Mr. Bass of Arkansas
- Fishers of Men NTT Series
- Priority Fishing
- VA Elite 70
- Internet (IBBT, BFHP & BBC) Rally's designated on website
- B.A.S.S. State Federation Championships
- TBF Regionals
- TBF State Championships
- Renegade Bass (RBT)

ALL other Tournaments must be sanctioned and events are subject to change. Complete listings will be updated on the Bass Cat Quest board on Yuku, or the accepted Owners Board at that time. Those requests are require 30 days prior to event.

Quest Double UP sanctioned events require 100 boats, for 2018 those are:

- Arkansas Bass Team Trail
- Alabama Bass Trail
- Carolina Bass Challenge
- BFL (Bass Fishing League)
- Wild West Bass Trail
- FLW Costa Series
- BASS Opens
- Bass Champs
- ABA National Championships
- ABA Ram events
- Texas Team Trail
- WON Bass Pro Am Divisions

See #N. for New boat segment and events up to \$5,000.00 and boats under 2 years of age.

Individual fish tournaments do not qualify for sanctions, nor do any single fish (Big Bass) events standing alone qualify. Circuits operating as individual fish events for a championship do qualify.

U. We want you and your angling partner, or you as a Co-Angler to have a great time, and enjoy the use of your Bass Cat Boat!!

All information on this posting supersedes all other printed or published materials. This is the most up to date location for Quest information.

