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STURGEON BAY OPEN BASS TOURNAMENT

ANGLER'S GUIDE

*Tournament resources, FAQs, rule reminders
and more for teams fishing for the 2026 Spring
SBOBT.*

frequently asked questions

In addition to the tournament rules and online resources SBOBT have provided, please also review the this angler resource guide to ensure you understand the essentials. If you have any additional questions, please ask them at the rules meeting or reach out to Tournament Directors

What happens if we lose our score card and/or chip?

You will take a 0.00 for the day. It is extremely important you keep track of these items as they are your key to registering fish.

What happens if we lose our bump board?

You will be charged \$50. You will then receive a temporary replacement, to be turned in after the tournament concludes.

How do we know how to use the bump boards compliantly?

Review the the entirety of this guide for clear, visual instructions on use, and to access all angler resources, including the tournament rules.

These should clear up any questions on acceptable use. This will be reviewed during the rules meeting, and as always with specific questions – reach out to Tournament Directors.

What type of digital camera should we use?

It is the responsibility of the angler to bring a digital camera that works with the following SDHC card.

This is the SD card we will be using for the tournament:

***ONLY CAMERAS THAT USE SDHC CARDS ALLOWED.
CAMERAS WITH MICRO SD SLOTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE
SDHC HAS TO BE ABLE TO FIT IN THE CARD SLOT.***



frequently asked questions

What do I need to turn in after Day 1?

Turn in your Ziplock including everything that was issued in it at the start of the tournament.

The SD Card will be cleared and ready to go for you to use on Day 2.

What do I need to turn in at the end of the tournament?

Everything you were issued at the beginning of the tournament:

- Contents of the Ziploc bag
 - Clipboard
 - SD Card
- OSFC/BOB bump-board

What happens if our camera doesn't work or dies?

Coming into tournament weekend... **please be sure your battery is charged.** If its low after Day 1, charge it so it's ready for Day 2. BUT, if that should happen, we may have a backup camera available for use (subject to availability).

If this is your situation, please call one of our tournament directors at the numbers below:

Wendy Heim - (920) 366-4939

JJ Malvitz - (920) 493-2953

What if we 0.00 on Day 1?

You still need to return you SD card, your clip board and registration sheet. We wish you better luck on Day 2!

If you will not be fishing on Day 2, you also must return the bump board.

acceptable bump board measuring

An Angler's Guide to the SBOBT Catch-Record-Release (CRR) BASS Tournament

There is only one acceptable way to hold the fish on bump board. Bump of board to your left, nose of fish to the left, belly of fish toward you (belly to belly) **AND ONLY LEFT HAND ON THE FISH**. Any other way will be a disqualified fish. See the gallery below for visual examples of what to do and what to avoid. **PHOTOS SHOW WALLEYE, BUT SAME TECHNIQUE IS USED FOR BASS. AFTER THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT PICTURES WILL BE UPDATED FROM 2026 TOURNAMENT RESULTS.**



Fish Correct Example:

You can clearly see the lip of the fish touching the bump board to the left, fish's belly toward the angler (belly to belly) and clearly see the tail touching 20.50" – this fish will score 20.75" on the score card. If the fish's tail brushed a line, you round up to the next line mark for official score on card.

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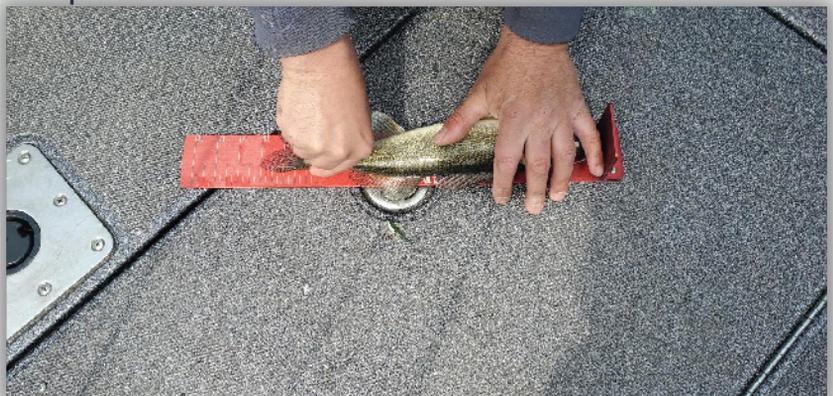
~~X~~ Cannot See Tail Example:

Cannot see the tail under the hand and using both hands. This fish would be disqualified.



~~X~~ Cannot See Head Example:

Cannot see the head of the fish under the hand and using both hands. This fish would be disqualified.



acceptable bump board measuring

It is expected anglers review the rules and photo examples and we **strongly recommend** you follow Sturgeon Bay Open Bass Tournament (SBOBT) on Facebook and SBOBT.org to keep up with all updates



Fish Upside Down Example:

Fish belly is away from the angler. This fish would be disqualified.



Fish Backwards Example:

The tail is left. This fish would be disqualified.



score card & conversion chart

Official score card and conversion chart for the 2026 SBOBT CRR bass Tournament.

SMALLMOUTH	LENGTH	WEIGHT	LENGTH	WEIGHT	LENGTH	WEIGHT	LENGTH	WEIGHT
	INCHES	POUNDS	INCHES	POUNDS	INCHES	POUNDS	INCHES	POUNDS
	14.00	1.73	17.00	2.98	20.00	4.76	23.00	7.11
	14.25	1.80	17.25	3.05	20.25	5.00	23.25	7.29
	14.50	1.88	17.50	3.20	20.50	5.16	23.50	7.46
	14.75	1.95	17.75	3.36	20.75	5.39	23.75	7.64
	15.00	2.04	18.00	3.51	21.00	5.55	24.00	7.81
	15.25	2.19	18.25	3.68	21.25	5.79	24.25	7.99
	15.50	2.26	18.50	3.83	21.50	5.94	24.50	8.16
	15.75	2.35	18.75	3.99	21.75	6.18	24.75	8.34
	16.00	2.45	19.00	4.14	22.00	6.41	25.00	8.51
	16.25	2.58	19.25	4.30	22.25	6.59	25.25	8.69
	16.50	2.66	19.50	4.45	22.50	6.76	25.50	8.86
	16.75	2.81	19.75	4.61	22.75	6.94	25.75	9.04

LARGEMOUTH	LENGTH	WEIGHT	LENGTH	WEIGHT	LENGTH	WEIGHT	LENGTH	WEIGHT
	INCHES	POUNDS	INCHES	POUNDS	INCHES	POUNDS	INCHES	POUNDS
	14.00	1.50	17.00	2.75	20.00	4.50	23.00	6.62
	14.25	1.56	17.25	2.88	20.25	4.69	23.25	6.76
	14.50	1.69	17.50	3.00	20.50	4.88	23.50	6.90
	14.75	1.75	17.75	3.13	20.75	5.06	23.75	7.04
	15.00	1.88	18.00	3.25	21.00	5.25	24.00	7.18
	15.25	1.94	18.25	3.38	21.25	5.44	24.25	7.32
	15.50	2.06	18.50	3.56	21.50	5.63	24.50	7.46
	15.75	2.13	18.75	3.69	21.75	5.81	24.75	7.60
	16.00	2.25	19.00	3.88	22.00	6.06	25.00	7.74
	16.25	2.38	19.25	4.00	22.25	6.20	25.25	7.88
	16.50	2.50	19.50	4.19	22.50	6.34	25.50	8.02
	16.75	2.63	19.75	4.31	22.75	6.48	25.75	8.16

sample filled out score card for reference:



SCORECARD

BOAT# 26

DAY# 1

CAPTAIN Joe Smith

PARTNER Bob Smith

FISH	INCHES	.0	1/4	1/2	3/4	WEIGHT	TOP 6	FISH	INCHES	.0	1/4	1/2	3/4	WEIGHT	TOP 6
1	16		X			2.58	X	11	19		X			4.30	X
2	20			X		5.16	X	12							
3	14		X			1.80		13							
4	15	X				2.04		14							
5	19			X		4.45	X	15							
6	15				X	2.35		16							
7	18		X			3.68	X	17							
8	17			X		3.20	X	18							
9	14	X				1.73		19							
10	15			X		2.26		20							

Signature below, I verify that the lengths recorded are actual and accurate. I also verify that the fish were caught legally and during legal tournament hours on this Day of the event.

Captain Joe Smith

Partner Bob Smith

TOTAL WEIGHT 23.32

FIND THE WEIGHT OF YOUR BEST 6 FISH THAT YOU HAVE CHECKED OFF ON YOUR SCORECARD. WRITE THAT WEIGHT IN THE BOX ABOVE. PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK FOR ACCURACY.

important tips & reminders

- Anglers must bring their own digital camera. One that is compatible with the SD card pictured on pg.1 (**not SD MICRO**)
- The CRR format is important to our organizations as it prioritizes conservation, while still putting on a competitive and fun event. If you'd like more information or have questions, please contact one of our tournament directors. We are committed to helping you understand your role and responsibilities.
- Fish Registration is open between **TBA**
- As always, the rules meeting is mandatory. One team member **MUST** attend, 6pm at tournament headquarters. Review all tournament rules (located within your application and/or on our website). It is your obligation to understand the rules and ask questions should you need clarification.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

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why CRR?

CRR stands for Catch-Record-Release, which essentially means that when a fish gets caught, they are measured, recorded for the angler's tournament weigh ins and released immediately....dramatically reducing the kill rate of the fish, while still providing a fun and competitive tournament.

Every angler that fishes the tournament pays a conservation fee that is added to their entry fee.

Conservation is of utmost importance to our organization, so in 2026 we are proud to champion the CRR format.