

Southern, Central, Northern Open Series Overview

- Three (3) events in each Bassmaster Open Series
- 110 % ALL CASH payout for pros
- Boat/motor, first place co-angler
- No off-limits
- Official practice is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- Registrations, Wednesdays @ 1pm - 4pm
- Briefings, Wednesdays @ 5pm
- Payout based on 175 boats and adjusted for actual field size. No more than 20% overbook (210 boats)
- Pro / Co, random pairings
- The top 50 pros and co-anglers in each division receive priority entry into 2010 Bassmaster Opens to fish as pro or co-angler.

2009 Bassmaster Open Series Format – Competition days: Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Pro

- o Full field days one and two
- o Top 30 day three
- o Weights carry over all three days
- o Big Bass each day worth \$1000

Co-angler

- o Full field days one and two
- o Top 30 day three
- o Weights carry over all three days
- o Big Bass each day worth \$300
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Overall Big Bass of the Tournament worth additional \$1000

2009 Bassmaster Opens Payout (based on fields of 175)

- Pro Division each event	\$193,500 cash
- Co-angler Division each event	\$71,325 cash and merchandise
- Total per event	\$264,825 cash and merchandise
- 2009 Bassmaster Opens (all)	\$2,383,425 cash and merchandise

300 point system for all BASS series

- 1st – 5th five point increments
- 6th – 10th four point increments
- 11th – 15th three point increments
- 16th – 99th two point increments
- 100th through balance of field, one point each until end of field or points run out
- Bonus points, 5 per day for tournament leader
- Must weigh a fish in the tournament to receive points for that event
- End of year point tiebreakers, total weights from 2009 Open Series full field days

Who qualifies for 2010 Elite Series from the Bassmaster Opens Series??

- Top 7 Pros in points from each of the 2009 Bassmaster Southern, Northern and Central Opens Series are eligible for the 2010 Elite Series
 - o If a qualified angler chooses not to participate in the 2010 Elite Series, BASS works down the 2009 Open point standings for that respective Open Series to and including the 12th place.

2010 Bassmaster Classic Qualifications

- 2009 Elite Series Toyota Tundra AOY Ranking 36
- 2009 Classic Champion 1
- 2009 Top two Pros Southern Opens 2
- 2009 Top two Pros Central Opens 2
- 2009 Top two Pros Northern Opens 2
- 2009 Season EOBS Series Champion 1
- 2009 WBT Pro Points Champions 1
- 2009 Federation Division Champions 6
- Any duplications work down 2009 Elite Series Toyota Tundra AOY rankings to total field of 51