

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)

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| - 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

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| - | 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 | |