



2026 iKon Tailgate Tour FAQ's

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This FAQ's page may be occasionally updated...

- ***Is the Tailgate Tour only for iKon Boat owners?***
 - **No!** Anglers are not required to own or compete out of an iKon Bass Boat.
- ***Who is eligible to compete? It says, "No Pro's" ...***
 - **Guide Restrictions:** Anglers who have personally operated guided bass trips on the host lake for a fee within the 12 months preceding the event are **NOT** eligible to participate.
 - **Professional Anglers:**
 - Anglers who have competed in more than one **MLF Tackle Warehouse Invitational**, or the **National Professional Fishing League (NPFL)**, within the last **12 months** prior to the EVENT, are **NOT** eligible to compete.
 - Anglers who have competed in the **B.A.S.S. Elite Series, BassMaster Classic, Major League Fishing Bass Pro Tour, or Major League Fishing Team Series** in the 24 months prior to tournament date are **NOT** eligible to compete.
- ***How do we qualify for the Tailgate Tour Championship? Do we need to fish all 4 qualifying events to be eligible for the Championship?***
 - **For 2026, there are now 3 ways to qualify! Field expanded to 25 boats**
 1. You can fish just one, or as many as you'd like. The top 5 teams (1st – 5th place) from each qualifying event will advance to compete in the Championship.
 2. For those competing in multiple qualifying events, the top overall Team AOY in the best of 3 tournaments will advance to the championship. A 1st place finish will be awarded 200 points, 199 points for 2nd, 198 points for 3rd and so on... If your team participates in all 4 qualifying events, your worst finish will be dropped. If you compete in 3, or less, qualifying events, all finishes will be counted toward Team AOY.
 3. Added bonus for iKon Boat owners: The highest finishing iKon Boat owner, outside of the top 5, will qualify for the Tailgate Tour Championship. For example: If you own and compete from any new or used iKon Bass Boat, and finish 14th in a Qualifying



Event, and no other team in an iKon boat finishes higher in places 6th – 13th, your team will advance to the Tailgate Tour Championship.

- **Where do we sign up?**
 - A team (2 anglers) can sign up, follow standings, updates and more at [FISHING CHAOS](#) or in-person the morning of an event.
- **How much does it cost to compete in one event?**
 - First, you must Register as a member of the iKon Tailgate Tour
 - It is FREE to become a member of the iKon Tailgate Tour for 2026
 - After becoming a member, you will be able to register for one or more of the qualifying events
 - The entry fee for one qualifying event is **\$350/team**.
- **What happens if my team has a top 5 finish at more than one qualifying event?**
 - There will be 25 total teams/boats that qualify for the Championship. If a team finishes in the top 5 at more than one event, the next place team (6th place) will then qualify.
- **What happens if two teams tie for 5th place?**
 - We hope this doesn't happen, but if it does, the 5th place spot will be awarded to the team that signed up first for the event.
- **How is the launch order determined?**
 - Launch order is determined by the date/time of registration.
- **Will there be a lie detector test?**
 - Yes. At each event, the 1st place team and one random team will be administered a lie detection test. Lie detection tests may also be administered at the Tournament Director's discretion.
- **What is the bag limit for each event?**
 - 5 bass limits (minimum length requirements may vary depending on state/lake regulations)
- **What are the official rules and regulations?**
 - See main page for official rules & regulations
- **What do the Qualifier & Championship Payouts look like?**
 - Sample payouts are available on the main tournament page.