



## Join the Excitement of Ohio BASS Nation!

### Bring the Thrill of Competitive Fishing to Your County!

Picture a community where young anglers come together to compete, learn, and grow, all while fostering a love for the outdoors and making a positive impact on the environment. Ohio BASS Nation (OBN) offers youth the chance to develop lifelong skills, form lasting friendships, and take part in incredible fishing opportunities. Now, you have the chance to bring this excitement to your county!

### Why Start an Ohio BASS Nation Club?

- **Amazing Opportunities:** Youth anglers get the chance to participate in five state-run events this year, including a tournament trail in September 8, 2024 (Indian Lake), October 13, 2024 (Alum Creek), April 2025, May 2025, and the State Championship in June 2025 (2025 dates and locations TBD).
  - Whether your club is just getting started or already established, these events provide a perfect platform to learn, grow, and compete without needing to host your own events.
- **Learning and Growth:** We encourage clubs to focus on educating young anglers, equipping them with skills that will last a lifetime. Spend the off-season mastering boater safety, knot tying, fishing techniques, and more.
- **Conservation Efforts:** OBN is launching a statewide conservation project where clubs can create their own conservation initiatives and submit them for state recognition. This is a fantastic way to contribute to Ohio's natural beauty while learning about the importance of environmental stewardship.
- **Lifelong Friendships:** Being part of a club means building connections with peers who share a passion for fishing. These friendships extend beyond the water, creating a community that supports each other in and out of the boat.
- **Scholarship and College Opportunities:** By participating in OBN, youth anglers open doors to scholarships and college fishing opportunities, setting them on a path for future success. In fact, Ohio sent 12 teams to Nationals from our 2024 State Championship, has one angler fishing in college on scholarship beginning in 2025, and a former member of one of our youth clubs is heading to Fort Worth, Texas, to compete in the Bassmaster Classic in 2025.



### It's Never Been Easier to Start a Club!

Juniors: 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
High School: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### All you need are:

1. Two Anglers (1 Team)
2. A Boat and Adult Boat Captain
3. A Youth Advisor

While it only takes two anglers to start a club, we encourage continuous growth and active participation in state-run events to keep your club thriving.

## Membership Dues:

- **Bassmaster Membership:** \$12
- **Ohio BASS Nation:** \$10
- **BASS Nation:** \$30
- **Adult Advisor must have a Bassmaster Membership:** \$17.00

## Tournament Fees:

- **\$60 per team** (not per angler) for each tournament
- **\$74 Angler Professional Jerseys** *Optional* (We recommend WildWear America)

With these simple steps and a minimal investment, your county can have its very own Ohio BASS Nation club. And with state-run events ready to go, you can jump right in and learn the ropes while enjoying the thrill of competition.



## Meet Your Youth Director – Tasha Burgess

Hi, I'm Tasha Burgess, the Youth Director for Ohio BASS Nation. I've been running Cincinnati Youth Bass for 10 years, and my passion for growing the sport runs deep. I believe in the power of fishing to teach life skills, build character, and create opportunities for young people. I'm here to support you every step of the way in starting your club, and I'm excited to see the next generation of anglers rise through the ranks!

## Let's Get Started!

Join us in building something incredible in your county. Together, we can create opportunities, foster a love for the outdoors, and ensure that the sport of fishing thrives for generations to come.

For more information on how to start your club or to express your interest, please fill out our [Google Contact Form](#). We'll get back to you with all the details and support you need to get started.

**Ohio BASS Nation – Your grassroots path to the Bassmaster Classic starts here.**

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