

Bass Techniques and Equipment

Bass fishing tournaments get a lot of coverage on television and in magazines. Competitive anglers know a lot about bass. They know the preferred habitat of bass and how seasons and weather effect where bass are located in water. Fishing for bass is not just about knowledge. Competitive fishing is about skills, techniques and practice. Here are some of the techniques used by today's professional bass anglers. Practicing these techniques will help you catch more bass.



- **Jigging** - Move your rod up and down to create movement with the lure. Once you see your line move or feel added weight, set the hook in the fish's mouth.
- **Flipping** - Learning how to cast under docks and under tree branches is important. These areas hold bass, because they provide cover.
- **Casting** - Learning how to cast to an area that holds fish is important. Be accurate. If you are too close, fish will spread out. Like a golfer taking a shot, think about where you want to cast before casting.



Fishing in bass tournaments requires some specialized equipment.

- Rod and reel (baitcaster and spinning set-ups)
- Lures (plastic worms, tubes, jigs, rattletaps and spinnerbaits)
- Motorboats (bass boats in all sizes)
- Fish finders and other electronics



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