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2008 BASS Club World Championship Set for Fort Gibson Lake

BASS announced today that Wagoner, Okla., and Fort Gibson Lake will host the 2008 Yamaha BASS Club World Championship presented by Skeeter Boats, set for Oct. 9-11. The event will feature 38 six-angler teams that qualified for the championship event through their performance at six regional events.

The six-angler teams will compete for a top prize of six Skeeter/Yamaha boat packages valued at \$50,000 each, one for each winning team member. The first two days of competition will feature a full field, with only the top seven teams moving on to the final day.

"This unique format makes for an entertaining competition," said Don Corkran, Director of the BASS Federation Nation. "We applaud the teams who qualified for this marquee event."

Daily tournament launches and weigh-ins will take place at Taylor's Ferry North. Launches will begin at 7 a.m. CT, with the weigh-ins starting at 3 p.m. CT. Both are free and open to the public.

Practice days for the event will be Oct. 6-8. Daily coverage of the event, including live, streaming video, can be found on www.Bassmaster.com.

In 2007, the Louisiana No. 2 team, consisting of six Baton Rouge Bassmasters club members, won the inaugural BASS Club World Championship (BCWC) on the Red River by weighing in a combined three-day total of 150 pounds, 12 ounces.

For more information, contact BASS Communications at (407) 566-2208 or visit www.Bassmaster.com. Visit www.espnmediazone.com for ESPN's latest releases, schedules and other news, plus photos, video and audio clips and more.

About BASS

For 40 years, BASS has served as the authority on bass fishing. With its considerable multi-media platforms and expansive tournament trail, BASS is guided by its mission to serve all fishing fans. Through its industry leading publications *Bassmaster Magazine*, *BASS Times* and *Fishing Tackle Retailer* and comprehensive Web properties in Bassmaster.com and ESPNOuthdoors.com, the organization is committed to delivering content true to the lifestyle. Additionally, television programming on ESPN2 continues to provide relevant content from tips and techniques to in-depth tournament coverage to passionate audiences.

The organization oversees the prestigious Bassmaster tournament trail which includes the Bassmaster Elite Series, Bassmaster Opens, Women's Bassmaster Tour and the Bassmaster Classic, the ultimate celebration of competitive fishing. Through its grassroots network, the BASS Federation Nation, BASS sanctions more than 20,000 events annually.

BASS also offers an array of services to its more than 525,000 members while spearheading progressive, positive change on issues related to conservation and water access. The organization is headquartered in Celebration, Fla.

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