

The Road to the CROWN Begins Again: WISCO BASS Builds Momentum for 2027

Registration opens Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. CST.

The final weigh-in of 2026 delivered a championship victory earned through adversity and an Angler of the Year race decided on the season's last day. Now, WISCO BASS turns toward 2027 with a fresh opportunity for anglers to make their mark—and earn their way to the WISCO CROWN.

Four qualifying rounds will test the singles series field before the top 50 in Angler of the Year points advance to the September championship on the Minocqua Chain. WISCO BASS has announced the schedule on www.wiscobass.com and Facebook page, setting the stage for another season of competition.

For returning competitors, 2027 offers another chance to turn experience into results. For newcomers, it is an invitation to step into the field, test themselves across different waters and pursue a championship berth.

A 2026 Season That Raised the Stakes

The 2026 regular season produced four different winners, underscoring how much the series rewards anglers who can adjust from one fishery to the next.

Harry Marsh III opened the year with a 17.96-pound victory on Lake Winnebago, finishing ahead of Mitch Van Ert's 16.37 pounds. At Green Lake, George Eastman pushed the winning mark to 23.06 pounds, edging the next two finishers, who each weighed 22.84.

Justin Yenter claimed Round 3 on the Manitowish Chain with 18.10 pounds, holding off Jay Przekurat's 17.60-pound limit. Casey Hoffman then won the Lake

Wisconsin regular-season finale with 15.10 pounds, narrowly ahead of Guy Thistle at 14.84 and Carter Sewell at 14.76.

Those results illustrated the challenge awaiting the 2027 field: a strong performance can change a season, but sustained success requires delivering across the entire schedule.

Van Ert's CROWN Victory: Resilience and Sportsmanship

The 2026 WISCO CROWN on the Minocqua Chain supplied a finish worthy of the championship stage.

Mitch Van Ert weighed 17.21 pounds on the opening day and followed with 17.23 on Sunday, completing a 34.44-pound winning total. His final-day catch included a 5.81-pound largemouth. Tyler Cory finished second with 29.24 pounds, while Luke Loewe took third with 28.38.

The winning numbers tell only part of the story. Van Ert had just one fish when boat trouble interrupted his second morning. With tournament directors' approval, fellow competitor Hunter Van Duyse gave up his boat so Van Ert could continue fishing.

Van Ert turned that opportunity into a championship. Van Duyse's generosity gave the weekend another lasting moment—one that reflected the sportsmanship behind the competition.

Loewe Set the Standard for Consistency

While Van Ert captured the CROWN, Loewe secured the season-long Angler of the Year title in a race with Hoffman and Patrick Koffler.

Loewe's 16.28-pound championship Day 2 limit helped seal the title. The final AOY standings placed him first with 727 points, followed by Hoffman with 717

and Koffler with 709. Justin Yenter finished fourth with 677, and Tucker Cory rounded out the top five with 666.

Loewe finished sixth, fifth, eighth and sixth in the four regular-season rounds before taking third at the CROWN. Across the season, he weighed 30 bass totaling 87.34 pounds.

For anglers preparing for 2027, that record offers a clear target: stay competitive at every stop, protect valuable points and be ready to deliver when the season reaches Minocqua.

Five Dates to Circle for 2027

Event	Date	Fishery
Round 1	May 2, 2027	Lake Winnebago
Round 2	May 16, 2027	Shawano Lake
Round 3	June 20, 2027	La Crosse Pools 7,8 and 9
Round 4	August 22, 2027	Manitowish Chain
WISCO CROWN	September 11–12, 2027	Minocqua Chain

Winnebago returns as the opener, followed two weeks later by Shawano Lake. June takes the series to La Crosse Pools 7, 8 and 9 before the Manitowish Chain hosts the August regular-season finale. The championship's currently listed launch and weigh-in location is Torpy Park in Minocqua.

The schedule sets up a compelling progression: establish momentum in May, carry it through June and arrive at Manitowish ready to secure a championship berth.

Your Season Starts November 2

The memories of 2026 provide plenty of motivation: four regular-season winners, a closely contested AOY race and a CROWN champion who overcame an uncertain final morning.

In 2027, another field will have the opportunity to write the next chapter. Every competitor begins with the same questions: Can I contend? Can I stay consistent? Can I earn my way to Minocqua?

The first step comes before the boats launch.

Registration for the 2027 WISCO BASS Single Series opens Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. CST. Visit www.wiscobass.com for registration information, and follow WISCO BASS on Facebook for season updates.

