

WISCO CROWN Championship Set to Crown a Champion on the Minocqua Chain

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The WISCO BASS season has come down to one final test.

After a demanding regular season, the top 50 anglers in the WISCO BASS AOY standings will converge on the Minocqua Chain September 12–13 for the **WISCO CROWN Championship** brought to you by Minocqua.org and CrushCity Rapala—the season-ending event that will determine who can put together one final dominant performance when it matters most.

With a **\$21,100 total purse and \$11,100 going to the first-place finisher**, the stakes will be high when the championship field takes to the water.

The road to the CROWN has tested anglers across some of Wisconsin's most diverse bass waters. Each event has presented a different set of challenges, forcing competitors to adapt to changing conditions, diverse fisheries and the pressure that comes with chasing points throughout a season.

Now, the regular season is complete, the qualifying field is set, and the focus shifts north.

A Championship Field With Everything to Fish For

The CROWN field is comprised of the **top 50 anglers in AOY points**, bringing together competitors who have earned their place through consistent performance throughout the season.

For some, the weekend will be about finishing the season on top. For others, it will be an opportunity to make a statement against the best anglers in the series.

And with **\$11,100 awaiting the first-place finisher as part of a \$21,100 total purse**, every decision—from where to launch, to which section of the chain to target, to how aggressively to fish—could prove critical.

The AOY race adds another layer to an already high-stakes championship. Anglers have spent the season accumulating points, but the CROWN represents the final opportunity to separate themselves from the field and finish the year with momentum, a championship title and a significant payday.

Minocqua Chain: A Fitting Championship Venue

The Minocqua Chain provides a championship setting worthy of the occasion.

With a mixture of lakes, structure, vegetation, deeper water and a variety of potential bass patterns, the system can reward anglers who are willing to adapt. The fishery's diversity also creates the possibility for multiple approaches to succeed, making decisions and execution every bit as important as finding fish.

For the competitors, the challenge will be determining which pattern can produce consistently over two full days.

For spectators, that uncertainty is part of what makes championship bass fishing so compelling.

Two Days to Decide It

Competition is scheduled for **7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day**, with both launch and weigh-in taking place at **The Beacons of Minocqua, 8250 Northern Road, Minocqua, Wisconsin**. Public is encouraged to attend.

The two-day format creates plenty of opportunities for the leaderboard to change.

A strong opening day can put an angler in position to control the championship. A difficult first day, meanwhile, doesn't necessarily eliminate a competitor from contention. With another full day on the Minocqua Chain, the second-day bite could dramatically reshape the standings.

That is what makes the WISCO CROWN more than simply the final event on the schedule.

The Names to Watch

With the AOY field now finalized, attention naturally turns to the anglers who have positioned themselves at the top of the standings.

Adam Eisele, Luke Loewe, Casey Hoffman, Patrick Koffler, and Justin Yenter make up the top 5 anglers in AOY points currently.

The season-long leaders will enter Minocqua carrying the weight of expectations, while the rest of the championship field will be looking for an opportunity to knock them off.

In a championship setting, previous finishes only tell part of the story. The Minocqua Chain will ultimately decide who can make the right adjustments, capitalize on opportunities and put together two productive days when the pressure is at its highest.

A Season Comes Down to One Weekend

WISCO BASS has built the season around a demanding schedule, and the CROWN provides the ultimate payoff: a championship reserved for the anglers who earned their place through the regular season.

Now, the final chapter will be written on the Minocqua Chain.

Fifty anglers.

Two days.

\$21,100 total purse.

\$11,100 to first place.

One WISCO CROWN.

The WISCO CROWN arrives September 12–13, and by the time the final fish crosses the scales Sunday afternoon, one angler will have earned the distinction of being the **2026 WISCO CROWN Champion—**

The stage is set in Minocqua.

Now it's time to see who can wear the CROWN.

