

Based on the **2025 and 2026 Trophy Bassmasters results currently available**, I would build the 2027 schedule around **Lake Erie, St. Clair, Detroit River, Knox Lake, and a limited number of Indian Lake/Sandusky Bay events.**

The club's overall 2026 results show participation and total weight were down from 2025, so I would also reduce the number of weaker-performing small lakes.

Recommended 2027 lakes

	Priority Lake	2025–26 evidence	2027 events
1	Lake Erie	Consistently the strongest participation and weight; multiple 2026 events produced 6–10+ lb/angler	4
2	St. Clair	Excellent 2025 results and still strong in 2026; two-day option works well	2
3	Detroit River	Strong 2025 and 2026 results; 2026 Terry Wymer event averaged ~9.84 lb/angler	2
4	Knox Lake	Strong results both years; 2025 averaged ~9.98 lb/angler and 2026 ~7.06	1
5	Indian Lake	High participation but much more variable results; good local event	2
6	Sandusky Bay	2025 was productive and 2026 Sandusky Bay Only produced 6.39 lb/angler	1
7	Alum Creek	Reasonable participation but considerably lower weight production	1
8	Loramie	Low participation and low weight production in both years	0–1
9	Buckeye Lake	Very poor 2026 result	0
10	St. Marys	Very poor 2026 result	0
11	Delaware	Only one 2025 event and modest results	0

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12 Portage River	Weak 2025 results	0

My proposed 13-event 2027 lake mix

Lake Erie — 4

- April
- May
- August
- October/Classic

St. Clair — 2

- Late May/June
- Late June

Detroit River — 2

- July
- September/October

Indian Lake — 2

- Late April/early May
- June

Knox Lake — 1

- June

Sandusky Bay — 1

- August

Alum Creek — 1

- September

That gives you **13 points events**, with the schedule heavily weighted toward the waters that have produced the best combination of **participation + fish caught + weight per angler**.

The biggest change I would make

I would **eliminate Buckeye Lake and St. Marys from the regular 2027 schedule.**

The 2026 numbers are particularly compelling:

- **Buckeye:** only 12 anglers, 7 fish, 9.95 lb total
- **St. Marys:** 14 anglers, 13 fish, 21.21 lb total
- **Lake Erie:** 22 anglers and 183.56 lb on April 12; 22 anglers and 229.47 lb on May 24
- **Knox:** 12 anglers, 70.65 lb
- **Terry Wymer/Detroit River:** 18 anglers, 145.27 lb

Lake Erie is particularly compelling because it produced **three 2026 events with 136.9, 229.47 and 108.64 lb**, while also attracting some of the largest fields.

One important consideration

I would **not schedule three or four Indian Lake tournaments**, even though participation has been good. The results are inconsistent. For example, the 2026 events ranged from **77.62 lb to 50.84 lb total**, with the August event producing only 2.99 lb per angler.

Conversely, **Knox Lake deserves to stay**. It produced 9.76 lb/angler in 2025 and 5.89 lb/angler in the club's original 2026 event summary; the more detailed combined data shows 7.06 lb/angler for the paid-member subset.

Bottom line

If the objective is to create a **2027 schedule that maximizes participation while maintaining good fishing quality**, my target mix would be:

4 Lake Erie + 2 St. Clair + 2 Detroit River + 2 Indian Lake + 1 Knox + 1 Sandusky Bay + 1 Alum Creek = 13 events.

The current Trophy Bassmasters website also lists Lake Erie, Indian Lake, St. Clair, Knox, Detroit River, Sandusky Bay and Alum Creek among the club's established 2026 waters, so this keeps the proposed schedule within waters the club is already using.

If you'd like, I can take this one step further and build the **actual 15-event 2027 schedule with specific dates**, using the 2025/2026 dates that produced the highest combined participation and fishing results.