

## Bass Fishing Cheat Sheet by jmaibauer via cheatography.com/200628/cs/42433/

Temperature Chart				
Water Temp	Stage	Location	Top Presentations	Best Lures
45°-50°	Pre-Pre-Spawn	Deep, 15ft or more	Jigging, Ned-rigging, Drop Shotting	Jigs, Finesse plastics, jerkbaits
50°-55°	Pre-Spawn Begins	points and ledges off flats	Slow, Deep presentations, reaction baits shallow	Jigs, diving crankbaits, spinnerbaits, shallow cranks
55°-60°	Prespawn	Shallow water near cover	Working fast reaction baits	Spinnerbaits and shallow cranks
60°-65°	Spawning Begins	Sight-fishing beds	Sight-fishing beds	Creature baits, works, jigs
65°-70°	Peak-Spawn to early post-spawn	throughout shallows, near cover	Sight fishing, finesse, topwater	Plastics, buzzbaits, other topwaters
70° and up	Post-spawn	Shallow shady cover, deeper structure	reaction baits shallow, slow presentations deepr	Buzzbaits, frogs, jigs, plastics, crankbiats

Line Selection		
Technique	Pound Test	Line Type
Pitching to Sparse Cover	15-to 20-poun	Fluorocarbon
Pitching to heavy cover	20-pound or 65-pound	Fluorocarbon or braid
Frogs over matted grass	65-pound	Braid
Cold water jerk baits	8 to 12-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Deep diving crankbait	8 to 15-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Shallow crankbaits	10 to 17-pound	Mono
Lipless crankbaits	12 to 20-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Topwaters	15-pound or 30-pound	Mono
Spinnerbaits	15 to 20-pound	Mono
Senkos	8 to 20-pound	Fluoro
Drop Shot	4-10 pound or 10-20 pound	Fluoro leader Braid Backing
Shaky Head	8 to 10-pound	Fluoro

## Spinnerbait Blade Types Type When to use Willow Less vibration Faster Retrieve Use Warmer Weather Colorado/- More vibration Indiana Slower retrieve Stained water or dim conditions

Number of Blades	
Number of Blades	When to use
Single	Murkey or low visbility
Double	When a smaller presentation is needed Clear Water Cool Water

Spinnerbait Blade Colors	
Color	When to use
Gold	Low light conditions
	Stained water
	Cloudy days
	Early morning/late evening
Silver	Clearer water
	Sunny conditions
Colored	Muddy water
	Night fishing

Fishing Line Basics		
Туре	Benefit/Use	
Monofi-	More buoyant and likely to	
lament	float	
	Stretches slightly	
	Great for top water lures	
Fluoro-	Stiffer with little stretch	
carbon	Nearly invisible in the water	
	Perfect for lures used under	
	the water	

Fishing Line Basics (cont)		
Braided	Lot more visible	
	Weeds or Heavy Cover	
	No Stretch	
	Extremely Strong	

Jerkbait Color Selection		
Conditions	Color	
Bright Days and Clear Water	Translucent	
Cloudy Conditions	Solid colors or those with flash	
Stained Water	White or Colored Bottom	
Windy Conditions	Flashy	

Crankbait Color Selection		
Conditions	Color	
Rainy or Cloudy	White	
Stained or Muddy Water	Brightly colored crankbait with as orange or chartreuse	
Sunny	Silver (If bass feed on shad)	
Sunny	Green/Red/Brown (If bass feed on crawfish)	

Soft Plastic Rigs		
Rig	Description	
Carolina Rig	Tie about 18 inches of clear leader between the rigged hook and a small barrel swivel. On your main line, thread first a brass Carolina weight (or a lead sinker), followed by a small, red glass bead. Then tie your main line to the other side of the swivel.	
Texas Rig	Bullet Weight above a Hook with worm, hooked straight to make it weedless into the body	
Tube Rig	Small internal jighead	

Soft Plastic Rigs (cont)		
Drop shot	Tie your hook with a long tag end and add a drop shot weight to the tag end	
Ned Rig	Soft plastic turd bait on a flat-h- eaded Ned Head Jig	
Wacky	Hook soft plastic bait through the middle of the bait, can add a nail weight in the plastic end if needed	
Neko Rig	Hook soft plastic bait through the middle of the bait, can add a nail weight in the plastic end if needed, recommend to put a rubberband in the middle to make work last longer	
Tokyo Rig	Hook has a rigid metal wire coming off the eye, bend the wire to keep the weight in place	
	to Roop the weight in place	



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