**2024/25 Stop #3 Tennessee BASS Nation High School/Junior** **State Open**

**SETBN High School/Junior Trail**

**Registration and Rules 26 Oct 2024**

**Watts Bar, Tom Fuller Boat Ramp**

**Blast off/Weigh-In is at Tom Fuller Boat Ramp**

**Mandatory Registration/Number Pick up/Briefing on**

**Friday 25 Oct 2024 at 6pm Eastern Time at Tom Fuller Boat Ramp**

**Please, we need all boat numbers picked up at the registration!**

**There are NO OFF-LIMITS.**

**There is NO official Practice or Practice off limits**

**All Boat Captains and Anglers must be off the water No Later Than 5:30pm Eastern**

**Email rosters to be emailed no later than 2pm 24 Oct 2024 to**

**High School David Lowrie –** [**dlowrie@benlomand.net**](mailto:dlowrie@benlomand.net)

**Juniors Jake Davis -** [**sctnbassnation@gmail.com**](mailto:sctnbassnation@gmail.com)

**\*\* Team Coaches – You may bring State Dues with you to registration, please come early.**

All times will be local time to the ramp we launch from...

Be in the Water Ready to Go No Later Than 7:20am… Eastern

The LAUNCH RAMP will CLOSE when we start calling numbers!

Launch will be “Safe Light” or “Safe Conditions” approx. 7:45 Eastern Time

We will call numbers whether or not you are in the water!

High School First Flight will be due back at: 3:00pm Eastern Time

Juniors First Flight will be due back at 1:30pm Eastern Time

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted/Alabama Bass: 5 per day in combination.

• Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

• Smallmouth/Meanmouth 18-inch minimum length

• Spotted/Alabama Bass: 12 inches.

\*\* NO Courtesy Checks and All Fish will be measured with a “Sweep” of the tail (Bassmaster standard)

Anglers MUST use the TBN Weigh In bags that we provide from Livewell to finish.

**At NO time will you:**

**Ride/stand/sit on the deck of the boat while big motor is running**

**Boat Captains may NEVER fish during tournament hours**

**Student Anglers are NEVER to operate a boat using the big motor, unless loading or unloading**

**No Locking up or down at any TBN HS/Junior Tournament**

**High School boat numbers 1, 2, 33, 90, 125, 170 and Junior Boat Numbers 1, 5, 15, 26, 32, and 48 Boat Captains will need to show Proof of Boaters Safety Course Completion and proof of insurance at registration. Random Safety Equipment checks will be done at Launch 26 Oct 2024**

**\*\* If you are sick (Flu/Covid/ETC):** Use commonsense, stay home! Tents will be allowed in designated area, early weigh in only if you must. Please be courteous to others.

Life Vest/Person Flotation Devices (Type III) must be worn by all individuals on board anytime the main motor is in use, ALL Buckles buckled, and all zippers zipped all the way up \*\*Tennessee State Law require all individuals 12 years of age and younger to wear a PFD at all times while on the deck of a vessel. You MUST be 16 Years old or older to wear a Inflatable Life Vest!

1. You must maintain 50 yards away from another competitor, unless you invite the competitor in…once you invite a competitor in all are invited.

2. NO Hole sitting (You may NOT have anyone sit/hold/block and area)

3. Alabama/Tennessee rigs are authorized, must meet TWRA Regulations

4. All Boat Captains and Anglers must have read and understand the general tournament rules posted by BASS for High School and Junior Tournaments.

5. At NO TIME in either Junior or High School boats will a Boat Captain fish...period! High School Captains shall never touch any rod, reel, line or bait during tournament hours.

7. A Boat Captain can “Coach” anglers while on the water…Captains MAY NOT demonstrate…verbal coaching only. Boat captains can coach but will never touch or handle any fishing rod, lures or line during competition hours. Including lunch break. Captains can net if a single angler is in boat.

8. Trolling Motor Operation – Manually or by REMOTE, In the interest of Safety…High School Teams: A boat Captain may operate the trolling motor to “Make Safe” the anglers and vessel, this is the only time a High School Captain should be operating the trolling motor.

\*\* JUNIOR Boat Captains\*\* if the anglers are not familiar with operating the trolling motor, you MAY operate the trolling motor…BUT PLEASE teach them, once anglers move up to High School level they MUST operate the trolling motor. High School Captain shall NOT operate the trolling motor, unless it’s to make safe the anglers or vessel.

9. Junior Boat Captains- Boat Captain may assist/instruct with tying lures, measuring a catch, clearing backlashes (reel must be detached from rod) and may net fish (the effected angler must be observing the boat captain and not fishing while you teach him/her…again, it is expected that you teach your anglers as once they reach the next level they must be able to do these actions themselves).

10. ALL, it is the ANGLERS responsibility to ensure length limits of all fish and number of fish in the livewells. Anglers MUST cull immediately upon catching the 6th fish…no more than 5 fish are to be in the livewell at any given time.

11. Anglers will present the days catch to the scales. The catch may/will be checked as needed by the weigh master. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the official length, shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass, which penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor. Short fish will not be weighed. Dead fish penalty is .25 pounds.

12. Anglers are not authorized to use electronic communication devices (cell phone, for example) unless emergencies arise. No phone fishing

13. Boat Captains may and are encouraged to video and/or take pictures during the competition hours and post them to Facebook or send them to the tournament directors for use on Facebook.

14. All Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency rules must be adhered to at all times. It is the Anglers responsibility to be familiar with and understand TWRA Regulations. If you have a question, contact the Tournament Director. A ticket during tournament hours from TWRA/KDNR/USCG/TVA is a automatic Disqualification for the tournament day.

15. All Boat Captains and Anglers must have read and understand the general tournament rules posted by BASS (can be found at Bassmastercom high school) for High School and Junior Tournaments.

16. All Protest or complaints shall be filed either prior to the start of the weigh in or immediately following the weigh in…once we start issuing scholarships it’s over. Period!

17. Failure to report a rules violation to the tournament director SHALL result in both the offending team and the team who fails to report said violation to be disqualified, points removed for that event or complete suspension for the remainder of the tournament season. In other words, if you fail to report the day of the tournament, but later report a violation or complain that you saw a violation…this rule will be enforced.

These tournaments are meant to be a teaching, learning and enjoyable experience. It is the responsibility of all Coaches, School Advisors, Boat Captains and Tournament Officials to teach and ensure good sportsmanship and prepare our anglers for the next level of life and tournament competition. If you have questions, please contact the Asst State Director Capt Jake Davis at 615.613.2382 or via email at sctnbassnation@gmail.com or the State Director David Lowrie at 931-235-6216

**B.A.S.S. High School Boat Captain Rules**

**Captains may only fall in the following criteria:**

* **Official faculty member of the student’s institution**
* **Close family friend/State Nation member**
* **Parent of the student’s High School B.A.S.S. Club**

**\****If a potential Captain is a local guide, then they will be ineligible for the tournament.*

*TN B.A.S.S. reserves the right to deny any Boat Captain.*

**During Competition Boat Captains MAY:**

1. **Coach**
2. **Give advice (send in plays)**
3. **Verbally explain techniques, how to…….**
4. **MAY NEVER Fish**

**High School Boat Captains MAY NOT:**

1. **Fish**
2. **Teach by example**
3. **Tie knots**
4. **Land fish with or without a net**
5. **Run the trolling motor**

**During Competition, anytime the combustion engine is running, Boat Captains MUST be seated in the driver’s seat in full control of the boat with kill lanyard attached. Never operate the combustion engine with an angler standing on the cast deck.**