

Big Lake Bass Team

Practice .. Are we talking about practice?



Jason Parks, Lawrence Luoma, Kris Knodle, Noel Krebs
Wayne Howe – Coaching Director



Agenda

- Coaching Staff
- Expectations
- What to bring to practices
- Volunteering / Raffle Tickets
- Brag Board / 5lb Club
- Smart Phone Apps
- Tournaments

Break

- Boat Marshall program
- Rods / Reels / Lines
- Knots
- Casting



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Coaching Staff

Coaching Director

Wayne Howe



Junior Head Coaches

Patrick Zylla



Paul Barker



Lawrence Luoma



Jason Parks



Noel Krebs



High School Head Coaches

General Information

\$125 registration fee and \$200 volunteer check (per student angler)

- Fishing Jersey and hat
- TBF/SAF membership
- In-house monthly virtual tournament with prizes
- SAO virtual tournaments
- B.A.T.S. in-person tournaments (Junior Teams)
- MNSATT in-person tournaments (High School)
- Product discounts

Junior and High School Teams (2022/2023 school year)

- Junior – 2nd through 7th grade
- High School – 8th through 12th grade

Volunteer Opportunities – 2 events per family

- Spud Fest
 - Parade
 - Beer pouring
 - Bingo
- ECFE Events
- 4H Fishing Camp in August
- Preseason practice assistants
- Photographer during the season
- Yellow Ribbon and Legion events
- Big Lake Lions Fish Fry – March 24th
- On-Shore practice assistant
- Coordinator (volunteer, sponsorship, raffle tickets, etc)
- Coach or boat captain

Bass Team Board

Noel Krebs – President

Jason Parks – Vice President

Lawrence Luoma – Secretary

Kris Knodle – Treasurer

Wayne Howe – Coaching Director

Carrie Hanrahan – Fundraising Director

Coordinator Positions

- Apparel / Equipment – Krystal Christian
- Raffle Tickets – Aaron Jarvi
- Social Media – Krystal Christian
- Sponsorship – Lorena Omann
- Volunteer – Michelle Fjone

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Expectations



- Listen to coaches during practices
- Engage with questions
- Practice casting and fishing outside of practice
- Respect the coaches and your parents
- Help coaches clean, drain and dispose after fishing
- Homework and studying must always be a priority
- Leave No Trace
 - Strive to leave any area cleaner than when you visited
- Hornet Way
 - Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Responsibility and Fairness
- Bullying will not be tolerated
- Regularly post to Social Media, tagging both Big Lake Bass Team and our Sponsors
 - Facebook / Instagram / Twitter
- Take pictures of the fish you catch and more importantly ... HAVE FUN!

Practices



- March 12 & 26, April 16 & 30
 - High School Lecture Hall, Cafeteria, Room E100
 - Classroom Style
 - Topics –
 - March 12 – Introduction, upcoming season information, expectations, rod/reel and line selection and knot typing and at home casting practice info
 - March 26 – Juniors (knot tying, lures and Casting course) – High School (Tourney Talk and Preparation)
 - April 16 – Lure Building Workshop and Casting course
 - April 30 – Hour long indoor practice and Meet the Boats/Coaches (weather permitting)
 - Discounted fishing poles will be available (FCFS)
 - Starter Bass Kit (lures, plastics, hooks, etc)
 - Donkzilla will be on site selling discounted lures (April 16/30)
 - Raffle tickets available for pickup (volunteer check must be on file)
- May 15 – August 23 (classroom or on the water, weather permitting)
 - Meet at designated lake
 - 10-15 minutes of Coach instruction
 - Skills and focus on different lures and presentations
 - Shore fishing and/or from boats (based on availability)
 - Head Coach may ask their assistant coaches and kids to meet at another local lake (Eagle, Ann, Birch, etc)
 - Head Coach / Assistant Coach can schedule fishing times throughout the week with High School Varsity Team kids

Practices

- Student / Parent must RSVP for practice each week
 - Plan is to use the SportsEngine smartphone application for communication
 - This helps the coaches to determine the number of boats needed that week
 - Students who do not RSVP may end up fishing from shore if there are not enough boats available
- Students are expected to be on time for practices with the required equipment
- Students on boats must help their coach take the boat out of the water, clean up the inside and help remove any weeds from the boat
- Students are expected to come to practice with line already spooled, arrangements can be made with coaches to get their reels spooled outside of practice times
- Students should spend time studying bass fishing techniques when not at practice
 - <https://biglakebassteam.com/beginner-videos>
 - <https://biglakebassteam.com/advanced-videos>
 - <https://biglakebassteam.com/youtube-channels>

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Practices

What should you bring to practices?

Please be sure to bring the following to every practice!

2 Rod/Reel Combos - 1 Casting / 1 Spinning - Bass Fishing setup

- Spooled full and correctly
- No large treble hook lures attached
- Snaps and Single Hooks are Ok

Back Pack with:

- Tackle Kit / Small Boxes (Bass lures only)
- Water/Water Bottle (No colored gatorades)
- Pliers/Hook Out
- Light Snack (No sunflower seeds)
- Sunscreen
- Ball Cap
- **Sunglasses - Safety (Preferably Polarized) - REQUIREMENT**
- **Life Jacket - correct size for the angler**
- **Rain Jacket**

Weather – Be sure to pack based on the weather and be prepared for the worst!

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2023 Tentative Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICES

3/12 INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
3/26 INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
4/16 INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
4/30 INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
5/15 BOAT 5:30-8P – EAGLE LAKE
5/22 BOAT 5:30-8P – BRIGGS
6/5 BOAT 5:30-8P – MINNETONKA
6/14 ON-SHORE 6-8P BIG LAKE
6/19 BOAT 5:30-8P – RAMSEY LAKE
6/26 BOAT 5:30-8P - PULASKI
7/12 ON-SHORE 6-8P BIG LAKE
7/17 BOAT 5:30-8P – MILLE LACS
7/24 *OPTIONAL – BIG LAKE*
7/31 BOAT 5:30-8P - MAPLE LAKE
8/7 *OPTIONAL – CLEARWATER*
8/14 BOAT 5:30-8P - BIG LAKE
8/23 FINAL ON-SHORE 6-8P BIG LAKE

JUNIOR PRACTICES

3/12 INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
3/26 INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
4/16 INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
4/30 INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
5/17 ON-SHORE 6-8P BIG LAKE
5/21&24 BOAT 6-8P BIG LAKE
6/4&7 BOAT 6-8P EAGLE LAKE
6/14 ON-SHORE 6-8P BIG LAKE
6/18&21 BOAT 6-8P PULASKI
6/25&28 BOAT 6-8P BIG LAKE
7/12 ON-SHORE 6-8P BIG LAKE
7/16&19 BOAT 6-8P BRIGGS
7/23&26 BOAT 6-8P MAPLE LAKE
7/30&8/2 BOAT 6-8P BIG LAKE
8/6&9 BOAT 6-8P SUGAR LAKE
8/13&16 BOAT 6-8P CONSTANCE LAKE
8/23 FINAL ON-SHORE 6-8P BIG LAKE



Bass Gear

Discount Codes will be available by end of April

- Rapala
- Big Bite Baits
- More to come ...

Bass Team will provide braid / mono / fluoro at the last 3 Indoor practices

Discounted casting and spinning combos available at the last 3 indoor practices

Donkzilla on site selling jigs and ned rigs April 16/30 (discounted rate)

Bass starter kits – will be available in April

Bass Lures to start with

- Plastics and trailers
- Spinners / jigs / frogs / whopper plover
- Ned rigs, drop shots (hook / weight), Texas rig (hook / weight)

Bass Combos - Lews

Mach 1 - Casting

\$85 (regular price \$169)

1 piece
Medium Heavy Power
7'2"



Mach 1 - Spinning

\$60 (regular price \$119)

1 piece
Medium Power
6'9"



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Raffle Tickets

MNSATT Raffle

- \$20 per ticket
- \$10 per ticket goes towards scholarships
- \$5 per ticket funds the MNSATT
- \$5 per ticket comes back to the association
 - student can use towards fishing expenses
 - 10 tickets sold is \$50 to the student, 20 is \$100, etc
- Only 10 tickets per student allowed at a time
 - Unreturned tickets are the responsibility of the parent/student
 - Volunteer check will be cashed for any amount of tickets not returned by the due date

Raffle Tickets will be available at our first practice

- Aaron Jarvi is our Raffle Coordinator
- Volunteer check must be on file to receive raffle tickets
- Turn in sold ticket stub and money to Aaron, must turn in all 10 before receiving more

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Brag Board / 5lb Club

- **Brag Board**
 - Picture of student angler with fish
- **5lb Club**
 - Separate page on our website
 - Using length conversion
 - Picture with timestamp app on MNSATT approved bump board
 - 2 Pictures required (on bump board and student holding fish)
 - Fish caught this season
 - 5lb club pins



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Smartphone Apps

- FishDonkey
 - Used for Big Lake virtual tournaments
 - B.A.T.S. Junior Tournament Trail
- MNSATT and SAO Virtual Events
 - ReelLiveWell
 - [Demo 1](#)
 - TimeStamp
 - Date, Time and Location
- www.biglakebassteam.com/fishing-apps



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Tournaments – In House

- FishDonkey
 - Used for Big Lake virtual tournaments – search for BLBT
- Divisions
 - Junior – 2nd – 7th grade
 - High School – 8th – 12th grade
 - Coach / Parent
- Prizes
 - Based on best 7 fish bag
 - Largest fish per grade(s) (\$25)
 - 1st – 5th place (\$125, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25)
 - Random drawings for everyone who entered a fish that month (\$25)
- Dates
 - May 13 – June 12
 - June 13 – July 12
 - July 13 – August 12
- Rules
 - Length measured using approved measuring tool (preferred)
 - Fish any MN public access body of water
 - Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass
 - Length to weight conversion chart used for weight

Largemouth Conversion		
inches	FishDonkey	Infisherman
12	0.90	0.9
13	1.16	1.16
14	1.46	1.47
15	1.81	1.83
16	2.22	2.25
17	2.69	2.73
18	3.22	3.28
19	3.83	3.89
20	4.51	4.59
21	5.28	5.36
22	6.13	6.22
23	7.08	7.17
24	8.13	8.21
25	9.29	9.35
26	10.56	10.6
27	11.96	11.95
28	13.49	13.42
29	15.16	15.01
30	16.97	16.73
31	18.94	18.58
32	21.08	20.56

Tournaments – SAO Virtual

www.studentangler.org

- **TBF/SAF membership**
- **Virtual**
 - Kindergarten+
 - \$20 per angler – reimbursed by Big Lake Bass Team
 - \$40 per team (up to 2 student anglers)
 - Parents are allowed to fish with the student(s)
 - If only a single student angler, the parent's fish count towards the bag limit
 - Any MN body of water
 - Cannot fish same body of water if angler places 5th or better
 - Fish from shore / boat / kayak or canoe
 - Boat captain must register if fishing from boat
 - Use MNSATT approved measuring board
 - Drawing for Scheels gift cards for each participant per tournament
 - [Rules](#)
- **Smartphone App**
 - ReelLiveWell
 - TimeStamp



The poster features the SAO (Student Anglers Organization) logo on the left and the LUND VIRTUAL FISHING LEAGUE logo on the right. The central text reads '2023 LUND VIRTUAL FISHING LEAGUE' in large, bold letters, with the website 'WWW.STUDENTANGLER.ORG' below it. The event dates are listed in two columns: 'SUNDAY, MAY 21ST', 'SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH', 'SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH', 'SUNDAY, JULY 16TH', and 'SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH' on the left; and 'FALL FLING SUNDAY, SEPT 17TH' on the right. Below the dates, it states 'VIRTUAL RULES MEETING THURSDAY BEFORE EVENT', 'UNLIMITED ENTRY ON ALL EVENTS', and 'LIVE INTERVIEWS AND AWARDS FOLLOWING SUNDAYS EVENT'. At the bottom, there is a photo of five young anglers in a boat, each holding a large fish. The background of the poster is a blue, wavy pattern representing water.

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Tournaments – B.A.T.S.

- B.A.T.S. (Bassinator Anglers Traveling Series)
- <https://www.facebook.com/bassinatoranglerstravelingseries>
- www.mnbats.org
- TBF/SAF Juniors (must be 8th grade or less as of September 6, 2023)
 - This is 2023/2024 school year
- \$50 entry fee per team (paid for by Big Lake Bass Team)
- Up to 50 boats per tournament
- Tournament runs from 7:00am to 1:00pm
- Top 25% per tournament advance to Championship on September 6th
- Tournament Dates
 - June 10 – Woman Lake
 - July 8 – Minnetonka
 - August 12 – Lake Osakis
 - September 6 – TOC - Clearwater
- 1 team per 20 unique teams participating will be invited to National Championship based on Championship placement
- Rules
 - <http://www.mnbats.org/rules/>



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2022 B.A.T.S. TOC Qualifiers



Lily Zylla, Rylie Barker, Avery Jarvi and Isaac Laney

Tournaments – MNSATT

www.mnsatt.org

TBF/SAF Membership

• In-Person

- 8th – 12th grade (7th grader can fish with 9th grade+)
- \$40 per team – paid for by Big Lake Bass Team
- Varsity level competition
- Lakes are pre-fished Friday & Saturday before
- Tournament runs 7:00am to 2:00pm
- [Rules](#)

• Smartphone App

- ReelLiveWell
- TimeStamp



The image shows a vertical graphic with the 'STUDENT ANGLER TOURNAMENT TRAIL' logo at the top, featuring 'LUND RAPALA PRESENTS'. Below the logo is a table with two columns: 'Event' and 'Registration opens @ 6pm'. The table lists six events with their dates and registration opening dates.

Event	Registration opens @ 6pm
Lake Minnetonka - 6/11/23	4/27/2023
Leech Lake - 7/9/2023	5/25/2023
Regional Day - 7/16/2023	6/1/2023
Mississippi River - 7/23/2023	6/8/2023
Mille Lacs - 8/6/2023	6/22/2023
State Team - 8/27/2023	7/1/2023



The image is a promotional graphic for the 2023 schedule of the Student Angler Tournament Trail. It features the logo at the top left and the text '2023 SCHEDULE' at the top right. The background is a sunset over a lake with silhouettes of anglers in boats. A list of events is provided on the right side of the graphic.

STUDENT ANGLER TOURNAMENT TRAIL
LUND RAPALA PRESENTS

2023 SCHEDULE

- 6/11/23 Minnetonka
- 7/9/23 Leech Lake
- 7/16/23 Regional Event Day (*Details Coming in 2023*)
- 7/23/23 Mississippi River (*pools 4 & 5*)
- 8/6/23 Mille Lacs
- 8/20/23 TOC on Rush Lake (*Ottertail County*)
- 8/27/23 State Team Event on Le Homme Dieu

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2022 MNSATT TOC Qualifiers



Lily and Keelan Zylla



Drew Parks and Mason Krebs

2022 MNSATT State Teams – 6th Place!

Cameron Kotecki and Zoey Christian (Lawrence Luoma)
Drew Parks, Mason Krebs (Jason Parks)
Nick Akerman and Tait Hanrahan (Wayne Howe)



2022 MNSATT Nationals Qualifiers

Drew Parks and Mason Krebs – Boat Captain Jason Parks



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Classic Bass Boat Marshall

Speak to a coach if your student is interested – sign up soon as these fill up fast!

\$50 to student

- Must be 14 or older the day of the event
- Ride with anglers during a Classic Bass tournament
- Great way to learn tournament fishing, techniques and speak with anglers
- 6/22 – Big Stone
- 7/20 – Whitefish Chain – 7/21 Pro-Am tournament!!
- 8/22 – Le Homme Dieu Chain
- 8/30 – Tour Championship – Lake TBD

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084ba5ad2ba6fb6-2023#/>

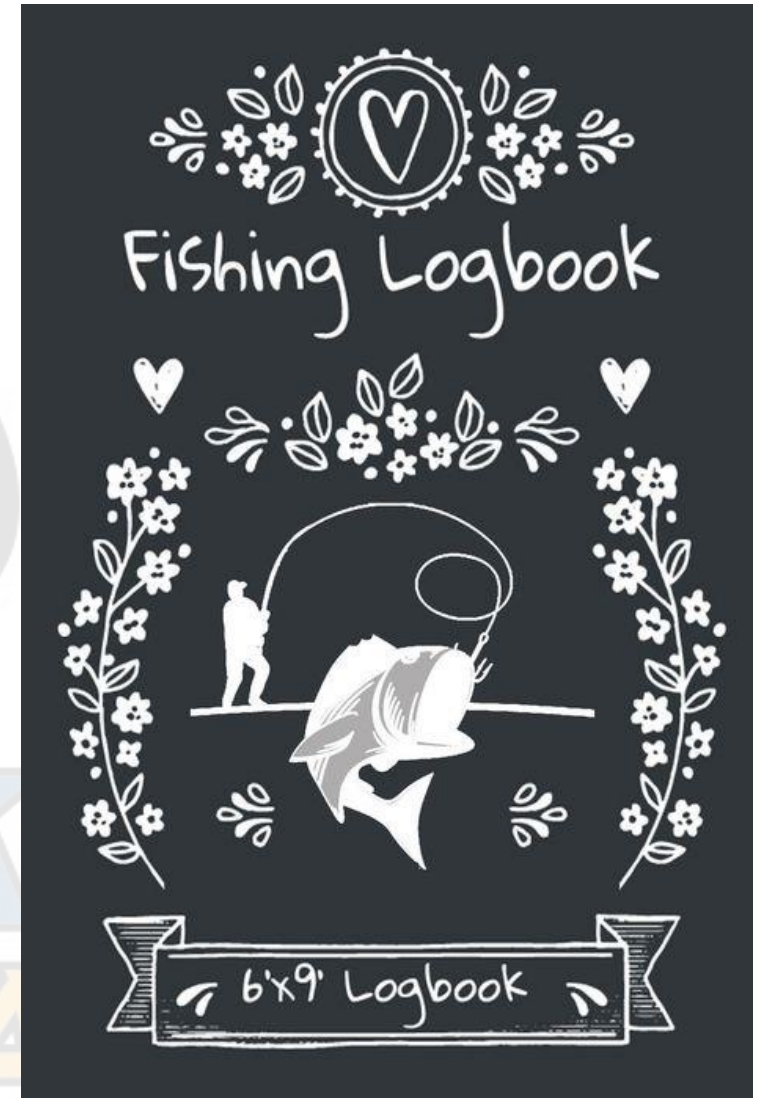
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Daily Fishing Log

Fishing logbook or regular notebook

Items to note

- Lake and area fished
- Lures used
- Number and size of fishing caught
- Note fish caught
 - Where (shallow, docks, weed line, deep, etc)
 - Area of lake caught
 - When
 - What lure(s)
- Weather
- Barometric Pressure



Rods and Rod Types

COACH LAWRENCE'S FAVORITES (MODIFY AS EACH ANGLER WANTS)

Casting Rods

Buzz Baits (7 – 7 ½' MHF Rod, 30lb Braid, 12lb Mono Leader)

Carolina Rigs (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHF, 30lb Braid, 15lb Leader)

Chatterbaits (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHM, 17lb Floro)

Deep Diving Crankbaits (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHM, 15lb Floro)

Shallow/Mid Diving Crankbaits (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHM, 15lb Floro)

Football Jigs (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHF, 30lb Braid, 20lb Floro Leader)

Frogs (7 – 7 ½' Rod HF, 65lb Braid)

Grass/Structure Jigs (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHF, 30lb Braid, 20lb Floro Leader)

Topwater (Popping, Prop, Walking) (6 ½ – 7' Rod MF, 30lb Braid, 12lb Mono Leader)

Jerkbaits (6 ½ – 7' Rod MF, 17lb Floro)

Swimbait (7 ½ - 8' Rod HF, 17lb Floro)

Spinnerbaits (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHM, 17lb Floro)

Swim Jigs (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHF, 30lb Braid)

Texas Rigs (Pitch/Fip) (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHF, 30lb Braid, 20lb Floro Leader)

Texas Rigs (Worming) (7 – 7 ½' Rod MHF, 30lb Braid, 20lb Floro Leader)

Spinning Rods

Drop Shot (6 ½ - 7' Rod MF, 10-15lb Braid, 8-10lb Floro Leader)

Finesse Hair Jigs (6 ½ - 7' Rod MF, 10-15lb Braid, 8-10lb Floro Leader)

Ned Rigs (6 ½ - 7' Rod MF, 10-15lb Braid, 8-10lb Floro Leader)

Neko Rigs (6 ½ - 7' Rod MF, 10-15lb Braid, 8-10lb Floro Leader)

Shakey Heads (6 ½ - 7' Rod MF, 10-15lb Braid, 8-10lb Floro Leader)

Spybaits (6 ½ - 7' Rod MF, 10-15lb Braid, 8-10lb Floro Leader)

Tubes (6 ½ - 7' Rod MF, 10-15lb Braid, 8-10lb Floro Leader)

Wacky Rigs (6 ½ - 7' Rod MF, 10-15lb Braid, 8-10lb Floro Leader)

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RODS WHERE TO START

Casting Rods

7 – 7 ½' Rod Med Heavy Fast, 30lb Braid Line, 20lb Fluorocarbon Leader

- Buzzbait, Carolina Rigs, Football Jigs, Frogs, Jigs, Topwater, Swim Jigs, Texas Rigs, Swimbaits

7 – 7 ½' Rod Med Heavy Moderate, 17lb Fluorocarbon Line

- Chatterbaits, Crankbaits, Jerkbaits, Spinnerbaits

Spinning Rods

7 – 7 ½' Rod Med Fast, 10-15lb Braid Line, 8-10lb Fluorocarbon Leader

- Drop Shot, Ned Rig, Neko Rig, Shakey Head, Spybait, Tubes, Wacky Rigs



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Knots

Palomar – use for tying to hooks or lures - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFk_Ktw2f1w

Surgeon – use for more action out of a lure

Uni-to-Uni – braid to fluoro / mono for leaders - <https://youtu.be/lfFTTsdvrVs>

Alberto – braid to fluoro for leaders - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrVzp0n2gAw>

FG – braid to fluoro / mono for leaders - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPTzkep9xII>

How to tie on a drop shot - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuqaAq98BDA>

Basically a Palomar knot with a longer Tag end that is fed through the eye of hook

Wet the line before tightening the knot!

Master at least 3 knots - speed and precision are key!

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Casting

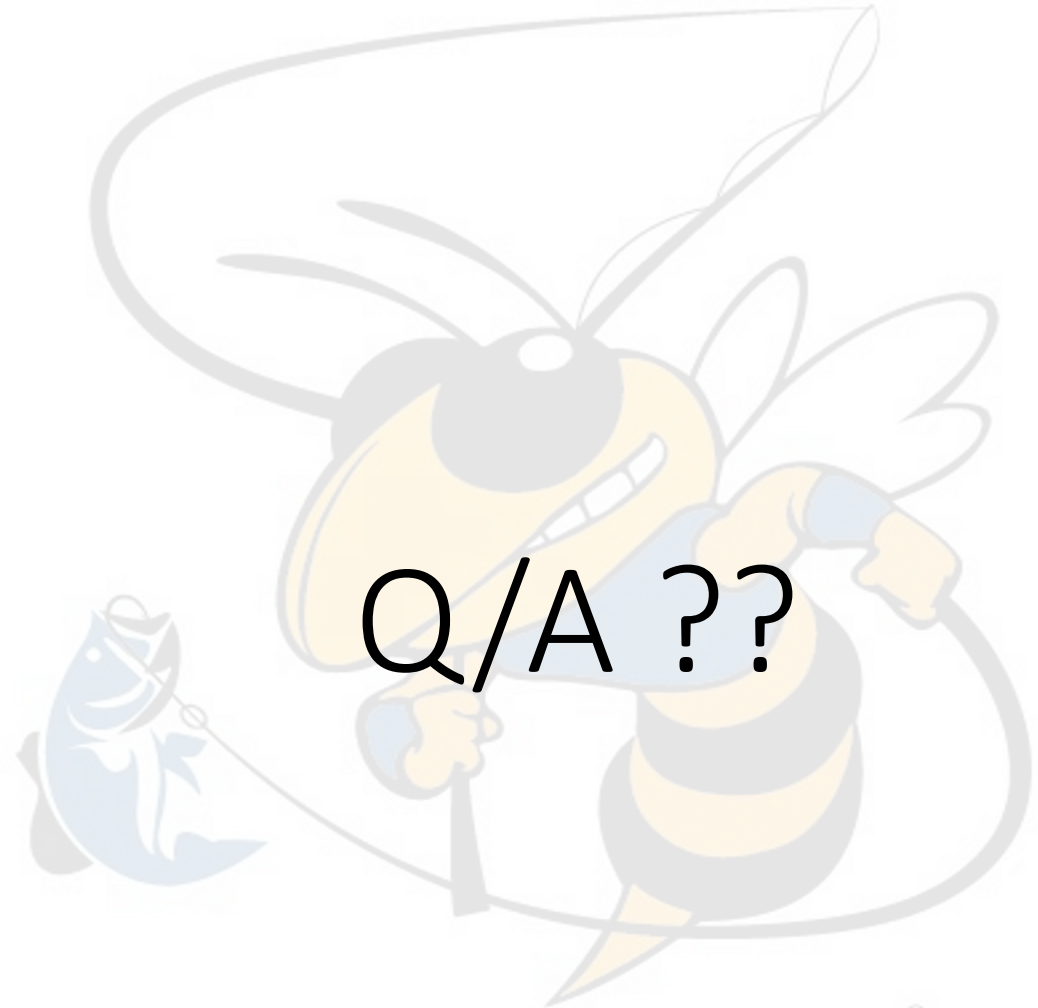
Accuracy, Accuracy Accuracy!

Practice flipping at home in a hallway or in the basement into a cup
Put duct tape or electrical tape around the jig to cover the hook

- How to Cast a baitcaster – Tape trick
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzjyLa6uCwc&t=1s>
- How to use a Baitcast reel
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMxysFjcRS8&list=PLP4RmY1AWIS6IRHI3e2iB2Tu5J5njfWx0>
- Pitch and Flip
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OklvPueR9xs>

Coach will demonstrate flipping into a coffee cup

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Q/A ??

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