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SC TBF-SAF TOURNAMENT TRAIL RULE BOOK

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****Information in this package is subject to Change and/or Review****

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TRAIL/TOURNAMENT RULES:

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE

\$20 PER BOAT (SOLO OR TEAM)

Payable to: SC High School Bass Challenge, PO BOX 361, Orangeburg, SC 29116

ELIGIBILITY

JR. Division 2ND – 8TH Grade HIGH SCHOOL Division 8TH – 12TH Grade

NOTE: A 7TH OR 8TH GRADE STUDENT CAN TEAM UP WITH A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ANGLER.

REQUIREMENTS

ALL School Clubs REQUIRED to have an ACTIVE TBF/SAF Team Roster. Team Rosters REQUIRED to be submitted to Tournament Trail Director for verification by **January 31, 2024**

ALL Student Anglers REQUIRED to have an ACTIVE NATIONAL TBF/SAF Membership (\$25) to compete in the SC TBF/SAF Youth State Tournament Trail, SC TBF/SAF State Championship Tournament or advance to the ANNUAL TBF/SAF World Finals & High School National Championship Tournament & TBF Jr. National Championship Tournament.

ALL School Clubs RESPONSIBLE for maintaining signed Student Angler & Boat Captain Liability Waivers and for verifying REQUIRED boat insurance coverage!

ALL Student Anglers REQUIRED to be enrolled in school in good academic standing for the entire school year. 2.0 GPA MINIMUM

ALL Student Anglers REQUIRED to have a signed Liability Waiver on file with School/Club and/or Tournament Trail.

Underage Student Anglers REQUIRED to have parent signature on Liability Waiver

ALL Student Anglers aged 16 and over, REQUIRED to have a valid SC Fishing License.

SAFETY

SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY: Boat Captain is RESPONSIBLE for operating boat at a safe speed during tournament hours. Boat Captain should inspect ALL US Coast Guard APPROVED PFD for overall condition, fit & proper use. IF inflatable Vest PFD are in use, Boat Captain should make sure that the vest is armed and/or charged.

NOTE: INFLATABLE WAIST BELT PFD ARE NOT ALLOWED.

Boat Captain & Student Anglers are REQUIRED to be seated in the boat cockpit area ONLY with FULLY secured PFD on @ ALL times the combustion engine is running. This includes, Idling, Forward & Reverse operation. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!! This includes BEFORE & AFTER tournament hours.

Boat Captain is REQUIRED to have Emergency Ignition Shut-Off Device properly secured to his/her PFD or body @ALL times combustion engine is in use. This includes, Idling, Forward & Reverse operation. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!

Student Anglers CAN assist with launching & loading of boat using combustion motor. ALL PFD & Emergency Ignition Shut-Off Device rules apply.

ALL NO WAKE ZONES MUST BE OBSERVED.

****FAILURE to comply with safety rules, will result in immediate DISQUALIFICATION from competition. ****

****ALL boat breakdowns and/or repairs during tournament hours must be reported and approved by Tournament Director IMMEDIATELY. All circumstances are unique and will be handled accordingly****

INCLEMENT WEATHER SAFETY POLICY

Tournament Officials have the right to delay, shorten, postpone, or cancel the start of an official tournament due to inclement weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors, equipment & volunteers associated with the scheduled event. ALL decisions will be made public knowledge on Thursday @ 6PM BEFORE the scheduled Tournament.

ALL Team Coaches will be notified via email and will be posted on the SC TBF/SAF Youth Bass Fishing Trail social media Page. If a scheduled tournament MUST be POSTPONED or CANCELLED due to inclement weather, the tournament will be rescheduled or scratched from the scheduled based on timing.

BOAT/HP REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM 16' with steering wheel. Outboard Motor HP can NOT exceed rating as listed on US Coast Guard Maximum Capacity tag inside boat. ALL boat's MUST be seaworthy, have working Navigation Lights, Emergency Ignition Shut-Off Device & Live Well. Boats that do NOT meet these REQUIREMENTS will NOT be launched until issues are corrected! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!! (TILLER HANDLE ENGINES & STICK STEERING BOATS ARE NOT ALLOWED)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM \$300,000 LIMITED LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED.

A copy of insurance REQUIRED to be on file with School/Club or Tournament Trail.

**RANDOM PROOF OF INSURANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF INSURANCE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION

RULES/REGULATIONS

ALL 2023-2024 NATIONAL TBF/SAF JR. & High School Rules, SCDNR Fishing Rules/ Regulations & SC TBF/SAF Youth Bass Fishing Trail Rules apply while competing in any of the SC TBF/SAF Youth Bass Fishing Trail Tournaments.

ALL rule infractions & penalties, upon full review are at the discretion of Tournament Directors and/or Tournament Coordinator. Student Anglers, Boat Captains & Team Coaches RESPONSIBLE for knowing & UNDERSTANDING the rules.

CELL PHONE POLICY:

Student Anglers are PROHIBITED to use cell phones during tournament hours UNLESS in an emergency.

Team Coaches & Boat Captains may NOT use ANY mobile communication devices of ANY kind, including but not limited to cell phones, radios, tablets, etc., to communicate with ANYONE for the purpose of locating or catching fish on tournament waters during official practice & tournament hours.

Mobile Communication devices MAY be used by boat captain to communicate with tournament officials & lock-masters during official tournament hours.

Boat Captains CAN use mobile communication devices during official tournament hours for GPS mapping, weather updates & Tidal Charts.

Posting tournament related pics on ANY social media platform during official tournament hours by contestants, boat captains and /or team coaches is PROHIBITED. Inner team chat groups is PROHIBITED!

Failure to abide by the rules will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

RESTROOM BREAKS

ALL Student Anglers & Boat Captains are ALLOWED to exit the boat to take a private restroom break if needed. ONLY one person can be out of the boat at any given time. NO fishing is allowed if boat is parked on land during restroom breaks.

BOAT CAPTAIN RULES

REQUIRED age 18 or older, CAN NOT be a Full Time High School Student! College Anglers are APPROVED Boat Captains.

REQUIRED to pass a SLED Background check IF REQUIRED by School/Club.

REQUIRED to have a signed Liability Waiver on file with School/Club or Tournament Trail.

CAN NOT be a Professional Fisherman or Licensed Guide UNLESS, they are an immediate family member or Legal Guardian of the student angler. Immediate Family Member described as Father, Mother, Brother, Sister or Grandparent.

NOTE: EXTRA occupants onboard during tournament hours is NOT allowed UNLESS there is a legitimate written need which must be reviewed and pre-approved BEFORE Tournament Day!

NOTE: ANY boat captain caught deliberately cheating during competition will be suspended from his / her boat captain duties for the remainder of the scheduled tournament season. NO appeals will be granted.

JR & HS Division

Per TBF/SAF rules, Boat Captains MUST always remain in boat during tournament hours. CAN coach, make location & technique suggestions during tournament hours, CAN assist in keeping equipment organized on the deck of the boat to eliminate any safety related hazards during scheduled tournament hours, CAN retrieve ANY equipment from the possibility of going overboard, CAN assist student anglers in the culling process providing BOTH student anglers are NOT fishing & assist in hook removal from fish once fish is landed inside boat as a safety measure.

****BOAT CAPTAINS CAN NOT FISH OR STAND WITH ROD/REEL IN HAND DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS. ****

JR. Division Boat Captain

MAY net fish.

MAY assist with hook removal from fish, tree's, docks & underwater snags for safety concerns.

MAY assist with back lash removal.

MAY run a trolling motor.

HS Division Boat Captain

Can NOT net fish, UNLESS, student angler is fishing solo, then Boat Captain can assist in netting of fish for safety concerns

Can NOT run a trolling motor, UNLESS, neither student angler is trained to run a trolling motor safely or in an emergency situation where safety would be compromised causing personal or property damage.

Can NOT remove back lashes, hook snags in trees, docks, or underwater snags.

NOTE: HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION BOAT CAPTAINS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TEACH STUDENT ANGLERS PROPER RUNNING OF THE TROLLING MOTOR & NETTING OF FISH AS THIS TASK WILL BE REQUIRED IN ALL STATE & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS.

SUBSTITUTE BOAT CAPTAINS ARE ALLOWED PROVIDING A LIABILITY WAIVER IS SIGNED AND ON FILE. School Coaches or Team Advisors are RESPONSIBLE for advising Tournament Officials when a Substitute Boat Captain is participating in a tournament. Failure to comply and a Boat Captain Launches without notice will result in DISQUALIFICATION!

ALL Boat Captains should model cooperation, honor, integrity, perseverance, and honesty. Any boat captain who fails to promote these ideals may be removed from the SC BASS NATION YOUTH SERIES by the Executive Director and/or Advisory Staff.

*****ALL BOAT CAPTAIN'S ARE SUBJECT TO POLYGRAPH TEST*****

SPORTSMANSHIP

ALL Tournament Competitors described as Boat Captain & Student Anglers are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, conversation & boater ethics.

ALL school rules apply during tournaments.

NO team shall fish within 50 yards in ALL directions of ANY boat, Competitor OR Non-Competitor which is in float mode, anchored with deployed Power Poles, Talons, Rope & Anchor or with Trolling Motor in use NOTE: PASSING a boat in a small/narrow river, creek or cove which is consider unavoidable is NOT a rules violation. ALL circumstances will be reviewed by Tournament Trail Directors and/or Tournament Coordinator. ALL review decisions are final.

Hole Sitting by a competitor and/or non-competitor for the sole purpose of holding the location is NOT allowed and will result in immediate DISQUALIFICATION! Rule Infractions & Penalties, based on confirmed evidence (Video/Photo) is at the discretion of Tournament Director, Advisory Staff and/or SC BASS NATION YOUTH SERIES Youth Director.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Student Anglers, Boat Captains, Coaches, Faculty Members, Family & Friends of Student Anglers shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism & integrity while attending ANY SC TBF/SAF Trail Youth Bass Fishing Trail events

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined in the **22-24** TBF/SAF Jr. High School & TBF/SAF Trail Youth Bass Fishing Trail rules book, tournament officials have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete, to disqualify a contestant or impose any penalty outlined herein.

ALCOHOL USE

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY ANYONE IS PROHIBITED. THIS INCLUDES IN THE PARKING LOT AFTER THE TOURNAMENT.

PROTEST

Registered Tournament participants described as Student Anglers and/or Boat Captain can ONLY submit an Official Rules Infraction Protest. Protest MUST be submitted within 15 minutes of the scale closing and include date, time and detail description of protest infraction. And signature. Protest CAN include video and/or photos.

Verbal Conversation followed by written documentation with Tournament Trail Directors and/or Tournament Coordinator is accepted.

ALL Protest will be fully reviewed by the Tournament Trail Director's and/or Tournament Coordinator.

ALL Protest decisions/resolutions are FINAL!

TEAM PARTICIPATION

Team consists of (2) Student Anglers & (1) Boat Captain.

PER TBF/SAF 23-24 JR. & High School Rules, MANDATORY 3 people in boat during ALL SC TBF/SAF Youth Bass Fishing Trail Events. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! If extenuating circumstances exist that prohibit you from having a partner in a tournament, then a written request must be submitted to Tournament Director's and /or Tournament Coordinator for a ride along to be approved. Ride Along participant MUST be 16 years of age or older. Tournament Director's and or Tournament Coordinator reserves the right to accept or deny such request.

TEAM PARTICIPTION RULE AMMENEDMNET 2022-2023: Changing Team Partners is Highly discouraged HOWEVER there are circumstances that support the rule to be reviewed by the SC TBF/SAF Youth Bass Fishing Tournament Trail Directors to eliminate penalizing a team for uncontrolled circumstances surrounding a team partner change request.

Effective August 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, changing team partners WITHOUT team points being effective will be APPROVED based on the following guidelines: Medical concerns, family moving out of district/state for personal and/or military reasons.

IF a team partner change request is submitted within the time frame listed above based on personal / personality reasons, the request will need to be reviewed in depth which could affect season team points such as points being divided equally if both student anglers continue to fish the trail representing the same school with a NEW partner and /or solo.

NOTE: Team name changes does NOT set season points back to ZERO.

Changing Team Partners AFTER the December 31, 2023, Deadline will NOT be APPROVED.

PURCHASING OF INFORMATION:

The purchasing of, or bartering for, information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters, including but not limited to GPS way points and the hiring of licensed guides is PROHIBITED by contestants, coaches, boat captains or anyone working on a team's behalf within 30 days of the start of scheduled tournament.

Teams can NOT hire a specific boat captain for his / her services. A team CAN reimburse a boat captain for actual fuel & travel expenses related to the tournament.

Failure to abide by the rules will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

USE OF DRONES/ MAGNIFYING DEVICES:

The use of Personal Aircraft including Drones is PROHIBITED by Contestants, Coaches & Boat Captains during OFFICIAL Practice & Tournament Hours. Contestants, Coaches & Boat Captains can NOT receive outside information from ANYONE using such devices for the purpose of locating and catching fish during OFFICIAL Practice & Tournament hours.

The use of magnifying devices listed as binoculars and/or spotting scopes by boat captains & contestants is ALLOWED for the purpose of locating schooling fish.

Failure to abide by the rules will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

OFF LIMITS

Tournament waters shall be off limits to Student Anglers & Boat Captains from official SUNSET Sunday preceding the tournament until official SUNRISE the Friday before tournament.

NO launching of boats during the official Off Limits.

TEAMS MAY NOT SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN ON THE TOURNAMENT WATERS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF OFFICIAL PRACTICE & TOURNAMENT HOURS.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAY

Friday and/or Saturday BEFORE scheduled Tournament Day, Official SUNRISE to Official SUNSET. NO NIGHT FISHING!

NOTE: Tournament Practice is voluntary by ALL registered Teams ONLY. Anglers & Boat Captains can NOT practice with anyone NOT registered in the scheduled Tournament.

Student Anglers are NOT covered under the Tournament Day Insurance Policy on Official Practice. Safe boating & fishing practices should always be maintained when on the water.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT HOURS

7AM or Safe Light – 3PM

Tournament Officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an official tournament due of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors, equipment & volunteers associated with the scheduled event.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Team Coaches will be responsible for registering their teams using the ONLINE REGISTRATION APP which will be emailed 14 DAYS prior to the scheduled tournament.

A CONFIRMATION message will be displayed at the end of the online registration process to verify tournament registration was successful for each team registered.

NOTE: TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY @ 12PM BEFORE ALL TOURNAMENTS.

BLAST OFF ASSIGNMENTS

Set by using the Random Number Generator (RNG) app based on completed online registration or tournament entry forms.

Blast off / Flight Positions & Tournament Info will be emailed to team coaches and uploaded on the SC TBF / SAF Youth Bass Fishing Tournament Trail Facebook page.

In fairness to ALL Student Anglers, the following rotating format will be used in setting ALL Tournament Blast Off positions,

1st Tournament High School/Jr. Division

2nd Tournament Jr./High School

etc., etc.

TOURNAMENT MORNING CHECK IN

Begins @ 5AM on Tournament morning,

ALL teams will be issued a Numbered Boat Float OR Numbered Staging card.

BOAT FLOAT AND/OR STAGING CARD MUST BE TURNED IN AFTER TOURNAMENT, Lost or damaged staging cards will assess a \$50 replacement fee by team and /or school. NUMBERED Boat Staging cards are for the purpose of boats lining up in numerical order in their perspective flights. Boats not following directions will be sent to the tail end of the blast off line.

BOAT CAPTAINS, PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP MAKE BLAST OFF SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE!

LIVE WELL CHECK

Properly working Live wells will be checked during blast off procedures. Any boat coming to tournament site by water, boat captain is responsible for checking their team in and advising a staff member that live well needs to be checked.

DOCK PARKING

DO NOT TIE UP TO ANY DOCK!!! Docks are used for loading & unloading of Student Anglers & Boat Captains ONLY. In the mornings, once everyone is onboard, boats must move away from the dock to allow ample use of the dock by other teams for the same purposes.

THIS RULE APPLIES TO THE AFTERNOON USE OF DOCK AS WELL!

SAFETY MEETING

MANDATORY Rules / Safety Meeting followed by Prayer & National Anthem @ ALL SC TBF / SAF Youth Bass Fishing Trail Tournaments.

BLAST OFF PROCEDURE

ALL boats MUST be staged in flight area based on blast off positions. ALL Flights will consist of 30 boats.

Tournament Coordinator will conduct blast off procedures at which time ALL boats MUST drive by at NO WAKE speed either by the dock or Blast Off Boat to verify ALL safety REQUIREMENTS listed as Emergency Engine Cut Off Switch, Navigation Lights & Live Well is working properly. Boats that do NOT meet these REQUIREMENTS will NOT be launched until ALL issues are corrected!

BLAST OFF MINIMUM 50 YARDS FROM DOCK, BLAST OFF BOAT OR NO WAKE BOUYS THAT MAY BE IN PLACE

TOURNAMENT CREEL

JR. Division - 3 Fish per Boat

JR. Division should not possess more than 3 fish at any given time during tournament hours.

Extra fish MUST be culled immediately.

HIGH SCHOOL Division - 5 Fish Limit per Boat

High School Division should not possess more than 5 fish at any given time during tournament hours.

Extra fish MUST be culled immediately.

ALL fish must be Largemouth, Small Mouth, Spotted or Redeye Bass. MUST be a MINIMUM 12 Inch Length, UNLESS the State Lake Length Rule is longer (14" Greenwood, Marion, Moultrie, Murray, Wateree or Wylie). Fish will be measured with mouth closed & tail fanned using the Golden Rule. NOTE: PINCHING OF TAIL IS PROHIBITED. Students Anglers are encouraged to check their fish for legal length BEFORE placing in live well.

****BEDDING FISH MUST BE HOOKED IN THE MOUTH. NO EXCEPTIONS! ****

DEAD FISH RULE

Dead fish CANNOT be culled. Dead fish MUST be kept and weighed in as part of the tournament fish limit. A 4-ounce penalty (4oz. = .25) for each dead fish will be assessed. This penalty WILL also apply to big fish, in the event the big fish is deceased.

PIERCING CULL TAGS

PROHIBITED per TBF / SAF Jr. & High School Rules. Penalty for use of piercing type cull tags is loss of that fish from daily creel.

CONSERVATION

Dead fish can NOT be culled or released back into the water during tournament hours. Fizzing of fish is REQUIRED when needed.

PERMITTED FISHING METHODS

Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the rod in hand. All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. All lures must adhere to state regulations. Only artificial lures may be used, except for pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits. Alabama rigs and similar umbrella-type rigs are limited to a maximum of 5 wires with a maximum of 5 spinners, five lures and 5 hooks (single or treble) unless state regulations are more restrictive, in which case state regulations prevail. Only ONE fishing rod may be used at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is strictly prohibited. Trolling is defined as operating any combustion engine to extend a cast or lengthen a retrieve or using any mechanical propulsion device to move the boat as the sole means of imparting action to the lure. All bass caught while visibly-fishing for bass must be hooked inside the mouth and immediately shown to your coach or boat captain for verification.

TOURNAMENT AFTERNOON CHECK IN

AFTERNOON TOURNAMENT CHECK IN WILL BE @ THE REN TENT TANK COMPOUND. . A Staff member will be set up to record afternoon check in time & fish count. ALL Teams must acknowledge to staff member they are checking in at the REQUIRED check in time.

Late check-In time penalties apply.

****ALL Teams have 30 minutes from check in time to get their fish in bags and report to the Red Holding Tank Tent. Late check in time penalties apply. ****

ALL boat floats MUST be turned in to staff member at the RED HOLDING TANK TENT regardless if team has fish or no fish. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

ALL BOATS REQUIRED TO HAVE FISH BAG ONBOARD!

Student Anglers are REQUIRED to have adequate water level in their bags to completely cover the fish while transporting fish to the check in area. Transporting fish WITHOUT water bag is UNACCEPATBLE and will be addressed with Student Anglers, Boat Captains & Team Coaches.

Student Anglers are encouraged to check their fish for legal length WITHOUT PENALTY at the courtesy tank BEFORE submitting fish to be weigh master.

NOTE: BUMPMASTER is an official Staff Member and has FINAL ruling on legal fish length and/or dead fish rule. ALL fished become property of the tournament trail once they pass the bump masters inspection.

ALL UNDERSIZE FISH SUBMITTED FOR WEIGH IN WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND THE TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A 1 POUND PENALTY PER FISH.

Once Student Anglers have checked in, they are REQUIRED to get in line to have fish officially measured, placed into a mesh bag, and get mesh bag into the holding tanks. NO Student Angler will be allowed to leave the holding tank area once they have checked in until they have been called to the stage for official Weigh In.

Once Weigh master has weighed fish and total weight is recorded WITHOUT dispute, fish creel will not be reweighed.

NO TRAILERING OF BOATS ALLOWED BEFORE WEIGH IN UNLESS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR MAKES ACCOUNCEMENT BEFORE THE START OF TOURNAMENT.

THIS CHECK IN PROCEDURE IS BEING IMPLEMENTED TO PROTECT THE WELL BEING OF THE FISH TO MAKE SURE EVERY EFFORT TO GET THEM SAFELY BACK INTO THE WATER TO BE CAUGHT ANOTHER DAY.

ALL JR. DIVISION TEAMS CHECK IN @ 2PM.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL Student Anglers REQUIRED to Check In as outlined below.

FLIGHT #1 Boat 1-30 REQUIRED CHECK TIME 3PM (301PM LATE PENALTY BEGINS / 315PM DQ)

FLIGHT #2 Boat 31-60 REQUIRED CHECK IN TIME 315PM (316PM LATE PENALTY BEGINS / 330PM DQ)

FLIGHT #3 Boat 61-90 REQUIRED CHECK IN TIME 330PM (331PM LATE PENALTY BEGINS / 345PM DQ)

FLIGHT #4 Boat 91-120 REQUIRED CHECK IN TIME 345PM (346PM LATE PANALTY BEGINS / 4PM DQ)

EARLY WEIGH IN

As part of our ongoing efforts to take care of the fish, the scales will open @ 12 noon for any team that has live well troubles or for anyone that needs to leave the tournament early.

HOLDING TANK

WHEN AVAILABLE, ALL fish once checked in, weighed in & photos are taken, ALL fish become property of the tournament trail and will be placed into a holding tank for later release after the tournament. This tank will be managed by an adult and it is requested that student anglers, visitors/guest to stay clear of this tank trailer.

IF tank trailer is NOT available, student anglers will be assisted with proper fish release efforts.

PHOTOS

AFTER each team has weighed in their fish, a designated photo area will be set up for photo purposes.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

If an emergency occurs, the Boat Captain or Student Angler should call 911 first, and then notify the Tournament Trail Director, Jamie Gray @ 803-928-9055, OR Tournament Coordinator Tony Gray @ 803-534-1720.

Tournament/Trail Fee's

\$20.00 Tournament Fee per Boat

Payable to: SC High School Bass Challenge, PO BOX 361, Orangeburg, SC 29116

NOTE: Fees are used for the operation of the trail throughout the scheduled tournament season. Expenses such as Trophies, Incentive Programs, Cell Phone (Director), travel including food & lodging for all Trail related business, Insurance, Taxes & Maintenance of the Tournament Vehicles & Tournament Trailer Insurance. Purchase of tournament related equipment is funded through these fees as well.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

One award per every 10 boats, up to 3 placement awards, will be awarded in BOTH Divisions @ ALL SC TBF/SAF Youth Bass Fishing Trail Tournaments. BIG FISH AWARD FOR BOTH DIVISIONS will be awarded.

POINTS SYSTEM

JR. & HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS will use a 250-point system for each tournament. First place will be awarded 250 points, second place 249, and so on. Teams participating but not weighing any fish will be awarded last place points minus 10.

TRAIL DIVISION POINTS CHAMPIONS

Awarded to the highest season ending points team in JR. & High School Divisions

TBF JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Jr National Championship spot will be awarded to the winner of the ANNUAL JR. TBF State Championship Tournament hosted by the SC TBF/SAF Youth Bass Fishing Trail (2nd - 8th Grade Students ONLY)

NOTE: JR. Division season ending points winners from trail does NOT advance to JR. National Championship Tournament.

TBF / SAF HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Per TBF/SAF, National Championship spots will be awarded by season ending points for High School Division ONLY and is based on one (1) National Championship berth per 100 ACTIVE memberships (8th-12th Grade Students ONLY)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

TOURNAMENT RESULTS ARE CONSIDERED UNOFFICIAL UNTIL ALL PENALTIES (DEAD FISH & CHECK IN TIME) IS REVIEWED AND DOCUMENTED.

FINAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON MONDAY AFTERNOON AFTER EACH TOURNAMENT.

TIE BREAKER

Total Tournament Season weight breaks Championship Points tie.

Total Tournament weight breaks BIG FISH tie

BIG FISH breaks tournament weight tie

IN case of TOTAL tournament weight & BIG Fish weight tie, then LOWEST blast off position breaks the tie.

RULES VIOLATION

Violations of a tournament rule by Boat Captain OR Student Anglers may result in weight loss, the loss of weight up to a particular time in the tournament day (eligible for a restart), loss of weight for the entire day, disqualification for the entire tournament or, in an extreme circumstance, ineligibility to participate in future events. If a team is disqualified from a tournament their weight will be recorded as 0 lb. However, they will still receive tournament points as if they had just caught no fish. If the director feels that their violation was a willful attempt to gain an unfair advantage or to intentionally cheat, the Tournament Director has the right to refuse entry from that team or team members in the future and will inform all members of the situation.

NOTICE

Any interpretation, questions, or concerns regarding these rules should be brought to the attention of the SC TBF / SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL DIRECTORS AND /OR TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

OFFICIAL WAIVERS

By signing the Official LIABILITY Form, I acknowledge ,I have willingly read, understand and will abide by the rules associated with competing in the SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL and I hereby release SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL, its officers, sponsors, hosts, employees and anyone working in association with them from any damages, injuries, or death that may occur as a result of competing in these events, whether by negligence of the said parties or otherwise to the fullest extent of the law.

NOTE

No one is allowed to set up to sell food or any type of merchandise WITHOUT written APPROVAL from the Executive Director of SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL. This applies to ALL locations.

CONTACT INFO: SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL

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**TONY GRAY – TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR
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2023-2024

SC TBF/SAF YOUTH TOURNAMENT TRAIL SCHEDULE

**** ALL Tournaments are points tournaments towards season end Trail Championship****

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 LAKE GREENWOOD – GREENWOOD STATE PARK

**FEBRUARY 2024 - LOCATION TBD
2024 SC TBF/SAF HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
(NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED)**

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 CLARKS HILL – DORN FACILITY

MARCH 17, 2024 LAKE MURRAY - TBD

MARCH 26, 2022 SANTEE COOPER – JOHN C LAND

**MAY 19, 2024 LAKE GREENWOOD – GREENWOOD STATE PARK
“2024 JR. DIVISION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INCLUDED”**

****\$20 TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE PER TEAM****

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JR. & HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS AVAILABLE

\$25 National TBF/SAF Student Angler Membership REQUIRED JR. & HS Division



COVID -19 RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

Coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and other various medical authorities. The SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL, sponsoring agencies, and those conducting tournaments CANNOT GUARANTEE that you will not become infected with COVID-19 or any other diseases while attending a scheduled event. Further, you acknowledge that attendance of ANY SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL events is voluntary & could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19 or other diseases.

SAFETY is the ULTIMATE goal of our Student Anglers, Boat Captains, Staff & guest during ALL SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL events, therefore, in accordance with Federal, State, and/or county municipal health guidelines, the SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL Director has set the following guidelines in an effort to keep everyone safe while attending scheduled events based on CDC, WHO & other medical agencies.

- *The IMMEDIATE Check In & Weigh In area's will be marked off allowing ONLY essential participants known as Student Anglers, Boat Captains & Staff to be within the boundaries maintaining the REQUIRED 6' social distancing rules. ALL others, known as non-essential will be REQUIRED to stay outside of the immediate Check In & Weigh In areas.*
- *If you have been sick with COVID 19 or experienced symptoms at least 14 days leading up to a scheduled tournament, you are requested stay home.*
- *Anyone that has had COVID 19 or experienced symptoms must be medically cleared to be able to participate in the upcoming tournament.*
- *Nose & Mouth coverings are REQUIRED to be worn during morning check in, afternoon check in & weigh ins. Anglers, Boat Captains, and Tournament Staff are responsible for their own nose and mouth coverings (buffs are acceptable nose and mouth coverings).*
- *Holding tanks set up so that there can be two teams per tank and no more than ten teams in the holding tank area at any time.*
- *Holding tanks will be set up on the release side of the trailer will be separated to ensure adequate distance is provided while waiting to take pictures and release fish.*
- *Spectators will be allowed to set up tents. It will be the responsibility of the respective teams, coaches, and staff to hold all anglers and spectators to the MANDATED social distancing guidelines. It is vital that we have no large gatherings during the event.*
- *Wash and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.*
- *Electronic tournament registration will be set up to eliminate paperwork handling*
- *Teams will be REQUIRED to place ALL tournament paperwork & tournament entry fees in a marked envelope & placed in a predetermined collection receptacle during morning check in.*

- *Reduce the number of boats per flight to 30, checking in every 15 mins*
- *Clean key floats before and after use*
- *Call teams to weigh in in groups of 10*
- *Sterilize mesh weigh in bags between uses before, during, and after the tournament*



2023-2024 School Entry Form (NO Fee Required)

School/Club Name: _____

School Mascot: _____

School Address: _____

School/Club Advisor's Name & Signature: _____

School/Club Advisor's Email: _____

School/Club Advisor's Phone #: _____

Bass Team Coach Name & Signature: _____

Bass Team Coach Email: _____

Bass Team Coach Phone #: _____

We the undersigned, submit our School Entry Form with the SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL and agree to the objectives, purpose & rules as outlined in the 2022-23 SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL Rules/Info Package.

For more info, Please Contact, Jamie Gray, SC TBF/SAF Youth Director @ (803) 928-9088 or via email @ scsafyouth@gmail.com

SC Youth Director, PO BOX 361, Orangeburg, SC 29116



2023-2024

Student Angler Tournament Trail Liability Waiver Release Form

SCHOOL: _____

All Student Anglers & Parents must sign this Release of Liability

Participant Release of Liability – Read Before Signing

In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in tournaments, events, programs & related activities conducted by **SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL** we acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist, and,
2. I have been advised and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; and,
3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOW AND UNKOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF **SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL** , THEIR OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, BOAT CAPTAINS, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, AND SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES AND PROPERTY USED TO CONDUCT THE EVENT (“RELEASEES”) OR OTHERS, AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION; AND,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest official, and,
5. I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS RELEASEES, WITH RESPET TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH. OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHICH I SUFFER OR WHICH I AM FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AGREEMENT AND THE ATTACHED RULES. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

PUBLICITY: In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in the tournaments, events, programs and related activities conducted by the , **SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL** I (“Participant”) hereby grant to **SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL** their assignee's and/or licenses (collectively “Sponsors” including television production companies contracted by the **SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL** the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, biographical information, fishing tips and/or instructions in any medium whatsoever, including but not limited to video/audio productions, merchandising, promotions, articles, and/or press releases, in connection with **SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL** tournaments, events, programs, and related activities conducted by **SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL** without restriction as to changes or alterations from time to time. I understand that I will not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. If Participant wins any event, the Participant’s name, likeness, and biographical information may be used in connection with advertising and promotion. The Participant’s specifically consents and agrees to such use without restriction as to changes or alterations from time to time, and further understands and agrees that any use will be without payment of any royalties or any additional compensation to Participant.

The Participant signifies by his/her signature below that he or she has read and understand the foregoing provisions.

TBF/SAF MEMBERSHIP#

PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE

AGE

DATE

PRINT PARTICIPANT’S NAME HERE

PHONE#

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

I, AS PARENT/GUARDIAN DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PARTICIPANT AND I AGREE AND CONSENT TO HIS/HER RELEASE AS PROVIDED ABOVE OF ALL THE RELEASEES, AND, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND NEXT OF KIN, I RELEASE AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES INCIDENT TO MY MINOR CHILD’S OR WARD’S INVOLVEMENT OR PARTICIPATION IN THESE PROGRAMS AS PROVIDED ABOVE, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN’S NAME HERE

PHONE

HOME ADDRESS

EMAIL: _____



2023-2024

Boat Captain Tournament Trail Liability Waiver Release Form

SCHOOL: _____

PLEASE ATTACHED A COPY OF CURRENT BOAT INSURANCE POLICY TO THIS FORM

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6. As the only authorized operator of the boat provided for all SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL tournaments, I have inspected and acknowledge that the watercraft provided is seaworthy and meets all current U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements. Furthermore, I understand that the same watercraft provided must meet the minimum length limits, combustion engine design restrictions, hull design requirements, minimum and or maximum horsepower ratings, and be appropriately equipped to ensure the safety of any and all student anglers participating as outlined by the SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL rules and guidelines. I agree to have the watercraft inspected at any time by a designated SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL Tournament Director for any and all tournaments. I further agree to provide a minimum of \$300,000 of liability insurance on this same watercraft as determined by SC TBF/SAF YOUTH BASS FISHING TRAIL and or any other high school fishing governing authority.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND THE ATTACHED RULES. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

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The Participant signifies by his/her signature below that he or she has read and understands the foregoing provisions.

BOAT CAPTAIN SIGNATURE

AGE

DATE

PRINT BOAT CAPTAIN NAME HERE

ADDRESS

EMERGENCY PHONE#

EMAIL ADDRESS



2023-2024 STUDENT ANGLER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

****USE THIS FORM ONLY IF TRAIL ADMIN IS HANDLING YOUR ANGLERS MEMBERSHIPS****

\$25 STUDENT ANGLER MEMBERSHIP (REQUIRED)

PAYABLE TO: SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE, PO Box 361, Orangeburg, SC 29116

SCHOOL / TEAM NAME _____

STUDENT Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birthday _____ Age NOW _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ PARENT Cell Phone _____

STUDENT Cell Phone _____

Last Grade Completed _____ Grade in NOW _____

Do you have any physical impairment? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please explain below:

Student Signature _____

Guardian Signature _____

Angler TBF/SAF Membership# _____

(Leave blank if unknown)