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TOURNAMENT TRAIL RULES BOOK

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TRAIL/TOURNAMENT RULES:

ELIGIBILITY

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

NOTE: ALL Team Coaches / Schools have the right to set their own starting age for their perspective programs.

Visiting Schools/Teams from neighboring states are allowed to participate in the SC Bass Nation. Paid SC Bass Nation Membership(\$20 per Student) REQUIRED. Out of State Teams can NOT participate in the SC Bass Nation Annual State Championship per BASSMASTER Rules.

REQUIRMENTS

ALL School Clubs REQUIRED to have an ACTIVE Bass Nation team roster. Team rosters REQUIRED to be submitted to Tournament Trail Director for verification by January 31, 2024

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 REQUIRED to have an ACTIVE SC Bass Federation Membership to compete in the SC Bass Nation State Championship Tournament or advance to the BASSMASTER Youth National Championship Tournament.

SC Bass Nation Student Angler Membership is \$20 payable by April 30, 2024, valid from January 1-December 31 ANNUALLY.

JR. BASSMASTER Student Anglers REQUIRED to have an ACTIVE BASS Nation Membership (B.A.S.S. Membership optional).

HIGH SCHOOL Division Student Anglers REQUIRED to have an ACTIVE B.A.S.S. & Bass Nation Membership.

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

SAFETY

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

NOTE: INFLATABLE WAIST BELT PFD'S ARE NOT ALLOWED.

Boat Captain & Student Anglers are REQUIRED to be seated in the boat cockpit seats ONLY with FULLY secured PFD on while the combustion engine is in forward or reverse operation. NO ECEPTIONS!!!!!! This includes BEFORE & AFTER tournament. Boat Captain is REQUIRED to have Emergency Ignition Shut-Off Device properly secured to his/her PFD or body while combustion engine is in use. 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, may penalize or possibly DISQUALIFY a team from competition.

BOAT BREAKDOWNS/ACCIDENTS

ALL breakdowns/accidents are to be reported to Tournament Director and/or SC Bass Nation Youth Director.

Per BASSMASTER Rules, once contact has been made with Tournament Director and/or SC Bass Nation Youth Director, Team Coaches/ Boat Captains can make arrangements to get their student anglers and catch of the day back to weigh in with another teammate and/or competitor tea. **CHECK IN TIME DOES NOT CHANGE DUE TO BREAKDOWNS/ACCIDENTS**

ALL boat breakdowns and/or repairs during tournament hours must be reported and approved by Tournament Director. 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 page on Thursday @ 3PM BEFORE the scheduled Tournament. ALL Team Coaches will be notified via email and will be posted on the SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE Tournament 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!!!!!!

JON BOATS that meet the above criteria are ALLOWED.

(TILLER HANDLE ENGINES & STICK STEERING IS NOT ALLOWED)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM \$300,000 LIMITED LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED PER B.A.S.S., LLC. 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 BASSMASTER High School Rules, SCDNR Fishing Rules/ Regulations & SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE Rules apply while competing in any of the SC Bass Nation Youth Series Tournament Trail. ALL rule infractions & penalties, upon full review are at the desecration of Tournament Director and/or SC Bass Nation Youth Director Tony Gray.

CELL PHONE POLICY:

Contestants, Coaches & Boat Captains may NOT use ANY mobile communication devices on 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., team coach & lockmasters during official tournament hours.

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

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 APPROVED Boat Captains per B.A.S.S.

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: BFL AND/OR BASS OPEN ANGLERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED PROFESSIONAL ANGLERS. A BOAT CAPTAIN WHO IS THE CHILD OF A PRO ANGLER CAN BE A BOAT CAPTAIN UNLESS THAT CHILD IS LISTED AS A PROFESSIONAL ANGLER.

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 B.A.S.S. 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 HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE 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.

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 desecration of Tournament Director, Advisory Staff and/or SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE 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 SC Bass Nation Youth Series Tournament Trail events
(Ref: 2023-2024 BASSMASTER High School Rule book for complete rule definition)

ALCOHOL USE

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

PROTEST

Registered Tournament participates 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. Written and/or Verbal Conversation with Tournament Director, Advisory Staff and/or SC Bass Nation Youth Director is accepted. Detail info to support the protest CAN include video and/or photos.

ALL Protest will be fully reviewed by the Tournament Director, Advisory Staff including SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE Director.

ALL Protest decisions/resolutions are FINAL!

TEAM PARTICIPATION

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

PER B.A.S.S., 2022 B.A.S.S. High School Rules REQUIRE Student Anglers MUST have a partner to compete. If extenuating circumstances exist that prohibit you from having a partner in a tournament, then a written request must be submitted to Tournament Director for approval. Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or deny such request.

Substitute team partners is NOT allowed, HOWEVER, to maintain team points and to meet BASSMASTER High School National Championship Qualification REQUIREMENTS, Student Anglers MUST fish together at least one (1) tournament throughout the 2021-2022 scheduled tournament season.

TEAM PARTICIPTION RULE AMMENEDMNET 2022:

Changing Team Partners is Highly discouraged HOWEVER there are circumstances that support the rule to be reviewed by the SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE Tournament Trail & SC Bass Nation Youth Director 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 waypoints 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 BEFORE scheduled Tournament Day, Official SUNRISE to Official SUNSET. NO NIGHT FISHING!

NOTE: Tournament Practice is voluntary by ALL registered Teams. 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 HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE 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. Bassmaster Division

2nd Tournament Jr. Bassmaster/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, FAILURE TO TURN WILL RESULT IN LAST STARTING POSITION AT NEXT TOURNAMENT. Lost or damaged staging cards will assess a \$20 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!

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.

SAFETY MEETING

MANDATORY Rules / Safety Meeting followed by Prayer & National Anthem @ ALL SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE 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. BASSMASTER Division - 3 Fish per Boat

JR. BASSMASTER 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 (4 oz. = .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 BASSMASTER High School Rules. Penalty for use of piercing type cull tags is loss of that fish from daily creel.

TOURNAMENT AFTERNOON CHECK IN

ALL TEAMS (WITH OR WITHOUT FISH) ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK IN DURING AFTERNOON CHECK IN ONLY STUDENT ANGLERS CAN OFFICIALLY CHECK IN THEIR TEAM.

AFTERNOON TOURNAMENT CHECK IN WILL BE at the red tent tank area.. A Staff member wearing a visible safety vest will be set up on the dock between 2 orange safety cones 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.

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 UNACCEPTABLE and will be addressed with Student Anglers, Boat Captains & Team Coaches.

Student Anglers are encouraged to check their fish for legal length BEFORE submitting fish to be weighed. Student Anglers CAN request a courtesy measurement check on a fish WITHOUT penalty.

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.

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 TEAMS, JR & HIGH SCHOOL ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT THE TANK COMPOUND WITHIN 30 MINUTES AFTER OFFICIALLY CHECKING IN.

SCALES WILL CLOSE 15 MINUTES AFTER LAST FLIGHT

ALL JR. BASSMASTER 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 Executive Director, Tony Gray @ 803-534-1720, OR Tournament Coordinator Jamie Gray @ 803-928-9088.

Tournament/Trail Fee's

\$50.00 Fee per School, PER School Calendar Year

\$20.00 Tournament Fee per Boat

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.

Teams that qualify for the BASSMASTER National Championship will be given financial assistance based on \$300 per team of year end funds. Payment of this financial assistance will be paid AFTER the National Championship once Tournament entry has been CONFIRMED.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

1ST, 2ND, 3RD & BIG FISH AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN @ ALL SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE TOURNAMENTS FOR ALL DIVISIONS

POINTS SYSTEM

JR. BASSMASTER & 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.

BASSMASTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Per BASSMASTER, 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)

"BATTLE of the CAROLINA" TOURNAMENT

Based on season ending points, TOP 30 High School & TOP 10 JR. BASSMASTER Teams qualify for the annual "BATTLE of the CAROLINA'S" tournament.

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.

SEASON ENDING AWARDS

DIVISION POINTS CHAMPIONS

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

BIG FISH AWARD

Awarded to the team who catches the BIGGEST FISH during the scheduled Tournament Season

LADY ANGLER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the highest season ending points female angler in JR. BASSMASTER & High School Division

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 High School Bass Challenge Tournament Trail Executive Director, Tournament Coordinator, and /or Advisory Staff.

All decisions by the Director & Staff are FINAL!

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 high School Bass Challenge and I hereby release SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT 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 the SC High School Bass Challenge. This applies to ALL SC High School Bass Challenge Tournament locations.

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2023-2024 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

(REVISED AUGUST 15, 2023)

OCTOBER 7, 2023

LAKE MURRAY @ DREHER ISLAND STATE PARK

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

SANTEE COOPER LAKES @ JOHN C LAND COMPLEX

DECEMBER 2, 2023

LAKE WATEREE @ CLEAR WATER COVE

DECEMBER 16, 2023

FALL MAKE UP DATE IF NEEDED

FEBRUARY 24, 2024

COOPER RIVER @ BUSHY PARK

MARCH 9, 2024	SC BASS NATION YOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP LAKE MURRAY – DREHER ISLAND STATE PARK ***JR. BASSMASTER ONLY***
MARCH 16, 2024	PHANTOM YOUTH OPEN LAKE MURRAY @ SIESTA COVE
MARCH 23, 2024	SC BASS NATION YOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP LAKE MURRAY – DREHER ISLAND STATE PARK ***HIGH SCHOOL ONLY***
APRIL 27, 2024	SANTEE COOPER LAKES @ JOHN C LAND COMPLEX
MAY 18, 2024	“BATTLE of the CAROLINAS” @ LAKE GREENWOOD STATE PARK

***** (DATES & LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH PROPER NOTIFICATION) *****

SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE, PO BOX 361, ORANGEBURG, SC 29116

COVID-19 Recommendations for Attendance of Events

Coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and other various medical authorities. The SC High School Bass Challenge, 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 High School Bass Challenge 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 High School Bass Challenge events, therefore, in accordance with Federal, State, and/or county municipal health guidelines, the SC High School Bass Challenge Executive Director has set the following guidelines in an effort to keep everyone safe while attending scheduled events based on CDC, WHO & other medical agencies.

- **MANDATORY 14-day quarantine for anyone who has tested POSTIVE or anyone that has been in contact with anyone that has tested POSITIVE. (CDC Guidelines)**
- **The IMMEDIATE Check In & Weigh In area’s will be marked off allowing ONLY essential participates 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 FREQUIRED to place ALL tournament paperwork & tournament entry fees in a marked envelope & placed in a predetermined collection receptacle during morning check in.*
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- *Reduce the number of boats per flight to 20, 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 (\$100.00 ANNUAL FEE)

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 HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE and agree to the objectives, purpose & rules as outlined in the 2020-21 SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE Rules/Info Package.

For more info, Please Contact, Tony Gray, SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE Director @ (803) 534-1720 or via email @ scyouthdirector@gmail.com

**Mail application and payment to:
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 HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE** 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 REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF **SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE**, 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 RESPECT 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 HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE**, I (“Participant”) hereby grant to **SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE** their assignees and/or licensees (collectively “Sponsors” including television production companies contracted by the **SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE** 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 HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE** tournaments, events, programs, and related activities conducted by **SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE** 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.

BASS 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 RELEASEES, 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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3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF PBC TOURNAMENT TRAILS, THEIR OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, 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,
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6. As the only authorized operator of the boat provided for all SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE 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 HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE Tournament Trail tournament rules and guidelines. I agree to have the watercraft inspected at any time by a designated SC HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE 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 HIGH SCHOOL BASS CHALLENGE 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.

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 B.A.S.S. Membership# _____

(Leave blank if unknown)