



GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION

2015 Competition Format Changing

This new B.A.S.S. Nation competition Regional structure will begin with the Calendar Year 2016. The following concept is designed to provide the best possible competitive fishing program for our B.A.S.S. Nation tournament anglers, while accomplishing the goals of B.A.S.S. as a whole and to promote membership growth.

New B.A.S.S. Regional Format (formerly Divisional)

- Three (3) Regionals
- Modified to Bassmaster Opens style event (boater/non-boater entry)
- Each State team will increase to consist of 10 boaters and 10 non boaters, 2 Alternates. No HS or Youth. High School and Youth will attend the B.A.S.S. High School National Championship and Junior Championship.
- Entry fee Boater \$200 and Non Boater \$100 (Paid by GBN + a travel allowance)
- Anglers will now fish for individual cash prizes
- Top state team earns a prize boat
- Top Boater and top Non Boater from each state advances to the B.A.S.S. National Championship
- Therefore, B.A.S.S. Nation "State Qualifiers" are now being modified to determine state team will also be a Bassmaster Opens style event. (Boater/Non-boater division)

B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

- Three day event
- Non Boater Champion crowned after day two
- Non Boater Champion wins Memorial Trophy, a prize boat, Bassmaster Opens entries as a co-angler, and a Bassmaster Classic marshal spot. Cash and merchandise paid down the field.
- **The non-boater champion will now compete on the final day as a boater alongside the other 10-15 boaters that make the cut [boats will be made available for them to use].**
- Cut to the top 10 Boaters plus 6 Boater divisional leaders after day two (6 divisions still intact during the BNC for this purpose) Possible 15 anglers make the final day cut.
- Anglers fish with marshals the final day

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2016* Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation State Classic Qualifying

- Same Format for GBN Bass Clubs for Boater/Non boater entrants to qualify for State Classic as just reviewed for 2015. No changes.

ADDITIONALLY

- There will be four (4) GBN “Open” tournaments for non “bass club” members held in the state of Georgia. (2 tournament in each region)
- Entrants to GBN Opens must join B.A.S.S., B.A.S.S. Nation and GBN. They will then be placed in the “GBN STATE CLUB”.
- Entry fee still to be determined
- Entrants must fish three of the open tournaments to try and qualify for GBN State Classic and must enter as Boater or Non-boater for all three.
- Based on # of entrants, approx. the top 20% points finishers in the boater and non-boater division qualify to enter the GBN State classic
- Open trail qualifiers to State Classic must still pay entry fee and will be entered based on GBN “Open Entry” as a Boater or Non-boater.
- Open Trail qualifiers will still be responsible for youth and conservation event coordinated by GBN Tournament Director.

Advantages

- More members get the opportunity to experience the Regionals and the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship with larger state teams represented
- Pro Am style event members have been asking for
- Individual payout members have asked for
- More sponsorship exposure with three larger Regionals and 1 larger championship
- Potential for greater participation from members, sponsors, new anglers, Bass Nation club growth and “opens” growth

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- Boater Champion earns a Bassmaster Classic Berth, Bassmaster Elite Series Berth, paid Bassmaster Opens Entries to the Division of his choice, prize boat, plus a “Nation’s Best” prize package consisting of the use of a Toyota Truck and a fully rigged tournament ready boat for one year.
- Second and Third place Boaters earn a Bassmaster Classic Berth, paid Bassmaster Opens entries to the division of their choice, prize boat, plus a “Nation’s Best” prize package consisting of the use of a Toyota Truck and a fully rigged tournament ready boat for one year.

B.A.S.S. Regional Competition Timeline

- Official Practice Days – Monday-Tuesday
- Registration/Briefing – Tuesday
- Competition Days – Wednesday-Friday

National Championship Competition Timeline

- Registration/Briefing – Monday
- Official Practice Days – Tuesday –Wednesday
- Competition Days – Thursday - Saturday

2015 GBN State Classic

Oct. 16th & 17th, 2015 @ Lake Hartwell

- Clubs with twenty (20) or more members can send two (2) Six Man Teams again to the 2015 STATE CLASSIC on Lake Hartwell. From these 6 man teams a top team will be recognized as the Top Six Team of the tournament
- Clubs can send as many “boater” and “non-boater” entrants as they wish... as long as even number of “boater” and “non-boater”. These extra entrants will not be included in the running for Top Team of the Tournament. These entrants will be considered as “BUY IN ENTRANTS”.
- All entrants still must be in good standing registered with B.A.S.S, B.A.S.S. Nation, GBN, and their club.
- *Tentative Team- “boater” fee of \$125 and “non-boater” fee of \$75 (\$5.00 Big Fish Entry is still included in entry fee). (Still equates to \$600 as in past for 6 man team)
- Buy in Entrants Fee- “Boater \$150” and “non-boater” fee \$100” (\$5.00 Big Fish Entry is included in entry fee).
- Separate BIG FISH payout for Boater & Non-boater
- Anglers will still be paired randomly at tournament draw and rules meeting and as before, “like” club members will not be paired together.
- Boater will fish from front of boat only, non-boater from back only.
- Top 10 Boaters and Top 10 Non-Boaters go to Regional (compared to past - 6 additional state team members qualify for regional + 2 alternates)

- Growth opportunity for non-BASS Nation anglers who have conflicting tournament schedules or lacked time to join B.A.S.S. Nation club
- Increased exposure for the entire B.A.S.S. Nation through the “Nation’s Best” program
- Increased value for our Classic Contenders through the “Nation’s Best” program with much higher payouts and awards

“Bill Payers” and Benefits

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- 3 Classic spots
- Leadership meetings to stand alone event

Three/Four day weekend, Thursday evening kick off dinner and small business items, Friday sponsor meetings and continued business, Saturday team building Fishing/Golf etc.... Sunday travel home.

- Longer travel to regionals for most states
- Sponsorship obligations (3 Regionals vs 6 Divisional)

BENEFITS

- 3 Classic spots
- More members eligible to advance past the state level
- Pro Am style events
- Investment into the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship to double the number of anglers advancing to the BNC
- “Nations Best” program will **invest** in the future of 3 B.A.S.S. Nation anglers
- Increased exposure

The Board of directors has been working on this proposal since January and we know there are things that may need to be changed. If we do have to make any changes we will let club officers know as soon as we can about the change.

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Lake Hartwell, Gum Branch Mega Ramp, Hartwell, GA 30643

NOTE: NUMBER OF BOATS IN FLIGHT MAY BE CHANGED TO EVEN FIELD

AUGUST 1, 2014	STATE CLASSIC MEMO SENT TO CLUBS QUALIFIED TO FISH
AUGUST 1, 2015 THRU OCTOBER 1, 2015	<p>Appoint a Team Captain, select team with alternates; provide Team members and alternates with a thorough briefing and a copy of this memo. They should also visit the GBFN Website. Confirm, then photocopy each Team Members and Alternates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. B.A.S.S. MEMBERSHIP CARDS. 2. 2014 Georgia Fishing License. 3. Boat Registration Card 4. Watercraft Liability Insurance [WLI] Specification page. 5. Boater Education Certification Card (If Born On or After Jan. 1, 1998) 6. Official “Waiver Form” signed by all team members and alternates <p>Please HI-LITE [YELLOW ONLY] all key elements, i.e. names, dates, amounts, etc. on ALL DOCUMENTS. This Helps registration go quickly</p>
OCTOBER 9, 2015 SATURDAY	<p>THE LAST DATE TO RECEIVE AN UPDATED STATE CLASSIC ENTRY FORM IS 10/9/15. AFTER THIS DATE BRING YOUR REVISED ENTRY FORM TO REGISTRATION.</p>
OCTOBER 14, 2015 WEDNESDAY	<p>REGISTRATION BEGINS AT: 08:00am at GUM BRANCH MEGA RAMP and ends at 12:00 noon. The Team Captain registers the Team. Teams Registering late will be assessed a 10% penalty. 5:00 pm – Lake goes OFF-LIMITS</p>
OCTOBER 15, 2015 THURSDAY	<p>3:00 pm – Lake goes OFF-LIMITS 5:00 to 7:00 pm - Competitors meeting and Partner Draw Casa Grande Mexican Café 392 East Franklin St – Hartwell, GA <u>ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE PRESENT</u> Sponsor and Support Recognition, Tournament Safety Briefing, Drawing for Flight order, Flight Drawing by computer for both Days.</p>





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<p>OCTOBER 16, 2015</p> <p>FRIDAY</p>	<p>7:00 am OR (Safe Light) First Flight Starts Short Break ----- Second Flight Starts Short Break ----- Third Flight Starts</p> <p>3:00 pm First Flight Returns ----- (Boats #1 thru 20) 3:30 pm Second Flight Returns ----- (Boats #21 thru 40) 4:00 pm Third Flight Returns ----- (Boats #41 thru 80)</p>
<p>OCTOBER 17, 2015</p> <p>SATURDAY</p>	<p>7:00 am OR (Safe Light) First Flight Starts ----- (Reverse Order) Short Break ----- Second Flight Starts ---- (Reverse Order) Short Break ----- Third Flight Starts ----- (Reverse Order)</p> <p>3:00 pm First Flight Returns ----- (Boats # 80+ thru 41)</p> <p>3:30 pm Second Flight Returns ----- (Boats # 40+ thru 21)</p> <p>4:00 pm Third Flight ----- (Boats #20+ thru) 1)</p> <p>5:00 pm Awards Ceremony</p>



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Boat inspection both days Boats will be inspected by flight in numerical order starting at 5:30am. There will be a short break between each flight. The Tournament Committee will, Check Live Wells (clean) and their Aeration System working, Navigation Lights, PDF's (fit strapped and zippered) and Kill Switch for Function.



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The following rules shall apply to all Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation tournaments, with the following exceptions: (i) rules for special tournaments may differ from those contained herein and (ii) these rules may be changed by GBN immediately upon notice by GBN to its members, which notice may be published on the GBN internet site at <http://georgiabassnation.com>. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director or his/her designee at a tournament. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director or a rules committee may impose such sanctions as deemed appropriate by them, including without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Subject to the appeal process set forth in paragraph 22 below, the decision of the Tournament Director, his/her designee, or the rules committee, shall be final in all matters.

Penalties for rules violations may include the following:

- (a) Reduction of competition hours as determined by the Tournament Director
- (b) Loss of one or more fish in question. All such fish must be marked and verified by either your partner/observer. If not verified the entire catch may be disqualified
- (c) Loss of catch for the day of the violation
- (d) Disqualification from the tournament in question
- (e) Disqualification from future GBN events, which may be from a specific number of events, a specific period of time, or may be a lifetime disqualification.
- (f) Any different or additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director including but not limited to monetary fines.

1. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:

(i) This tournament is open only to current members of B.A.S.S., BASS NATION, and Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation who are 16 years of age or older. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of the potential competitor. Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is disabled in such a manner as to unfairly hinder their partner or endanger the safety and well-being of their partner or themselves may not be eligible. It is recommended each contestant have an endorsement of having passed a boating safety course or grandfathered by law. Failure to do so may prevent boating on tournament waters. Boating safety courses are available online.

(ii) **DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE AND COMPETITION DAYS OF ANY GBN TOURNAMENT, NO PRO OR CO-ANGLER COMPETITOR MAY OPERATE A BOAT UNLESS THAT CONTESTANT HAS DOCUMENTED PROOF OF A MINIMUM OF \$300,000, OR \$100,000, OF WLI BACKED BY A \$1MILLION "UMBRELLA" LIABILITY POLICY PER OCCURRENCE, BOAT OWNERS LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERING THE BOAT BEING USED IN THE TOURNAMENT. PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE WITH THE BOAT BEING USED AND MUST COVER ALL PASSENGERS IN THAT BOAT. RANDOM CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND ANY COMPETITOR WHO DOES NOT HAVE PROOF OF IN-FORCE INSURANCE WITH \$300,000 COVERAGE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED. EACH POLICY MUST SHOW AN EFFECTIVE START AND EXPIRATION DATE.** Tournament officials have sole authority to determine if insurance policies meet GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION (GBN) requirements.

(iii) A properly completed pre-printed and signed official entry form (attached to these rules) must be provided to the GBN tournament administrative team prior to the first day of



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competition. Tournament entry fees must be received by the GBN Tournament Department on or before the due date. Any new entries received after the due date will be subject to a \$50 late fee. The Tournament Director reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to deadline and also the right to extend the acceptance date.

2. ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT:

Anglers participating in any GBN sanctioned event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates integrity, honor and respect toward fellow competitors, tournament staff and general public and does not reflect unfavorably on GBN, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors.

To this end, anglers shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any angler who violates any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to fines, reduction of points, forfeiture of tournament winnings, and suspension from competing in individual GBN sanctioned events, permanent ban from competition, or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by GBN

MEDIA COMMENTS, PUBLIC ATTACKS

The favorable public reputation of GBN as a sanctioning organization in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its media properties are valuable assets and tangible benefits for GBN. Accordingly, it is an obligation of competitors to refrain from comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage the integrity of tournaments, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow anglers or the GBN organization and its' media platforms. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with GBN policies are encouraged; however, attacks upon the integrity of the rules or officials will not be tolerated. Public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of GBN, GBN officials or sponsors, shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional and may result in disciplinary action.

3. PRACTICE AND COMPETITION:

(i) There will be no off limits period for any tournament unless specified by the Tournament Director.

(ii) There will be an official practice period immediately prior to the first day of competition. Two official practice days will begin at 12:01 am the Wednesday prior to the start of competition. Unless otherwise specified, all official times are time zone specific to local host community. The competitor must know and observe these dates. During practice and competition a competitor can only have the assistance or advice of another competitor for the purposes of locating or catching bass on tournament waters. **Competitors may only fish with other competitors during practice and competition.** Flying over tournament waters, other than a ticketed commercial airline, is prohibited during official practice and competition unless approved by the tournament director. The use of drones for the purposes of locating or catching fish or to gain a competitive advantage is prohibited in both official practice and competition. During the official practice competitors are not allowed to live well or keep any bass unless they have permission from tournament officials.

No practicing at night

(iii) Competitors renting boat slips may launch boats and proceed immediately to slip location. Testing of engines after the weigh-in is only allowed with permission from the Tournament Director. NO EXCEPTIONS. During the official practice and during the



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tournament, a competitor may not snorkel, “skin dive” or “scuba dive” in the tournament waters.

(iv) No competitor may buy or barter a fishing location from any other competitor for use during any competition day. Once daily cuts are determined by tournament officials, competitors not making the cut are no longer considered in the tournament. Competitors making cut may not receive information under rule 3 (ii).

(v) During the official competition days of the tournament a competitor may not make cell calls for the purpose of locating or catching fish on tournament waters. Cell phones may be used for emergency situations. Competitors are allowed to call lockmasters for locking purposes only. Competitors are allowed to use smart phones for global maps, weather, power generation, tidal charts, notes, etc., however using smart phones during competition to log into daily tournament blogs is not permitted.

(vi) A designated tournament official must be granted access to the competitor’s boat at any time during the official practice or competition days. Failure to grant such access may result in immediate disqualification.

(vii) Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director immediately any violation or infraction of any tournament rules. Failure to report violations, or suggestions to another competitor that they violate these rules, or false verification of weigh-in forms, may be cause for disqualification. **OFFICIAL PROTESTS MUST BE FILED IN WRITING AND ALL PARTIES OF INTEREST WILL BE PROVIDED A COPY.**

By his/her signature on the official tournament entry form, each competitor agrees to submit to a truth verification test and abide by its conclusion should he/she be accused of any rule violation. The GBN Tournament Director, rules committee, or such person designated by the Tournament Director, shall have the discretion to determine the need for a truth verification test. The GBN Tournament Director or his/her designee shall be responsible for selecting an independent expert to administer and interpret the results and establishing, in consultation with the expert administrator, the scope of the questions which may be asked during the test. The GBN Tournament Director or his/her designee shall have sole responsibility selecting the location, date, and time of the test nearest GBN headquarters with respect to all concerned parties schedule and travel cost. The competitor shall make himself/herself available at the location selected by the Tournament Director and shall cooperate in all respects with such test. Anglers taking a truth verification test may be responsible for any and all costs incurred.

Random truth verifications tests may be administered on site during the course of a Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation Event.

4. REGISTRATION:

Each competitor must register in person with official GBN staff at the time and place designated in the schedule of events. Failure to register in person during the prescribed hours may result in a \$50 fine. Any competitor, who has not contacted the GBN Tournament Staff 15 minutes after the closing of the posted on-site registration period, may be disqualified from participating in the tournament. It shall be each competitor’s responsibility to either check the schedule of events for registration time and location or obtain times from the GBN Tournament Staff.



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5. SAFETY:

(i) Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by competitors. During the official practice and competition, each competitor must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver anytime the combustion engine is in operation. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely, and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is out of gear or shut off. Inflatable life vest indicators should be checked daily. Violation of this rule may be reason for disqualification. **Inflatable PFD's are allowed as long as U.S. Coast Guard regulations are met. The Coast Guard requires that inflatable PFD's must be worn at all times unless there is an equal number of non-inflatable Coast Guard approved PFD's on board.**

It is suggested the Pro competitor have a safety check with the Co-angler each day prior to launch to familiarize the location of all safety equipment.

(ii) When boating in low visibility situations i.e. fog, heavy rain, during both practice and competition, competitors must operate their boats at a safe speed and in a safe manner as determined by tournament officials.

(iii) Radar units permanently mounted in the boat, subject to approval by GBN, may be approved for competition.

(iv) Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel any part of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. Weather delays on full field days, resulting in half of the tournament day being lost (first flight take-off and check in), shall result in cancellation. Full fields may be carried over to cut days.

(v) GBN. reserves the right to impose boat speed limits during any or all tournaments. Whether or not to impose a speed limit, the area covered by the speed limit, and/or the actual speed limit imposed, shall be left exclusively to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

(vi) IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, COMPETITORS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND THEN NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(vii) COMPETITORS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMINENT.

6. SPORTSMANSHIP:

Competitors in B.A.S.S. tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

(i) Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over-the-counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor, during the official practice or during the tournament, will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation tournaments. No alcoholic beverages or prohibited drugs shall be allowed in the boats during the official practice or competition days, or when in the weigh-in area.



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(ii) Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters and courtesy, may be reason for disqualification.

(iii) All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states in which they fish. Competitors are responsible for research of fishing and boating regulations.

(iv) Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and/or for disqualification after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director. Any disqualification, suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation in a GBN tournament, and/or disqualification from a GBN tournament, after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:

Multiple lure rigs (Umbrella Rigs) are allowed as long as it follows state fishing regulations.

Only artificial or biodegradable artificial lures may be attached to the line. One lure is defined as a single manmade device designed to attract and/or catch one fish at a time. Adding trailer hooks, plastic trailers, blades, etc., to a single lure is acceptable. If multiple fish are caught on a single manmade lure, on a single cast, all fish are considered legal and may be added to the daily catch subject to scoring rules (16). No "live bait," "dead bait," or "prepared bait" will be permitted during official practice and competition, with the exception of pork strips or rinds. Such rigging, harness, or device cannot be added to a single lure as described above. Traditional twin arm spinnerbaits or buzzbaits are allowed. Trailer hooks and plastic trailers must be on the main hook of the bait; only spinner blades can be affixed to the arms. The head on the main stem may be hinged. On these spinnerbaits or buzzbaits, no more than two wires, with a maximum length of 6 inches, may extend off the main arm or body of the lure. The "head and hook" portion of the lure must trail behind the blade or blades. GBN officials have the sole authority to determine whether a lure is considered a single lure as defined above.

Only ONE casting, spin casting or spinning rod (8-foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. A hung or snagged lure that is not in or on the water is not considered in use and may be set aside while another is in use. Other rigs as specified above may be in the boat ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted is use at any given time. If a competitor breaks his line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, he is allowed to make an attempt with the rod being used or with his hands to secure the visible line and land the fish for it to be counted as legal. He may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod and reel, or other device. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their catch disqualified.



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When visually fishing for bedding bass, to be counted as a legal fish, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and must be verified by your partner before being unhooked. With the mouth closed naturally, you must not be able to see where the hook point enters the fish to be considered hooked inside the mouth.

Competitors are allowed to share baits and tackle at all times with one another, including Competitors who have been cut from competition.

8. HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS:

Maximum horsepower for all outboard motorboats used in official tournament practice and in tournament competition will be **250 HP**. Horsepower cannot exceed the limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard. When required, each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard horsepower-rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must **NOT** exceed the rating specified on this plate nor the horsepower maximum set by GBN. Each competitor agrees to submit, by their signature on the official entry form, the boat and outboard motor used in the tournament, to an inspection by factory-trained personnel, if there is reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating. Normal maintenance of engines is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts of a competitor's engine to increase the horsepower over the factory horsepower rating, is forbidden and will result in disqualification. Falsifying information on entry forms, or altering the horsepower-rating numbers on the engine, is also cause for immediate disqualification from GBN tournaments. Posted speed limits and those imposed by GBN, must be observed and all boats must be operated in a safe manner. Violations of speed limits shall result in loss of competition hours and not limited to disqualification.

9. BOAT AND MOTOR:

These restrictions apply during official practice and competition. For the safety of all competitors, all boats must be equipped with an approved type of operable ignition kill switch and lanyard. Only one manufactured lanyard may be used and it must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating and in gear. Any time the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. Fishing boats that are 16 feet or more in length may be used. Any raised platforms or decks cannot be higher than the gunnels of the boat. Standing on the outboard or seats while fishing, is not allowed. An electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering. However, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. The strolling or long line technique is only allowed with the trolling motor. No exceptions. All bladder tanks, and any other type of auxiliary gas tanks that are not installed by the boat manufacturer, are prohibited. Additional gas tanks that are factory options, installed by a manufacturer's authorized dealer, are permitted. Boats that do not have factory-installed gas tanks are restricted to a maximum of 18 gallons of gasoline, in tanks that meet U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Gas tanks must be properly secured or strapped in a boat. No portable gas tanks, or containers capable of holding gasoline, can be placed anywhere on the tournament waters or shoreline for use by any tournament competitor. No "barges" or similar craft will be permitted. No boat equipped with "stick steering" shall be permitted to be used by any competitor. "Stick steering"



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shall be as defined by the Tournament Director. Jet drive engines are not allowed during both official practice and competition.

10. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT:

During official practice and competition, every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment and a functional bilge pump. **During official competition**, every boat must have live-well space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive, a limit catch of bass by both competitors using the boat. GBN recommends livewells be maintained at full level and aerators/re-circulators on manual. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate. Pro competitors must make a back seat available for co-anglers each competition day.

11. BOAT IDENTIFICATION:

Prior to each day's start, each boat **must** be given an inspection check by a tournament official. Each day, each boat may be given a number, which **must** remain with the boat. This number must be displayed upon the request of tournament officials, and at each check-in.

12. BOAT OPERATION AND EXPENSE:

During competition, in pro-am type events, pros will fish from the front deck, co-anglers from the rear deck, NO EXCEPTIONS. **During both practice and competition**, Co-anglers are only allowed to drive (outboard engine) the pro's boat in emergency situations with the exception of loading and unloading from trailers. **During official practice**, co-anglers not practicing with a pro competitor, may practice, drive, and fish from the front deck of the boat. Any pro that, in the judgment of the officials, operates the boat in such a manner as to unfairly handicap their co-angler partner, shall be disqualified. At no time may a pro competitor request that the co-angler competitor not fish. The cost of gas and oil for the competition days must be settled within your own clubs. In view of the large expense involved in operating and maintaining a tournament bass boat, it is suggested that the co-angler partner give the boater a minimum \$40.00 per day. In GBN events where observers replace co-anglers as the official rider, observers cannot assist the pro in any way. Observers are not required to help with gas and oil expenses.

13. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:

Tournament waters shall be established by the Tournament Director for each tournament. Each competitor must obtain this information from the GBN Tournament Department. Any water within these boundaries posted "Off-Limits" or "No Fishing" by state or federal agencies as well as the live-bass-release area established by the Tournament Director will be OFF-LIMITS and will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. Only that water open to ALL public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Waters deemed off limits by authorities or tournament officials should be treated like a wall. No boats or casting behind that boundary while fishing. All angling must be done from the boat. Competitors wishing to change fish habitat by placing any object in the tournament waters may do so if such action does not violate state or federal regulations. Prior to the tournament registration, any questionable areas must be brought to the attention of tournament officials to be considered tournament waters and may be announced in the briefing for all to hear unless determined otherwise by tournament officials. Tournament officials reserve the right to restrict or enhance tournament waters based on conversations with local authorities.



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14. COMPETITORS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT:

During the competition days, competitors must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Competitors must leave from and return to official checkpoints by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat at all times, except in case of dire emergency, or with permission from the Tournament Director. Exceptions spelled out in rules 5, 14, and 17. In such an emergency, or with permission of the Tournament Director, competitors may be removed from their boat, either to a boat operated by other competitors, or a rescue boat designated by the Tournament Director. Partners must remain together at all times, in sight of each other and each other's catch, under the conditions cited above, in order for their catch of that day to be scored in the tournament. In the event of a needed restroom break or refueling situation at a marina gas pump, contestants are allowed to leave the boat, at which time all fishing must cease until partners are back together in the boat. If a competitor violates any of the above conditions (to contact a tournament official by phone or other means, or to report an emergency or breakdown), both competitors must cease fishing at this point and their catch must be verified by a tournament official in order to be counted in the tournament. If, after the emergency situation is resolved by tournament officials, and enough time is left for the competitors to resume fishing, a **restart** will be allowed, the competitors will continue, and their catch will be counted. This applies only to dire emergency situations as determined by the Tournament Director or his/her designee. Towing boats on trailers during tournament hours is prohibited, except by the direction of tournament officials.

Competitors are allowed to leave the boat to retrieve a lure. All fishing by that competitor must cease until back in the boat before making another cast.

15. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINTS:

There shall be only one official check point for check-out in the morning, and one official check-in point in the afternoon, which points shall be designated at the tournament briefing. Failure to go through boat check and check-out in the morning or failure to check-in at the check-in point in the afternoon may result in disqualification. At the time of check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformity with all rules set forth by the Tournament Director. At check-in, all boats shall identify themselves by means of the numbers described in Rule 11 and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. Partners must stay together, through the weigh-in process if both are weighing bass. Once bass are bagged for weigh-in, anglers that are not weighing bass do not need to accompany their partner through the weigh-in process.

16. SCORING:

Tournament standings, contingency awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound-and-ounce weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Redeye or Shoal bass will be weighed. The Pro limit shall be 5, Co-angler limit shall be 5, of the above species and



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varieties per day, unless otherwise specified by tournament officials (example – hot weather/fish care concerns). At no time shall a competitor have in his or her possession more than the tournament limit. If a competitor determines they have over the limit they must immediately reduce his catch to the tournament limit with a live bass of their choice from their catch. Each returned bass will result **in a 2 pound penalty to be deducted from their daily score**. In this case, competitors must attempt to notify tournament officials and if unsuccessful must notify officials at check in. Once a competitor checks in they must present all legal bass to tournament officials at the verification table. If competitors at the verification table have more than the tournament limit, the competitor will reduce with live bass to the tournament limit and each returned bass will result in a 2 pound penalty to be deducted from their daily score. If a competitor has his fish verified, weighed and upon returning to the boat discovers additional fish over the tournament limit that were not presented to officials; he then must notify tournament officials within one hour of final flight check in to receive a 2 lb. penalty for each bass discovered. The official length for bass shall be determined by the Tournament Director and announced at the Tournament Briefing. In most cases it will be the longest state limit covering the tournament waters. Only bass as described above which measure the official length or more on the longest straight line, shall be weighed. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the official length, shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass, which penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials. After competitors check in at the official checkpoint they **MUST** present all LEGAL fish in their possession to a tournament official to be counted, measured and weighed. Once a competitor's catch is measured, counted and verified by a tournament official, that competitor may not return to the boat until their catch has been weighed and recorded. Bass must not be stringed at any time during the tournament. Culling tags or clips are allowed. Specially designed bags which increase survival rate will be furnished by the Tournament Director and must be used for the weigh-in.

17. CATCH AND RELEASE:

CULLING OF DEAD BASS IS PROHIBITED. For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the competitor shall be penalized 4 oz. to be deducted from their daily score. Competitors are allowed to ice a dead fish that is part of their daily catch. The Tournament Director, or his/her designees, shall have sole authority for assessing penalty points. In addition, the Tournament Director, or his/her designees, may reduce tournament hours or tournament limits for fish care purposes. It is suggested in warm weather tournaments anglers keep extra ice for fish care. Contestants are allowed to purchase ice on the water; however they are not allowed to receive ice from non-contestants. Upon mutual consent of both pro and co-angler paired together, for fish care concerns, the verification table will open one hour prior to check in time of the first flight. **SMALL DIP NETS FOR CULLING PURPOSES ARE ENCOURAGED.** It is recommended competitors keep all bass in live wells during the culling process. Placing bass on the boat carpet during culling is not advised. Non penetrable culling clips are recommended. Proper fizzing technique is suggested when needed. For instructions on acceptable fizzing practices please contact tournament officials.



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18. LATE PENALTY:

Competitors who are not at the official check-in point, appointed time, shall be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute late; to be deducted from the total weight of his/her catch that day, including any weight to be counted toward a “big bass award”. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day’s catch to include points credit under rule 19. There shall be no excuse for tardiness, and in no case, shall a competitor be allowed to make up “lost time.” After proper recognition at the check-in point, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site; however, all fishing must cease upon check-in. After the tournament begins, fishing the tournament waters is prohibited except during tournament hours. Exact starting and check-in times will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. It is each competitor’s responsibility to confirm check-in times each day on the daily pairings.

19. TIES:

In case of a tie for first place weight in the Pro division at the end of the tournament, there will be a sudden-death fish-off between the tied competitors, under the direction and special rules established by tournament officials.

All other ties will be resolved in the following order: (1) individual with heaviest single day catch during competition; (2) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the individual with the second heaviest single day catch during competition; (3) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the individual with the largest number of legal fish weighed during competition; (4) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the individual with the largest number of legal live fish weighed during competition. If the tie is not broken by applying the foregoing procedures, the tie will remain a tie, and monetary prizes for each competitor will be awarded in an equal amount between the tied competitors. Angler of the Year points will be awarded for the place of the tied position and each competitor will be awarded equal points. In the instance where merchandise is involved, it will be awarded as determined by tournament officials. In the Co-angler division, should a situation arise after using all the tie breakers a tie for first place occur, a sudden-death fish off will be arranged between the tied competitors, under the direction and special rules established by tournament officials. Ties for any cut in the Pro and Co-angler division will be resolved in the same order explained above and if the tie is not broken, will be awarded as determined by tournament officials.

20. PAIRING OF COMPETITORS:

Two competitors will be assigned to each boat. Pros may be paired with pros, and share time. Announcement of your first-day fishing partner will be made at the Tournament Briefing, which **must be attended, except with permission from the Tournament Director**, by each competitor. It will be the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually agreed upon location, with sufficient time remaining to check out at the official checkpoint and start on time. Tournament officials shall have no responsibility for finding missing partners. The Tournament Director, at his/her sole discretion, may reassign partners prior to the morning take-off. It is suggested that a minimum of 30 minutes is required for preparation to depart to the check-out point. When two competitors check out at the beginning of the day, they must stay together and within sight of each other and each other’s catch, throughout the day, until the weigh-in is completed, except in case of dire



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emergency or exceptions (see Rule 14, 15 & 17). A competitor must not allow any bass caught by them to be counted on the score of another competitor. In such a case, both competitors shall be disqualified from this tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by GBN.

21. RULES VIOLATIONS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE:

An appeals committee will be established by GBN, which shall be comprised of one GBN officer not affiliated with the Tournament Department, and two anglers who are not competitors in the event in question. Appeals for penalties assessed under Rule C1 (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) must be presented in writing 48 hours from the time and date of ruling to the Tournament Director. Appeals hearings shall take place within seven (7) business days from the date of receipt of the written appeal and all parties must make themselves available at prescribed time of hearing. If competitors admit to a rules violation, they may not file an appeal of either the finding that they have violated the rules or the penalty imposed for the violation. Decisions of the appeals committee shall be final.

Competitors are allowed to compete under appeal for penalties assessed under Rule C1 (e) & (f) until final ruling by Appeals Committee.

Appeals of non-competition rulings must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 48 hours from the time and date of ruling for review

22. WAIVER AND RELEASE:

As a condition of participation in each tournament, each competitor must execute a waiver and release of liability, and a name and likeness release.

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2015 State Classic paring, boat breakdown guidelines and team rewards

State classic Guide lines to cover boat breakdowns or loss of a competitor
(These guide lines are listed in the order that they will be processed)

Pro's Boat Breaks down on practice day.

1. Pro can switch to back up backup boat(borrowed boat letter and insurance certificate required)
2. Switch to Am prior to tournament draw (entry fee stays as paid) this will allow an Am with a boat to change to pro (am will be selected from buy in participants as not to disrupt the 6 pro and 6 am on the club teams) First registered buy in Am will be offered the switch, moving down the list until the pro position is filled.

Pro's Boat Breaks down on Day 1 during tournament hours.

3. Pro can switch to bac up backup boat(borrowed boat letter and insurance certificate required)
4. Switch to Am boat if available.(insurance certificate required)
5. If neither option is available pro/am team has to complete day using the boat they started the day in.

Pro's Boat Breaks downs and is not usable the second day

1. 1. Pro can switch to back up backup boat(borrowed boat letter and insurance certificate required)
2. Switch to Am boat if available. (insurance certificate required) Pro and Am share the front of the boat, Am can choose not to use front of boat at their option.
3. If neither option listed above is available pro will be repaired with another pro fishing from the back of the boat as a pro, but will have to follow the am guidelines fishing from back of boat only. Am will paired with another boater, if another pro boat is not available the top leading Am will be allowed to use their boat if available (still fishing as an Am) both am fishing from this boat will share the boat. The boater that the am was pulled from will be paired with an observer.

More Pro's than Am.

1. Observers will be solicited
2. If observers are not available Pro's will be paired and will share equal time on the front of boat. (This should be limited because of the registration process of requiring each pro to bring a am)

Notes:

1. If you start the tournament as a pro or an am you will continue thru the tournament in that category.
2. Each club will be asked to have a registered observer on standby. All registered observers that are called to participate will receive a Bass Pro shop gift card.

2015 STATE CLASSIC PAY OUT

Teams rewards

1. Top team will receive free entry to the next year's classic
2. Top 3 teams will receive plaques
3. Top team will receive sponsor product.

Top 10 Pro – State Team Regional Qualifier's Rewards

1. **Pro State champion-** trophy, free entry to the state classic the following year, sponsor product, money to be determined. Paid entry to the regional, housing at the regional, expense money at the regional, alliance jerseys and sponsors product provided at the regionals. Mercury, MotorGuide, Lowrance and Triton discounts.
2. **2nd - Place-** tournament plaque, sponsor product, money to be determined. Paid entry to the regional, housing at the regional, expense money at the regional, alliance jerseys and sponsors product provided at the regionals. Mercury, MotorGuide, Lowrance and Triton discounts.
3. **3rd – Place -** tournament plaque, sponsor product, money to be determined. Paid entry to the regional, housing at the regional, expense money at the regional, alliance jerseys and sponsors product provided at the regionals. Mercury, MotorGuide, Lowrance and Triton discounts.
4. **4th - thru 10th Place** – Paid entry to the regional, housing at the regional, expense money at the regional, alliance jerseys and sponsors product provided at the regionals. Mercury, MotorGuide, Lowrance and Triton discounts.

Top 10 Amateur – State Team Regional Qualifier's Rewards

1. **1st - Place -** Plaque, sponsor product, money to be determined. Paid entry to the regional, housing at the regional, expense money at the regional, alliance jerseys and sponsors product provided at the regionals. Mercury, MotorGuide, Lowrance and Triton discounts.
2. **2nd - Place-** Plaque, sponsor product. Paid entry to the regional, housing at the regional, expense money at the regional, alliance jerseys and sponsors product provided at the regionals. Mercury, MotorGuide, Lowrance and Triton discounts.
3. **3rd - Place-** tournament plaque, sponsor product. Paid entry to the regional, housing at the regional, expense money at the regional, alliance jerseys and sponsors product provided at the regionals. Mercury, MotorGuide, Lowrance and Triton discounts.
4. **4th - thru 10th - Place** – Paid entry to the regional, housing at the regional, expense money at the regional, alliance jerseys and sponsors product provided at the regionals. Mercury, MotorGuide, Lowrance and Triton discounts.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION STATE CLASSIC ENTRY FORM

- A. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT [ALL CAPS] ALL INFORMATION.
- B. List correct names, put nicknames in parenthesis.
- C. Appoint a TEAM CAPTAIN.
- D. Furnish a complete mailing address with zip code.
- E. Include the area code with the phone number. Please furnish the cell phone number as most calls are made in the evening at the tournaments.
- F. List the B.A.S.S. card number as this is the only means for cross checking information.
- G. List the three personnel who are furnishing boats in the first three blocks marked "Boat" List the three persons who are to be designated non-boater in the second three blocks marked "NO BOAT ". If a designated non-boater or alternate will have a "legal" boat available for use at the tournament site annotate the individual name with a (*). Designate which team member will be TEAM CAPTAIN. Each team must have a captain.
- H. Alternates: Many chapters are faced with the problem of penning down which six individuals will be able to fish. List minimum of two alternates in the blocks indicated. Additional alternates may be listed on the back.
- I. Make checks or money orders payable to the Georgia B.A.S.S. Federation Nation or [GBFN] Please mark the check as to the funds purpose(s), entry fee, hats, etc...
- J. Mail application to the secretary (see page 4 for address)
- K. Changes should be e-mailed to (G.B.N. secretary), or faxed
- L. Reproduce the entry form from this handbook.
- M. **REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER:**
 - a. Valid fishing license
(FOR ALL STATES INCLUDED IN TOURNAMENT WATERS)
 - b. B.A.S.S. Membership Card
 - c. Boat Registration Card
 - d. BOATER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION CARD (If Born On or After Jan. 1, 1998).
 - e. PROOF of \$300,000 Watercraft Liability Insurance "Borrowed Boats" requires special coordination in advance with the Tournament Director!



GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION

CHAPTER NAME: _____ CHAPTER NUMBER: _____

CHAPTER ADDRESS: _____

CHAPTER PRESIDENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

FLT	NAME	ADDRESS	CELL PHONE	BASS CARD #
BOAT				
BOAT				
BOAT				
NO BOAT				
NO BOAT				
NO BOAT				
ALT 1				
ALT 2				

(BOTTOM PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE)

DATE REC'D _____ CK # _____ CK DATE _____ AMOUNT _____

ENTRY FEE _____ BIG FISH POT _____ GBFN DUES _____

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED FROM GBFN HANDBOOK

PAGE 26-27 RECEIVED _____ GBFN DUES PAID _____ B.A.S.S. FEDERATION DUES _____

YOUTH PROJECT _____ CREEL CENSUS _____ CONSERVATION REPORT _____

THE CHAPTER ENTRY FORM WILL BECOME OFFICIAL WHEN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

MAIL TO:
GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION NATION
C/O WAYNE BARR 971 MADISON ROAD
EATONTON, GEORGIA 31024-6117



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TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

In consideration of the GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION, Inc. allowing me to participate in this tournament, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. *I have read and understand the Official Rules of this tournament. I will obey all rules and understand that any violation may result in immediate disqualification.*
2. *I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risk and which include, though not exclusively, injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia, collisions in the water, and drowning. I voluntarily assume responsibility for all of these risks identified, and not identified, and all risk of injury or death or damage to myself or my property or to others, including spectators and their property arising from my participation in this tournament.*
3. *I hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless and indemnify, GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION, INC., Officers, Directors, Tournament workers, the Host sponsors and tournament officials from all liability, claims, or rights of action which are related to, arise out of or in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION, INC. it's partners, agents, or employees and all other persons or entities associated with this tournament, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease, and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt, or property damaged while I am engaged in this event, I have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION, INC. it's Officers, Directors, Tournament workers, the Host sponsors, and Tournament officials, and it's partners, agents, or employees and all other persons or entities associated with this tournament.*
4. *I have sufficient health, accident, and Liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by myself or others as a result of my participation in this tournament as required in the rules booklet, tournament memo.*

My signature below reflects that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its items. The Clubs Team Captain has fully explained this document to me.

Club Name: _____ Club Number: _____

Team Captain: _____ Tournament Location/Date: _____

Team Member 1: _____ Team Member 2: _____

Team Member 3: _____ Team Member 4: _____

Team Member 5: _____ Team Member 6: _____

Alternate 1: _____ Alternate 2: _____

**ALL TEAM MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES MUST SIGN THIS WAIVER FORM AND
BRING TO PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING.**



GEORGIA B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION

SAMPLE PERMISSION – TO USE LETTER

(FROM BOAT OWNER)

Georgia Bass Federation Nation

ATTN: GBFN Tournament Committee/Director

RE: Loan of my Bass Boat

MAKE: _____

MODEL: _____

Registration NR: _____

ENGINE: _____

I _____ am the owner of the referenced bass boat and have given my full and complete consent to _____ (Borrowers Name)

Complete Address _____, to use this boat on _____ (Dates).

*Attached is a photocopy of my boat liability policy specification page and a letter (on Company Letter Head) from my insurance agent stating that _____ (Borrower Name) will have \$300,000 boat liability coverage while using my boat.

***OR**

* _____ (Borrower Name), the borrower will provide his/her own \$300,000 of boat liability insurance.

The tournament committee may contact me at _____ (Phone Number), with any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Boat Owners Signature: _____ Date: _____



GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION

HART COUNTY

Chamber of Commerce

List of motels from Hart County Chamber of Commerce

When making reservation for the 2015 State Classic Hart County Chamber of Commerce has asked that all clubs use this Code name “Georgia BASS Nation” plus their club name. The “Georgia BASS Nation” code is their way of tracking rooms that are used by GBN members for the tournament.

Best Western Inn and Suites (just 5 minutes from Mega Ramp)
706-376-4700
1357 East Franklin St.
Hartwell, Ga

Quality Inn (less than 5 minutes, On Old Hwy 29 Road and closest to the Mega Ramp)
706-376-2170
Hwy 29 North, Hartwell

Day/Nite Inn (about 8 minutes from the Mega Ramp)
706-376 4707
14679 Anderson Highway
Hartwell

Days Inn (just 10-12 minutes from downtown Hartwell)
762-847-7100
841 Hartwell Street
Royston, GA



Triton, Mercury, Lowrance, Motorguide Alliance State

OFFICIAL STATE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT CLUB BUY IN ENTRY FORM



Mail To:
Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc.
971 Madison Road
Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Contact: Jeff Jones – President
Telephone: 678-409-6713 Email: jjones@gabassnation.com

IMPORTANT: Before you complete and submit this GBN Official Tournament Entry Form, obtain and read a copy of the GBN Official Tournament Rules by visiting our website: http://georgiabassnation.com

THE ROAD TO THE CLASSIC STARTS HERE!

TOURNAMENT: _____

Angler Entry Fee: \$150.00 (includes Big Fish)

ENTRY DEAD LINE: MUST BE POSTMARKED BEFORE OCTOBER 2, 2015

Co-Angler Entry Fee: \$100.00 (includes Big Fish)

Official practice will begin at 06:00am October 14, 2015 and end at 3:00pm October 15, 2015.

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

Name: _____ Social Security Number (required): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Angler _____ Co-Angler _____ Club Name: _____

Name: _____ Social Security Number (required): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Angler _____ Co-Angler _____ Club Name: _____

Liability Insurance (proof required at tournament): Yes ___ No ___ (See Rule #2)

Boat-Brand: _____ Length: _____ H.P. Rating: _____ Brand: O/B Motor: _____ H.P.: _____

Trolling Motor: _____ Sonar: _____

Physical Impairments: Yes ___ No ___ Explain: _____

READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any tournament or activity sponsored and/or conducted by the Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc., we acknowledge and agree that: We have been advised by GBN, and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; and having obtained and acquainted ourselves with the GBN Official Tournament Rules, we have completed this Entry Form and submit it for our entry into the tournament or activity. In signing this Entry Form, we hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules and regulations – including instructions and direction of the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Officials. We expressively assume all risks associated with the Tournament or activity and we, for ourselves and on behalf of our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc., the officers, officials, directors, shareholders, agents, and/or employees of GBN, other participants and sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises and property used to conduct the event (“Releases”) with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, which we suffer or which we are found to have caused in whole or in part by our negligence or intentional misconduct, whether arising from the negligence of the releases, or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law. We hereby grant Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc. the unconditional right to use our name, voice, photographic likeness and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc. video/audio production and/or articles and press releases, and we shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. We further understand that the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Committee reserve the right to reject our Entry for any reason. We are currently a member in good standing of B.A.S.S., B.A.S.S. Nation, and an affiliated Chapter of the Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc. We agree if we qualify for any higher level tournament sponsored by GBN or B.A.S.S. to use during such tournament any and all “official” products and equipment so specified and provided by the Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc. or B.A.S.S.

ANGLERS SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CO-ANGLERS: SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____