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**2021-2022**  
**HS/Jr Tournament Trail**

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## Welcome Letter

To: GBN HS/JR membership, Parents/Guardians and Boat Captains

Subject: 2021 – 2022 Tournament season

Welcome!!

On behalf of the GBN BOD, we would like to extend a thank you to all anglers, parents/guardians, and boat captains for your participation in the upcoming 2021 – 2022 GBN HS/JR Tournament season.

GBN BOD is excited to bring 5 new events plus the HS/Jr Classic to the surrounding areas for your enjoyment. The 2021 – 2022 GBN HS Tournament season brings about some positive changes which we hope will make your process for entering and participating easier for all.

GBN HS/Jr has a new web site and forms including new support options as well. We also have new tournament trailer, sound system and great additions to our sponsor portfolio. The GBN BOD has worked thoroughly behind the scenes to ensure that membership is afforded all that is available and deserves.

### Key highlights 2021 – 2022 Tournament Season

- New on-line registration process and all forms are on-line with e-signature
- New entry deadline date(s) and random boat draw date(s)
- Waiver Agreement is one-time and is valid for the entire 21-22 season
- Accepting on-line payments ONLY; NO mail-in of checks or payments
- NO tournament entry on day of tournament
- Updated tournament rules
- New website at [georgiabassnation.com](http://georgiabassnation.com) with new support options for HS/Jr and other subjects at [gbnhs\\_support](http://gbnhs_support).
- Facebook Live streaming of competition day weigh-in. Available via GBN website or Facebook
- Google Map page on web site for all venues
- New FAQ (Frequently Ask Questions) section within this Information Packet and via web site
- Tournament entry fee is now \$60 – this includes \$5 for payment processing and registration fee

Updates for GBN HS/Jr and/or the 21-22 Tournament season will be accomplished via web site [georgiabassnation.com](http://georgiabassnation.com), email, and Facebook @gabassnationhs.

From all of us at the GBN BOD, we look forward to seeing all you in the upcoming season!

Regards,

Tony Beck – President / Georgia BASS Nation || High School/Junior Tournament Director

Brandon Stooksbury – Youth Director / Georgia BASS Nation



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## Information Table

Tournament Schedule || ([GMap Link](#)) for venues

T-DATE	Entry deadline 8 pm ET	Random boat draw	Lake	Launch ramp
September 25, 2021	9/22/21	9/23/21	Lake Chatuge	<a href="#">Fairgrounds</a>
November 6, 2021	11/3/21	11/4/21	Clarks Hill Lake	<a href="#">Wildwood Pk</a>
February 26, 2022	2/23/22	2/24/22	Lake Seminole	<a href="#">Earle May Boat Basin Pk</a>
March 26, 2022	3/23/22	3/24/22	Lake Oconee	<a href="#">Sugar Creek</a>
April 16, 2022	4/13/22	4/14/22	Lake Lanier	<a href="#">Laurel Park</a>
June 3-4, 2022	TBD	TBD	Lake Hartwell	<a href="#">Tugaloo St Pk</a>

### Tournament Entry

**Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement (APWA)**: REQUIRED for all anglers and Boat Captains.

**On-line ONLY**: Open on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. **NO** mail in forms accepted. Single or multiple tournament entry is allowed.

**NO entry at tournament venue**; you must complete on-line entry form/payment prior to deadline date(s).

### Entry fee

\$60 per registered tournament {\$55 plus \$5 registration fee}

Payment for tournament(s) entry is on-line **ONLY** by CC/Debit/Digital Wallet. **NO** checks. Payments **MUST** be received by the entry deadline for each tournament.

**NO payments** accepted at tournament venue; each tournament must be paid for by the entry deadline date.



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## GBN HS/Jr Season Outline

2021 – 2022

<b>Week of August 23, 2021</b>	GBN HS/Jr 2021-2022 package release.
<b>Wednesday September 1, 2021 8:00 AM</b>	On-line ENTRY period begins.
<b>Wednesday September 22, 2021,   8pm ET</b>	On-line entry deadline for T#1
<b>Thursday September 23, 2021</b>	Boat positions (boat numbers) done by random draw and posted to web site at <a href="http://georgiabassnation.com">georgiabassnation.com</a> . Use the menu selection: HS/Jr Tournament: 21-22 Tournament Trail.
<b>Official Practice period</b>	Official practice period will begin on the Friday before the tournament date(s) unless otherwise stated by tournament officials, starting at safe light; defined as 30 minutes prior to sun rise and visibility of a minimum of 1/4 mile
<b>September 25, 2021</b>	T#1 – Lake Chatuge



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## FAQ – General || HS/Jr Team members

- 1) What is the definition of a GBN HS/Jr team?
  - a. A High School (HS) team is defined as two (2) anglers per boat, attending High School grades 9-12 OR Junior (Jr) team as attending same school grades 3-8.
- 2) Are the team anglers required to attend the same High school or Middle school?
  - a. YES., same school is required IF the school has a bass or fishing club.
  - b. IF the HS/Jr (school) does not have a bass or fishing club, anglers along with adults and school officials must try start a club within their respective school.
    - i. See information document “How to start a BASS club” located on the GBN web site [georgiabassnation.com](http://georgiabassnation.com)
  - c. IF this fails, after a collaborative effort with GBN, anglers can be placed in the orphan State team as a last resort.
  - d. Any questions can be directed to GBN Youth Director at [gbnhs\\_support](mailto:gbnhs_support)
- 3) Are anglers required to sign an Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement ([APWA](#))?
  - a. YES., EACH angler is REQUIRED to sign an [APWA](#) along with a parent OR legal guardian only 1 time per tournament season, executed at the team’s first tournament registration. (APWA is valid for the entire tournament season).
  - b. The e-signature of the Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement form validates your participation, waiver and compliance with ALL sections contained within the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#) and that you have read and understand the [Tournament Rules](#).
  - c. Required documents for all anglers and Boat Captains (also outlined in the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement \(APWA\) Information](#), specifically under Item 4: Insurance and Item 5:1 and Item 5:2.
    - i. Boat Captain
      1. Valid and active GDNR Certificate of Boat Registration
      2. [WLI](#) or complete [Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use](#) on-line form
      3. Boater Education course if required by law
    - ii. Angler(s)
      1. Boater Education course
      2. Valid and active fishing license as required by law per age
- 4) What is the requirement for Boater Education Course?
  - a. EACH angler and/or boat captain, as stated by law per age, is REQUIRED to show proof of completion of a Boater Education Course one (1) time per tournament season (this is done as part of the APWA agreement) as per Georgia law:



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- i. As of July 1, 2014, all persons born on or after January 1, 1998, that operate any motorized vessel on the waters of the state must have completed a boat education course approved by the department prior to such operation. A person is exempt if he or she is:
  - i. a person licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as a master of a vessel
  - ii. a person operating on a private lake or pond.
  - iii. a non-resident who has in his or her possession proof that he or she has completed a NASBLA approved boater education course or equivalency examination from another state.
  - iv. Boater Education information can be found here: [Georgia boating-education](#)
- 5) Once a HS/Jr team is entered into a GBN HS/Jr tournament event, are these same team members required to participate together for the entire GBN HS/Jr tournament year?
  - a. YES, once a team is entered into their first tournament for the year, they are required to participate together for ALL subsequent tournaments entered.
- 6) What if one of the anglers on a team cannot participate for one (1) or more tournaments?
  - a. Solo fishing, only one (1) member of a team is participating in a tournament, is allowed.
  - b. A team member is allowed to fish one (1) SOLO tournament per season, AND the designated team will receive AOY points for that tournament, NO credit will be given for State Classic qualification. After the team has executed their SOLO event, any subsequent tournaments in the same season that are participated as SOLO by either team member; NO credit will be given for AOY or State Classic qualification.
  - c. You **MUST** participate as a team to qualify for State Classic.
- 7) How do teams qualify for the State Classic?
  - a. Teams are REQUIRED to participate in a minimum of three (3) GBN HS/Jr Tournament events during a season AND qualify using the process as described in #7b below.
  - b. You **MUST** participate as a team (NO credit for solo participation) in a tournament event AND as determined by the number of team entries (boats) participating in each individual tournament event, finish within the designated 1:5 qualification frame. For example, if there are 100 teams (boats) participating in a single tournament; using the 1:5 frame, the top 20 teams would earn qualification for State Classic. If one of the qualification places is filled by SOLO participant, NO credit will be awarded AND the next team will receive credit.



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- c. If a team is already qualified for State Classic via a prior event, the next team not qualified will be awarded the qualifying position.
  - d. There are NO drop tournaments; ALL tournaments will count towards State Classic qualification.
- 8) How are points determined for AOY?
- a. A 300-point system is used, and points are based the team's order of finish in each single tournament event.
  - b. 300 points are given for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place, 299 points for second (2<sup>nd</sup>), 298 points for third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and continuing until all point credit is exhausted. Team(s) finishing with NO weight will receive 50 pts LESS than the last position with a recorded weight. For example, if the last position in the tournament with a recorded weight is 100<sup>th</sup> = 201 pts., then points awarded for ALL teams finishing with zero (0) weight would be 151.
  - c. Tied position(s) are credited with same points for the higher position. For example, two (2) teams tied for the 10<sup>th</sup> position (10 & 11) would both receive 291 points and twelfth (12) position would receive 289 points.
  - d. There are NO drop tournaments; ALL tournaments will count towards AOY points.
  - e. At year end, if there are AOY ties in overall standings for positions one (1), two (2) or three (3), ties are broken under the following order:
    - i. Team with the highest cumulative weight for the season.
    - ii. Total number of fish weighed for the season.
    - iii. Total number of live fish weighed for the season.

## FAQ – General || HS/Jr Team Boat Captain

- 1) What is definition of “GBN HS/Jr Team Boat Captain”?
  - a. Each participating team must have a Coach (Boat Captain). Boat Captains must be of the age that would place them out of High School.
- 2) Are Boat Captain's required to sign an Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement (APWA)?
  - a. YES., All Boat Captains are required to sign an [APWA](#) only 1 time per tournament season, executed at the first tournament registration.
  - b. The e-signature of the Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement form validates your participation, waiver and compliance with ALL sections contained within the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#) and that you have read and understand the [Tournament Rules](#).
  - c. Required documents for all anglers and Boat Captains (also outlined in the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement \(APWA\) Information](#), specifically under Item 4: Insurance and Item 5:1 and Item 5:2.
    - i. Boat Captain
      - i. Valid and active GDNR Certificate of Boat Registration





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- ii. [WLI](#) or complete [Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use](#) on-line form
        - iii. Boater Education course if required by law
- 3) Are Boat Captains required to show proof (upload proof of completion with APWA) of Boater Education Course?
  - a. Yes., IF you are required per Georgia law:
    - i. As of July 1, 2014, all persons born on or after January 1, 1998, that operate any motorized vessel on the waters of the state must have completed a boat education course approved by the department prior to such operation. A person is exempt if he or she is:
      - i. a person licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as a master of a vessel
      - ii. a person operating on a private lake or pond.
      - iii. a non-resident who has in his or her possession proof that he or she has completed a NASBLA approved boater education course or equivalency examination from another state.
  - b. Boater Education information can be found here: [Georgia boating-education](#)
- 4) Is a valid boat registration required?
  - a. YES., IF the Boat Captain is the owner of the boat, must have a valid and active "Certificate of Boat Registration". Completion of the on-line form [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement](#) acknowledges the boat captain's requirement for valid and active boat registration.
- 5) What if the Boat Captain is not the registered owner of the boat i.e., using a borrowed boat?
  - a. Boat Captain is REQUIRED to complete the on-line form [Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use](#).
- 6) Is there a requirement for boat insurance?
  - a. YES., Regardless of the Boat Captain being the owner of the boat OR is using a borrowed boat.
    - a. REQUIRED to have Watercraft Liability Insurance ([WLI](#)) at a minimum of \$300,000.00 or \$100,000 WLI policy coverage with an existing one million dollar minimum "UMBRELLA" Liability Policy.
    - b. Completion of the on-line form [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement](#) acknowledges the boat captain's requirement for WLI.
- 7) Are team(s) required to use the same boat captain for the complete tournament year?
  - b. NO., if possible, the same boat captain is preferable.
- 8) What are the requirements for changing boat captains?
  - c. [Boat Captain – Change Form](#) is REQUIRED and should be completed prior to the next tournament entry deadline.



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- d. New boat captain is REQUIRED to sign the *Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement (APWA)* which acknowledges the boat captain's requirement for valid and active boat registration and WLI.
- 9) What if I need to make a Boat Captain change after the deadline date for the tournament entry?
  - a. *Immediately contact GBN Youth Director at [gbnhs\\_support](#)*
  - b. *Boat Captain Change Form* will be available at the tournament for emergencies ONLY.
  - c. The new Boat Captain is still REQUIRED to:
    - i. Sign the *Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement*
    - ii. If applicable must complete the on-line form *Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use*
- 10) What is the Boat Captain allowed to do?
  - a. HS - Can operate the trolling motor ONLY under help conditions i.e., dislodge from an obstacle or emergency.
  - b. HS – help cull fish ONLY, cannot net fish for anglers.
  - c. Jr – can operate trolling motor, net fish, and cull

## FAQ - Tournament

- 1) What are the requirements if using “inflatable” type PFD's?
  - a. For everyone on the boat wearing an inflatable PFD; you are REQUIRED to have a corresponding vest type lifejacket for everyone on board as well. This is a Coast Guard REQUIREMENT. See GBN [Tournament Rules](#) || Section #4.
  - b. It shall be the responsibility of each angler to ensure if he/she is going to participate in the GBN HS|Jr tournament AND wear an inflatable type of PFD, to bring or have a vest type lifejacket in addition.
- 2) How are boat positions (boat numbers) determined for each tournament?
  - a. Boat positions will be determined by random draw ONLY.
  - b. Random draw for boat positions will be done on Thursday prior to Saturday tournament date OR one day AFTER the entry deadline (Wednesday) for the tournament.
  - c. Boat positions will be posted to the web site on the Thursday before the tournament at [georgiabassnation.com](#). Use the menu selection: HS/Jr Tournament: 21-22 Tournament Trail
  - d. Boat identifiers will be given out the morning of the tournament at check-in.
- 3) What are the requirements for Check-in?
  - a. Check in will start 1 1/2 hours before daylight.
    - i. Pick up your boat number when checking in.
    - ii. **Random document checks may occur at check in** and must be presented to tournament officials if requested as per angler's and boat captain's [APWA](#) (Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement). Boat Captains are required to have on their person as outlined in the [\(APWA\)](#), a valid boat registration AND copy of boat



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insurance with correct WLI (Watercraft Liability Insurance) along with the required coverage and expiration dates (must be shown on insurance page).

- iii. Anglers 16 and older are required to have on their person a valid fishing license.
- b. Check in and then launch your boat.
- 4) Is there a Safety meeting for the tournament?
  - a. Safety meeting starts 1/2 hour before safe light in most cases this will be done on the water after checking in and launching boat.
- 5) Are angler(s) allowed to operate the boat?
  - a. NO., during official practice or competition, anytime the combustion engine is running, coaches MUST be seated in the driver's seat in full control of the boat.
  - b. Emergencies ONLY: Boat Captain is incapable of operating the boat in a safe manner.
- 6) Is there a mandatory halftime period?
  - a. Each team MUST take a 15-minute halftime beginning at the time designated by the Tournament Director. This is designed to instruct, hydrate, and eat before beginning the second half. This **DOES NOT** count towards the allotted timeouts.
  - b. NO fishing or boat movement during halftime period.
- 7) Are "timeouts" allowed
  - a. Yes., Each team will be given five (5) timeouts to be used in a day. Coaches may call the timeouts, or students can call the timeouts. Timeouts may only last 1 minute each. **During the timeout period all fishing must cease.** It is up to each team to police themselves on the timeouts.
  - b. Only during timeouts and halftime periods Coaches MAY:
    - i. Coach
    - ii. Give advice (send in plays)
    - iii. Verbally explain techniques, how to.....
- 8) How are the participants tracked for standings and big fish?
  - a. HS/Jr team participants are tracked separately for the purposes of standings and big fish.
- 9) Are there boat and motor restrictions?
  - a. YES, boat length and motor size.
- 10) Can boater and co-angler actively fish from the front of the boat?
  - a. Yes
- 11) Are nets allowed?
  - a. YES, nets are allowed for retrieval of caught fish.
  - b. HS division, ONLY anglers can operate the net.
  - c. Jr division, boat captain may operate the net.
- 12) What is consider the "legal limit of bass" for the State Classic tournament?
  - a. Team limit is 5 fish of legally allowed species of bass.
- 13) What are the "off-limits" area?



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- a. Areas designated at tournament meeting prior to launch
- 14) Are “A-Rigs” or Umbrella rigs allowed?
- a. YES, multiple lure rigs (UMBRELLA RIGS) are allowed if it follows state fishing regulations.



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## GBN HS/Jr ON-LINE Tournament Entry: Highlights

- On-line entry form will become active starting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 8:00 am ET.
- A team is allowed to enter single or multiple tournament(s). Each tournament has a deadline date for entry/payment, after which that tournament will be disabled.
- On-line entry is accessible via GBN HS/Jr web site [georgiabassnation.com](http://georgiabassnation.com)  
Use the menu selection: **HS/Jr Tournament: 21-22 Tournament Trail**
- PAYMENT is required to submit the form, if you do not provide payment, you CANNOT submit the form and NO tournament entry. PLEASE be prepared to render payment. **CC/Debit/Digital Wallet. NO checks.**
- NO tournament entry is allowed the morning of the tournament. You MUST enter tournament(s) on-line **ONLY and by the entry deadline.** (If you show up on Saturday morning of the tournament and expect to pay and enter; you will be **denied** entry)

### Step 1: All anglers and Boat Captains - Complete the Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement (APWA)

1. Ensure the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information document](#) in the GBN 21-22 HS/Jr Tournament Information Packet (this document) are fully read and understood. Ensure the all the [Tournament Rules](#) in this document are read and understood. You can also download the [Tournament Rules and Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#) document from GBN website at [georgiabassnation.com/forms](http://georgiabassnation.com/forms).
2. EACH HS/Jr angler along with a parent/guardian signature, AND boat captain must complete and sign the form [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement \(APWA\)](#) on the GBN website under forms [georgiabassnation.com/forms](http://georgiabassnation.com/forms) NO mail-in of forms. You **CANNOT** participate in the GBN 21-22 HS/Jr Tournament as an angler or boat captain without signing this on-line form.
  - a. Your signature agreement on the APWA attest to ALL requirements set forth in the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information document](#), including but not limited to Section 4: Insurance and 5:1 & 5:2 (if applicable)
3. Your first tournament entry regardless of the specific tournament/date, will REQUIRE an APWA and will be used for the 21-22 tournament season, you are not required to fill out an APWA for each tournament thereafter.
4. Boat Captain
  - a. See section below for [Watercraft Liability Insurance \(WLI\)](#) - **REQUIRED**
  - b. If using a borrowed boat, see section [Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use](#) – **REQUIRED** if applicable
  - c. Your signature agreement on the APWA attest to ALL requirements set forth in the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information document](#), including but not limited to Section 4: Insurance and 5:1 & 5:2 (if applicable)



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5. **THE FORM REQUIRES** the following:
- Name, address, mobile(cell) number, HS/Jr name, club name.
  - UPLOAD file: copy of your Boater Education Course completion.
    - HS/Jr anglers regardless of age**
    - Boat Captain, if applicable by law for age.
  - Email Validator: After entering your email address on the form:
    - Select “Verify Email”
    - Verification code will be sent to email address, check your email inbox, and paste the code to complete verification. Successful verification reads “Your email has been successfully verified”
    - OPTION:** on the form an entry is allowed for email copy to be sent to the team angler/partner that will be registering your team. This will ensure he/she gets a copy including your SUBMISSION ID which is required for entry.
    - HS/Jr Boat Captain OPTION:** on the form an entry is allowed for email copy to be sent to the team angler/partner that will be registering the team. This will ensure he/she gets a copy including your Boat Captain SUBMISSION ID which is required for entry.
6. After submission the angler will get an email confirmation of the form along with **a SUBMISSION ID. DO NOT delete this email.** Member will need to note the **SUBMISSION ID** or forward this email to the team captain or team representative that will be registering the club/team for the GBN 21-22 HS/Jr Tournament if the OPTION above is NOT used.

## Step 2: Team Angler(s) registration (Angler/parent/guardian)

- 1) **Requirements:**
- Only one (1) angler/parent/guardian** is needed to register a team.
  - The following are **REQUIRED** for on-line entry.
    - Team Anglers (2) and Boat Captain (1) must provide and sign [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement \(APWA\)](#), all three (3) SUBMISSION IDs will be entered on the form.
    - Need Boat Captain make/model/color of boat AND motor make/model.
    - If Boat Captain is using a borrowed boat; he/she must complete the on-line [form Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use](#). The SUBMISSION ID for borrowed boat will be entered on the form if applicable.

2) **Process:**

\*\* NOTE: Requirements || See section above \*\*

PLEASE ensure you have ALL requirements for both anglers and Boat Captain **BEFORE** you begin on-line registration below. You cannot register without these requirements.

- START: At the GBN website [georgiabassnation.com](http://georgiabassnation.com), click on the menu item “**HS/Jr: 21-22 Tournament Trail**” or **forms page at <https://www.georgiabassnation.com/forms/>**



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- b) On “HS/Jr: Tournament Trail” page, use the link labeled: ***HS/Jr 21-22 Tournament: On-line Entry***, this will direct users to the entry form.
- c) Please follow the directions provided on the form.
- d) Payment processing is **REQUIRED** with form submission by the following:  
CC/Debit/Digital Wallet.
  - a. CHECKS are **NOT** accepted.
  - b. Entry fee is \$60 (\$55 + \$5 registration fee) per tournament entered.
- e) After completion of the form:
  - a. A confirmation email will be sent to both HS/Jr anglers and Boat Captain. The confirmation email will contain all entry information as completed on the form including anglers registered for team(s) and total paid to GBN.
  - b. Also attached to the confirmation email will be a PDF file of the completed on-line entry form. Confirmation will also contain an id number and date/time stamp of the completed form should any questions arise regarding the form submission.
  - c. GBN will also receive a confirmation email of the same information.



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### Boat Captain: Watercraft Liability Insurance

- Boat Captains are REQUIRED to have WLI (Watercraft Liability Insurance) at a minimum of \$300,000 or \$100,000 WLI policy coverage with an existing one million dollar minimum “UMBRELLA” Liability Policy
- WLI coverage is REQUIRED if the Boat Captain is a) the registered owner of the boat OR b) is using a borrowed boat in any GBN HS/Jr tournament(s).
- Proof of WLI coverage is a requirement for on-line entry.
  - a. WLI copy MUST show an active beginning and ending date (dates cannot be in the past)
  - b. WLI MUST show the coverage amount (a minimum of \$300,000 or \$100,000 WLI policy coverage with an existing one million dollar minimum “UMBRELLA” Liability Policy.
- You can normally get a copy of your WLI by downloading your Declarations Page from your insurance company OR scanning a paper copy (save the file to your local device)

Watercraft Liability Insurance (WLI) Policies **must clearly state** Watercraft Liability Insurance (WLI) and show a **start and ending date for the coverage**, not an undefined code. A problem exists when the WLI coverage is part of a Homeowner Policy. If the boat owner is in doubt have the insurance agent prepare a memo to the Tournament Committee stating the Policy Number, Amount of Watercraft Liability coverage, and the start and ending date of the coverage.

The amount of WLI coverage **required is \$300,000.00**. An alternative to the \$300,000.00 coverage is if the boat owner has a one million dollar **minimum** “UMBRELLA” Liability Policy then he/she is only required to have \$100,000 WLI policy coverage.

The Policy MUST state **WATERCRAFT LIABILITY**. If this is a rider on the Homeowner’s policy it may only list the code, HO-75 and the coverage amount. General Liability coverage is **NOT** sufficient on a Homeowner’s policy as several companies deny this coverage applies to watercraft. Second, the Specification page **must show a beginning and ending date**. Comments such as “Continuous Coverage”, “Non-Expiring”, ETC are not legally sufficient!! If you have an insurance question, contact GBN at [gbnhs\\_support](#) before arriving at the tournament site.

**DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE AND COMPETITION DAYS OF ANY GBN TOURNAMENT, NO COMPETITOR OR BOAT CAPTAIN MAY OPERATE A BOAT UNLESS THAT COMPETITOR OR BOAT CAPTAIN HAS DOCUMENTED PROOF OF A MINIMUM OF \$300,000.00 BOATING LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERING THE BOAT BEING USED IN THE TOURNAMENT. PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE WITH THE BOAT BEING USED AND MUST COVER THE COMPETITOR OR BOAT CAPTAIN USING THAT BOAT. RANDOM CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND ANY COMPETITOR WHO DOES NOT HAVE PROOF OF IN-FORCE INSURANCE WITH \$300,000.00 COVERAGE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**





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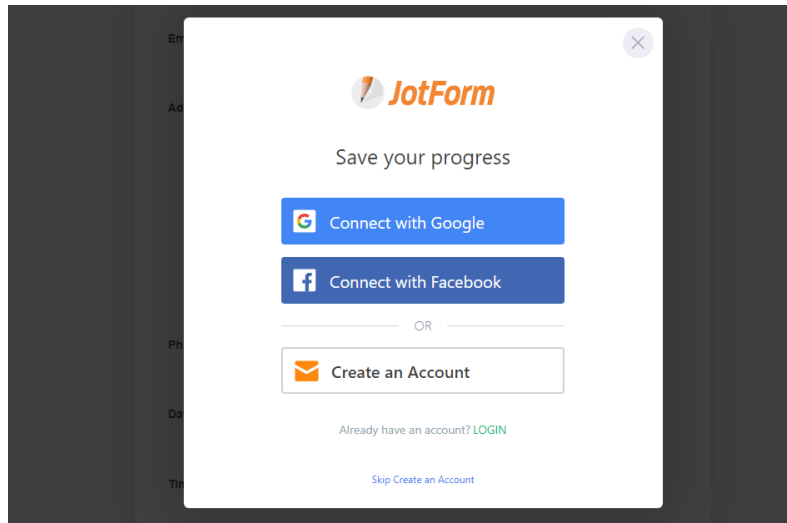
## Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use

- a. REQUIRED to be completed via [on-line form](#) if using a borrowed boat
- b. [WLI \(Watercraft Liability Insurance\)](#) is REQUIRED via one of two methods, see process below.
- c. PLEASE make sure you understand the requirements and documents (WLI) that will need to be uploaded at the time you fill out the form. See below for process.
- d. **BOTH** the 1) Boat Owner and 2) Borrower will be **REQUIRED** to provide an e-signature.
- e. Form will allow for “Save & Continue Later” since there are 2 signatures REQUIRED. See below for process.
- f. Support questions can be directed to [gbnhs\\_support](#) or GBN website [georgiabassnation.com](#).

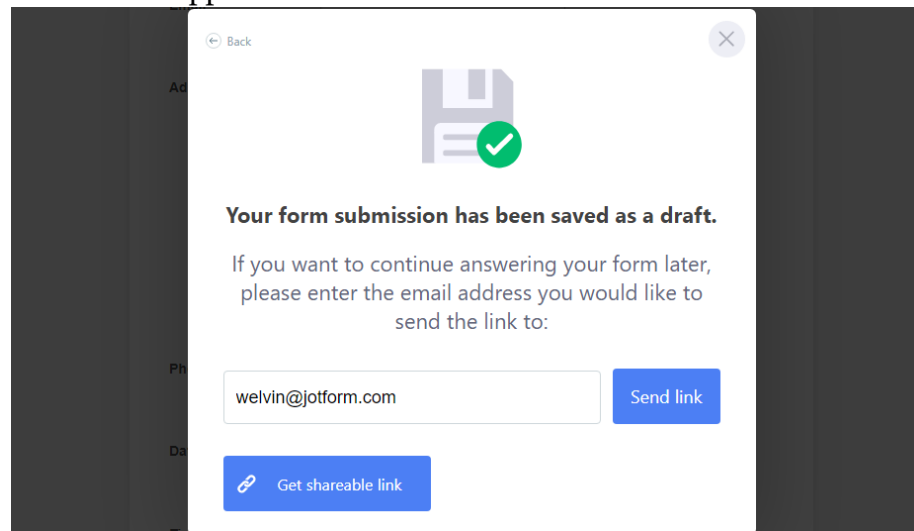
## Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use – process

[The Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use on-line form](#) is broken into several parts:

- 1) MAKE sure BEFORE you attempt to complete the on-line form you have the following for upload:
  - a. Boat make/model/color, boat engine make/model
  - b. GDNR Boat Registration number (must valid and active) or applicable State
  - c. Boat owner name, complete address, cell phone, and email.
  - d. Borrower complete address, phone, and email
    - i. **OPTION:** on the form an entry is allowed for email copy to be sent to the angler/parent/guardian that will be registering the team. This will ensure he/she gets a copy including your SUBMISSION ID.
  - e. School and Club Name of team
  - f. You will have to select regarding WLI (Watercraft Liability Insurance)
    - i. **IF borrower of the boat is going to be covered by the boat owner’s WLI**
      1. Boat Owner – will be REQUIRED to provide and upload the following: 1) boat policy declaration page showing WLI of \$300,000 at minimum AND 2) a letter from your insurance agent stating that [borrower's name] will have \$300,000 WLI while using referenced boat. These files can be a pdf or text document or scanned copy of the documents (2 are REQUIRED).
    - ii. OR
      1. **IF the borrower of boat is going to provide his/her own WLI.** Upload 1) a WLI copy (must show coverage availability while using the borrowed boat) OR 2) a statement from your insurance agent stating you are covered with \$300,000 WLI while using the borrowed boat.
  - g. **BOTH boat owner and borrower MUST sign the on-line form at the end.**
    - i. Form allows for “Save & Continue Later”
    - ii. If at any point (normally needed due to both borrower and owner signature requirement), you wish to SAVE the form and CONTINUE completion later, click the button “Save & Continue Later”.
    - iii. This will bring up “Save your progress” dialog box.



- iv. Users can connect with their Google or Facebook accounts. When they do, it creates a JotForm account for them, and they'll get the Session Email.
- v. Users can also skip creating an account by clicking the "Skip Create an Account" link at the bottom of the window. Once the link is clicked, the next window will appear:



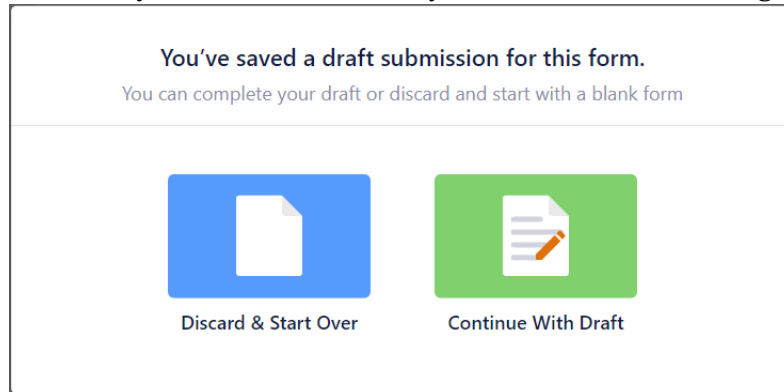
- vi.
- vii. The email address is automatically filled if there's an email field in the form and the user fills it first. Otherwise, the user will be asked to enter it.
  - 1. **\*\*NOTE:** the first email in the form will be used; **PLEASE ensure** the correct email is listed, you can edit the email if needed.



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- viii. Click the “Send Link” button once, this sends an Email in the following format:
1. The email will have the subject: **GBN | Continue filling out this form: Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use. DO NOT DELETE** the email.
  2. Email will contain a link to return to the form. “Click on “CONTINUE FORM” or paste the direct address link into your browser.
- ix. After this you will be directed in your browser with a dialog:



- x. If “Continue with Draft” option is clicked, user’s previous session is automatically loaded to continue.
  - xi. If “Discard & Start Over” option is selected, this will open a blank form.
- h. After completion of the on-line form, the member will get a confirmation email of the completed *Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use* form which will also contain a **SUBMISSION ID**.
- i. DO NOT delete this email. Member will need to note the **SUBMISSION ID** or forward this email to the team captain or team representative that will be registering the club/team for the GBN 21-22 HS/Jr Tournament.



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## GBN HS/Jr Tournament Rules: Introduction

The following rules shall apply to all Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation High School tournaments, with the following exceptions: (i) rules for special tournaments may differ from those contained herein and (ii) these rules may be changed by Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation immediately upon notice by Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation to its members, which notice may be published on the Georgia B.A.S.S. High School internet site at [georgiabassnation.com](http://georgiabassnation.com) Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director or his/her designee, Tournament Committee, and Board of Directors 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, and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Subject to the appeal process set forth in paragraph 21 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:

Reduction of competition hours as determined by the Tournament Director.

Loss of one or more fish in question. All such fish must be marked verified by either your partner or boat captain. If not verified the entire catch may be disqualified.

Loss of catch for the day of the violation.

Disqualification from the tournament in question.

Disqualification from future Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation High School events, which may be from a specific number of events, a specific period, or may be a lifetime disqualification.

Any different or additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director.

Tournament Reminders and event schedules will be posted via the web site [georgiabassnation.com](http://georgiabassnation.com) under **HS/Jr: News**, and/or GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION HIGH SCHOOL FISHING Facebook page.



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### Participation and Eligibility

- a) Participation in this Tournament Trail is open only to current members of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society [B.A.S.S.] and members of a High School/Junior Club with affiliation in the Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation. Captains or teams furnishing a boat must provide her/his boat registration and proof of \$300,000 of Watercraft Liability Insurance [WLI] or \$100,000 of WLI backed by a \$1 million “Umbrella” Liability Policy covering the boat and the designated operator. To enter the tournament, the club/chapter must be a member in good standing of the GBN.
- b) Requirements to qualify for the HS/Jr State Classic:
  - a. High school currently enrolled in the 9th thru 12th grade or Junior currently enrolled in grades 6-8. High School Seniors are eligible to compete in additional events up to three months after graduation. Proof of grade or graduation date, to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of potential contenders. Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is disabled in such a manner as to unfairly hinder his/her partner or endanger the safety and well-being of his/her partner or themselves shall not be eligible.
- c) All High school anglers are required to have an endorsement of having passed a boater safety course and provide proof at the first tournament check in **regardless of age**. Failure to do so will prevent boating on tournament waters. Boating safety courses are available online.
- d) DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE AND COMPETITION DAYS OF A B.A.S.S., B.A.S.S. NATION, or GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION TOURNAMENT; NO CONTENDER OR BOAT CAPTAIN MAY OPERATE A BOAT UNLESS THAT CONTENDER OR BOAT CAPTAIN HAS DOCUMENTED PROOF OF A MINIMUM OF \$300,000 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 CONTENDER 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, Inc. requirements.
- e) An official on-line entry form must be provided to GBN on or before the entry deadline. Tournament entry fees MUST be received by the GBN **on or before the tournament entry deadline date**. NO entries after deadline. The BOD reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to the deadline and the right to extend the acceptance date.



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- 1) Angler Code of Conduct:
  - a) Anglers participating in any GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION sanctioned event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. Anglers, boat captains, parents and family members of Anglers shall, always, conduct themselves in a manner becoming of professional anglers that will not reflect unfavorably on GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION, BASS NATION, AND B.A.S.S. its members, officers or representatives, tournaments, or sponsors.
  - b) To this end, anglers, boat captains, parents and family members of anglers shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any angler, boat captain, parents and family members of anglers who violate any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to forfeiture of tournament winnings, suspension from competing in individual GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION, B.A.S.S., AND BASS NATION sanctioned events, permanent ban from competition, or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION, INC.
  - c) MEDIA COMMENTS, PUBLIC ATTACKS:
    - i) The favorable public reputation of Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, B.A.S.S., and BASS NATION 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 Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, B.A.S.S., and BASS NATION. Accordingly, it is an obligation of contenders 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 B.A.S.S. organization. Contenders, boat captains, parents and/or family members are encouraged to express themselves and have the right to question the rules officials. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, B.A.S.S., BASS NATION policies are encouraged as opposed to attacks upon the integrity of the rules or officials. However, public comments that an angler, boat captain, parents and/or family members knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation, B.A.S.S., B.A.S.S. officials or sponsors shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional and will result in disciplinary action.
- 2) Practice and Competition:
  - a) There will be no off-limits period prior to any tournament unless specified by the Tournament Committee.
  - b) There will be an official practice period immediately prior to the first day of competition. Unless otherwise specified, all official times are time zone specific to the local host community. The contender must know and observe these dates. During official practice and competition, a contender can only have the assistance or advice of another contender for the purposes of locating or catching bass on tournament waters. Contenders may only fish with other contenders or their registered boat captain during official practice and only contenders during competition. Flying over tournament waters, other than a ticketed commercial airline, is prohibited during official practice and competition unless approved by the tournament director.



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- c) Anglers renting boat slips may launch and proceed immediately to slip location. Testing of engines after the weigh-in is only allowed with permission from the Tournament Director (pertains to multiple day events). NO EXCEPTIONS. During the official practice and during the tournament, a contender may not “SKIN DIVE” or “SCUBA DIVE” in the tournament waters.
- d) No contender may buy or barter a fishing location from anyone for use during any competition day.
- e) A designated tournament official must be granted access to the contender’s boat at any time during the official practice or competition days. Failure to grant such access may result in immediate disqualification.
- f) Each contender agrees to report to the Tournament Director immediately any violation or infraction of any Tournament Rules. Failure to report violations or suggestions to another contender that they violate these Rules or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification.

OFFICIAL PROTESTS MUST BE FILED IN WRITING to the tournament committee no later than 15 minutes after the protester has weighed in his/her fish and all parties of interest will be provided a copy.

By his/her signature on the official tournament entry form, each contender and boat captain agree 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 contender 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 all costs incurred.

Random truth verifications tests may be administered on site during a GBN High School event.

REGISTRATION, CHECK IN, SAFETY MEETING: Each team must register in person with official GBN High School Nation staff at the time and place designated. Failure to register in person during the prescribed hours may result in a 1 Lb. penalty to be deducted from your total score. Any team, who has not contacted the GBN High School Nation 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 team’s responsibility to either check the schedule of events for registration time and location or obtain times from the GBN High School Nation Tournament Department.

- (i) **Check in** will start **1 ½ hours** before daylight. Pick up your boat number when checking in.
- (ii) Random document checks may occur at check in and must be presented to tournament officials if requested as per angler’s and boat captain’s APWA



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(Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement). Boat Captains are required to have on their person a valid boat registration AND copy of boat insurance with correct WLI (Watercraft Liability Insurance) along with the required coverage and expiration dates (must be shown on insurance page).

- (iii) Anglers 16 and older are required to have on their person a valid fishing license.
- (iv) Check in and then launch your boat.
- (v) **Safety meeting** starts ½ hour before safe light in most cases this will be done on the water after checking in and launching boat.

## SAFETY

- (vi) Safe boat conduct must be always observed by contenders and captains. During official practice and competition Boat Captains and Contenders will abide by and obey all State and Local Boating Laws. During the official practice and competition, each contender and captain must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver any time the combustion engine is operating, as well as observe and abide by all state (s) life preserver regulations that apply to his/her age, while in tournament waters. This preserver must be strapped, snapped, or zippered securely, and always maintained in that condition. Inflatable life vests may only be worn if you are 16 years of age or older AND weigh more than 80 pounds. Inflatable life vest indicators should be checked daily. The Coast Guard requires that inflatable PFD's must be always worn unless there is an equal number of non-inflatable Coast Guard approved PFDs on board. For everyone on the boat wearing an inflatable PFD, you are REQUIRED to have a corresponding vest type lifejacket for everyone as well. **This is a Coast Guard REQUIREMENT.**
- (vii) Violation of this rule may be reason for disqualification.
- (viii) When boating in low visibility situations i.e., fog, heavy rain, during both practice and competition, contenders must operate their boats at a safe speed and in a safe manner as determined by tournament officials.
- (ix) Radar units permanently mounted in the boat, subject to approval by GBN, maybe approved for competition.

It is suggested boat captain have a safety check with the anglers each day prior to launch to familiarize the location of all safety equipment.

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





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(xi) GBN reserves the right to impose boat speed limits on 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.

(xii) IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, CONTENDERS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND ONCE SAFE, THEN NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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

- 4 **SPORTSMANSHIP:** All contenders in GBN 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, tobacco, or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any contender or boat captain during the official practice or during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future GBN tournaments. No alcoholic beverages, tobacco or other non-prescription stimulants or depressants shall be allowed in the boats during the official practice or competition days, or when in the weigh-in area.
  - (ii) Maximum courtesy must be always practiced, especially about boating and angling in the vicinity of non-contenders who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a contender or boat captain, which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification.
  - (iii) All contenders are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish. Contenders 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 for disqualification from a GBN tournament after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director.
- 5 **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** The use of grippers for landing bass is prohibited during tournament competition. Multiple lure rigs (Umbrella Rigs) are allowed if it follows state fishing regulations. Only artificial lures and biodegradable artificial lures may be used. No “live bait” or “prepared bait” will be permitted during official practice and competition, except for pork strips or rinds. 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 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 boat



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ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. If a contender breaks his line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, he is allowed to try with the rod being used or by hand to secure the line and land the fish to be counted as legal. He may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod and reel, or other device. If a contender loses his rod and reel while landing a bass, he MAY use another rod and reel to retrieve the lost outfit. If that rod and reel is verified to be the lost outfit that bass may be landed and counted as a legal fish. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their catch disqualified. When visually fishing a bed or 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.

Contenders are allowed to share baits and tackle at all times including contenders who have been cut from competition.

- 6 **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 or the horsepower maximum set by GBN. Each contender and boat captain agrees to submit, by his/her 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 any reason to suspect the horsepower is more than the rating. Normal maintenance of engines is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts of a contender'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.
- 7 **BOAT AND MOTOR:** For the safety of all contenders, during official practice and competition, 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. Anytime 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 platform 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. 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



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options and 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 contender. No "barges" or similar craft will be permitted. No boat equipped with "stick steering" shall be permitted to be used by any contender. "Stick steering" shall be as defined by the Tournament Director. Jet drive engines are not allowed during both official practice and competition.

- 8 **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. GBN recommends live wells to 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.
- 9 **BOAT IDENTIFICATION:** Each day, each boat shall have a numbered float or chip (provided at tournament check in) located in the boat and must remain with the boat during the tournament. This number must be displayed upon the request of tournament officials and returned to a tournament official at the designated check in location (end of day check in location to be determined by tournament director).
- 10 **BOAT OPERATION:** The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. Contenders must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both contenders must always remain in the boat except in case of dire emergency. In such an emergency contenders may be removed from their boat to a boat operated by other contenders or to a rescue boat so designated by tournament officials. Partners must always remain together, in sight of each other and each other's catch, under the conditions cited above, for their catch of the day to be scored in the tournament. Trailing of boats during tournament hours is prohibited unless you have checked in and have ended your tournament day. No high school/junior angler shall operate the boat at any time during the tournament. Boat captains must be 18 years old or older to operate boat for team. Boat captains are the only one allowed to operate the boat using the gas engine during the event. During official practice and competition Boat Captains and Contenders will abide by and obey all State and Local Boating Laws.
- 11 **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Only that water open to **ALL** public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any water within these boundaries posted "**Off-Limits**" or "**No Fishing**" by state or federal agencies as well as the **live-GBN release area** established by the Tournament Director and announced at the Tournament Briefing, within 50 yards of a marina (gas pump), or within 50 yards of another contender which was first anchored. No anchored boat shall permit selected contenders to fish within 50 yards claimed by her/him to the exclusion of any other contender. Maneuvering boats shall be followed no closer than 50 yards. All angling must be done from the boat. Contenders must not leave the boat to land a fish. Contenders wishing to



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change fish habitat by placing any object in the tournament waters may do so if such action does not violate state or federal regulations.

- 12 **CONTENDERS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT:** During the competition day, contenders 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 day. Contenders must leave from and return to official checkpoints by boat. Both contenders must always remain in boat 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 from the Tournament Director, contenders may be removed from their boat to either a boat operated by other contenders, or a rescue boat designated by the Tournament Director. Partners must always remain together, 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 a refueling situation at a marina gas pump, contenders are allowed to leave the boat, at which time all fishing must cease until partners are back together in the boat. If a contender violates any of the above conditions, (to contact a tournament official by phone or other means or to report an emergency or breakdown), both contenders must cease fishing at this point, and their catch must be verified by a tournament official to be counted in the tournament. If, after the emergency situation is resolved by tournament officials, and enough time is left for the contenders to resume fishing, a **RESTART** will be allowed, the contenders 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.

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

- 13 **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 contenders and their boats shall be in full conformity with all rules set forth by the Tournament Director. In the morning each team must be in water with his/her partner 30 minutes prior to the scheduled inspection time for their flight. At check-in, the team pair must check in with the tournament committee check-in boat or point no later than the check-in time announced for their flight. All boats shall identify themselves by means of the numbers described in Rule 11 and proceed immediately at a slow idle to the designated weigh-in area. Trailering of boats before weighing in will be designated by tournament director. Partners must stay together, through the weigh-in process if weighing bass.



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- 14 **SCORING:** Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound and ounce weight of each team catch during the tournament. Only Largemouth, Spotted, Redeye, Shoal, or Smallmouth, bass will be weighed. The limit shall be 5 of the above species and varieties per day, unless otherwise specified by tournament officials (example – hot weather/fish care concerns). At no time shall a contender have in his or her possession more than the tournament limit. If a team determines they have over the limit they must immediately reduce their catch to the tournament limit with a live bass of their choice from their catch. **Culling of dead fish is NOT allowed.** Once a contender checks in, they must present all legal bass to tournament officials at the verification table. If teams at the verification table have more than their five fish limit in possession, the tournament officials will cull the largest bass first down to the tournament limit and each returned bass will result in a 2-pound penalty to be deducted from their daily score. 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 contender. 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 contenders 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 contender's catch is measured, counted and verified by a tournament official, that contender may not return to the boat until their catch has been weighed and recorded. Bass must not be put on a stringer at any time during the tournament. Culling tags or clips are allowed.
- 15 **Don't Kill Your Catch: CULLING OF DEAD BASS IS PROHIBITED.** For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the contender shall be penalized ¼ lb. (0.25 or 4 ounces). Each contender is expected to keep their bass alive by use of a properly aerated live well. Do not clip fins or otherwise physically mark the fish for identification. The Tournament Director or his designees shall have sole authority for accessing 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. Contenders are allowed to purchase ice on the water; however, they are not allowed to receive ice from non-contenders. Upon mutual consent between both contenders 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.**
- 16 **LATE PENALTY:** Any team who are not at the official check-in point, as described in Rule 15, at the appointed time, shall be penalized at the rate of 1 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 team more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness and in no case shall a



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team be allowed to make up “lost time.” After proper recognition at the check-in point, teams 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 the tournament hours. Exact starting and check-in times will be announced at the tournament briefing.

- 17 **TIES:** In the case of a tie for any place, the team with the greatest number of fish wins the place, or if still tied, the greatest number of live fish shall win the place in question. If the tie is yet unbroken, the team with the largest fish, if known will win place. If tie is yet unbroken a coin flip will resolve any yet unbroken tie. The next place will go to the team so eliminated.
- 18 **LOCAL GUIDES:** If a Coach/Boat Captain is a local guide on Tournament Waters. Then they will be ineligible for that Tournament. **GBN’s DEFINITION OF LOCAL GUIDE** – A person that gets paid to take others fishing for any species on that body of water. **NOTE: GBN reserves the right to deny any Coach/Boat captain.** The **ONLY** exception to this rule is if the guide/boat captain is the father, grandfather, mother or grandmother to the anglers he/she is a boat captain for.
- 19 **CLASSIC RULES-** These rules are for qualifying tournament trail; State Classic rules will be provided prior to that event if any additional rules for that event are required.
- 20 **CONSERVATION EVENT: IS NOT REQUIRED** All teams and clubs that complete a conservation event can submit it to GBN. The GBN will review the submitted event and awards will be provided at the State Classic for the top three best team conservation events and the top club conservation event.

TOP THREE TEAM EVENTS- these events must be completed by the team as a 2-person event.

TOP CLUB EVENTS- this event must include all club members.  
Conservation events must be submitted between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Participation in a GBN conservation event cannot be used as an event for these awards. (Conservation events will be judged by the GBN Board of Directors)

- 21 **COMMUNICATION:** There will be no communication, visually, vocally, or electronically between contenders and non-contenders or between other teams during the competition hours concerning fishing. Boat Captains can post pictures of catches to the Facebook page. Boat Captains cannot communicate to other boat captains on how fish are being caught.
- 22 **OBSERVER:** GBN cannot provide alternate/observers.
- 23 **BOATER SAFETY COURSE:** All High School anglers are required to complete a boater safety course and provide proof at first tournament check in regardless of age.
- 24 **TEAM PAIRINGS:** This is a team event tournament and requires a 2-person team at the event to qualify for the State Championship or to compete in the State Classic for Nationals. Solo contenders cannot qualify at any team event and solo contenders cannot



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compete in State Classic. Teams are also required to attend the same High School or hold active membership in the same club.

- 25 **LOSS OF TEAM PARTNER:** If a qualified contender loses their team partner after the last qualifier and prior to the state classic and another qualified club member is not available to pair with, the qualified contender can pair with a non-qualified partner from the same club. The qualified partner must present in writing to the GBN board thru the Youth Director the detailed explanation of circumstances of the loss of the partner. The non-qualified partner must have fished a qualifying event in the same tournament year.
- 26 If a non-qualified partner is not available, then submit in writing along with the explanation of loss of partner the name of a potential partner from the same club. The GBN officers will review and accept or deny the non-qualified partner pairing.
- 27 **CONTRACTS:** Championship teams are required to sign a contract before competing in the National tournament.

Additional Teams making it to the nationals thru the additional qualifying slots are required to sign a contract before competing in the nationals.

NOTE: Contract is an agreement your team will follow all requirements of GBN and sponsors during the National Tournament.

- 28 **TIME OUTS and HALF TIME:** Five (5) one minute time outs are allowed to be called by boat captain or contender. There is also 1 mandatory 15 mandatory half time.
- 29 **QUALIFYING FOR CLASSIC:** Teams must qualify and fish a minimum of three, Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation High School/Junior Tournament Trail tournaments to be eligible to advance to the State Classic.
- 30 None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any contender's boat at any time.

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## Appendix:

Following pages are documents related to GBN HS/Jr package

1. Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information
2. Boat Safety Inspection Checklist
3. Borrowed Boat Form - EXAMPLE
4. Tournament Participant AGREEMENT AND RELEASE Form -EXAMPLE





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## Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement (APWA) Information

### 1. COMPLIANCE

This Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement and the GEORGIA B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION, INC., DBA GEORGIA BASS NATION Tournament Rules, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, (the Participation and Waiver Agreement and Official Rules collectively referred to herein as the “Agreement”) sets forth the terms and conditions upon which I will be permitted to participate in any or all GEORGIA BASS NATION Tournament Events (the “Tournament Series”) during the present calendar year. By signing this Agreement, the undersigned (referred to as “I” or “Angler”), hereby agree to be bound by and comply with the provisions thereof. I also agree to abide by and comply with the GEORGIA BASS NATION Angler Code of Conduct, and all other guidelines, regulations, payment schedules and instructions communicated to me in writing by GEORGIA BASS NATION. I affirm that I am a member in good standing with B.A.S.S., B.A.S.S. Nation and GEORGIA BASS NATION. I am physically fit and that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in the Tournament Series.

### 2. RELEASE OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION

- 2.1. I expressly assume all risks associated with my participation in the Tournament Series and for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, I hereby waive, release and discharge GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION, its affiliates and subsidiaries, the hosts, sponsors and Tournament Series officials (“Released Parties”) from any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses (including without limitation, attorney’s fees and related costs), of any kind (hereinafter “Claims”) arising out of or in connection with my participation in the Tournament Series, including but not limited to Claims involving, death, disability, personal injury and/or property damage. I hereby INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the Released Parties for any and all Claims arising as a result of my participation in this Tournament. I acknowledge that this Tournament may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury, illness and/or possible exposure to COVID-19 or other communicable diseases and personal loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by water conditions, temperature, weather, equipment, actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, and spectators. This release of liability shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law. I shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties against all Claims, whether or not a lawsuit or other proceeding is filed, to the extent that they arise out of : (1) my breach of the terms of this Agreement, (2) gross negligence, or willful misconduct by me, my agents or those acting on my behalf; (3) my violation of any applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation, including but not limited to all rules and guidelines applicable to Tournament Series events; (4) breach of any warranty provided by me to Released Parties hereunder. I shall provide GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION with prompt notice of any claim and give complete control of its defense and settlement to GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION. I shall also cooperate in all reasonable respects with GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION its insurance company, the Released Parties (as applicable) and their legal counsel in the defense of such claim. If I fail to promptly indemnify and defend a covered claim, the Released Parties shall have the right to defend themselves, and in such case, I shall promptly reimburse the Released Parties, for all of their associated costs and expenses.

### 3. GRANT OF RIGHTS

- 3.1. I hereby irrevocably grant permission to GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION and B.A.S.S. and its affiliates and subsidiaries, the successors of each of the foregoing, and each of their respective agents, licensees, and assigns and those acting under their permission or upon their authority (collectively, the “Licensees”), in perpetuity, a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, fully paid up license to reproduce, display, exhibit, publish, broadcast, distribute, and otherwise use, and permit others to use, my name, image, nickname, initials, symbols, likeness, signature, photograph, voice, statements, biographical material, and any and all



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attributes of my personality and appearance (collectively, my “Identity”) in materials created in connection with my participation in the Tournament Series (collectively, the “Materials”), alone or with other materials, in connection with the promotion of GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION and B.A.S.S., the Tournament Series and any other events staged by GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION and B.A.S.S., in any and all manner and media now known or hereafter devised, including without limitation, in print, on television programs, websites owned by or affiliated with the Licensees, on third-party websites, in social media channels, in public relations materials and for any lawful purpose in its sole discretion. During Tournament Series I agree to promptly and fully comply with all filming, camera location and other rules, guidelines and instructions of B.A.S.S. or GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION.

- 3.2. I hereby warrant that I have the right to make this release and that my granting this release and the rights conveyed thereby will not infringe the rights of any third party. I represent and warrant that I have or shall obtain any rights and permissions from all third parties sponsoring or affiliated with me needed by B.A.S.S. or GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION (the “Third Party Rights”) to effectuate the grant of rights set forth in paragraph 3.1. These Third-Party Rights from sponsors and affiliates shall grant B.A.S.S. or GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION the right to utilize such third-party logos, insignia, trade dress or other intellectual property (collectively “Third Party IP”) shown in any Materials featuring me, or otherwise in connection with B.A.S.S.’s or GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION’s use of my Identity as set forth in paragraph 3.1. Provided that such Third-Party IP is only shown in conjunction with my Identity, (for example, on apparel worn by me or on items used by me), B.A.S.S. or GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION shall not be required to seek approvals from such Third Parties.
- 3.3. I acknowledge that the Licensees have no obligation to use the Materials or my Identity. I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve any finished product or the use to which it is applied, and I agree no further approval is required for the Licensees to use any Materials or my Identity and that the Licensees will not be liable to me for any distortion or illusionary effect resulting from the exhibition, publication or broadcast of the Materials or my identity. I acknowledge and agree that no further payment or consideration will be due to me for B.A.S.S.’s or GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION’s use of the Materials or my Identity as authorized herein.
- 3.4. I acknowledge that all right, title, and interest in and to the Materials, including without limitation all copyrights and trademark rights, shall be the sole and exclusive property of B.A.S.S. and GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION and that B.A.S.S. or GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION has the unlimited right throughout the universe to edit, modify, and otherwise use such Materials. With regard to the Licensees’ exploitation of the rights granted hereunder, I, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby irrevocably (a) release, discharge and waive all claims, demands, losses and liabilities of any nature against the Licensees that I, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns had, now have, or hereafter may have, including, but not limited to, claims in the nature of copyright infringement, defamation, disparagement, slander, false light, violation of the right of privacy or publicity, or the like, and (b) covenant not to make any claims against any of the Licensees.
- 3.5. During the Tournament Series, and subject to compliance with B.A.S.S. or GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION guidelines,

B.A.S.S. or GEORGIA B.A.S.S NATION hereby grants to the undersigned Angler, the right to create, use and publish Angler created materials (“Angler Materials”) such as still photos and video shot by Angler, on Angler’s website and social media channels.



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#### **4. INSURANCE**

I represent and warrant that I now have or will obtain prior to the tournament series, boat owners (WLI) Watercraft Liability Insurance (including coverage for third party property damage and bodily injury) with no “tournament exclusion,” having a minimum limit of \$300,000 per occurrence OR an alternative to the \$300,000.00 coverage is if the boat owner has a one million dollar minimum “UMBRELLA” Liability Policy then she/he is only required to have \$100,000 WLI policy coverage.. The insurance must be issued by a reputable insurer rated A or better by A.M. Best and Company. I shall provide Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation with satisfactory evidence of that insurance prior to my participation in any tournament event OR at any time requested by Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation.

- 4.1** If I am **not** the legally registered owner of the boat being used for the tournament series, I represent and warrant that I have completed or will complete prior to the tournament series, the on-line form titled “Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use” and comply with the stated insurance requirements set forth therein. I shall provide Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation with satisfactory evidence of the completed form and insurance prior to my participation in any tournament event or at any time requested by Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation.

#### **5. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 5.1** I represent and warrant that I now have or will obtain prior to the tournament series, a valid and active GDNR Certificate of Boat Registration OR applicable state of registration.
- 5.2** I represent and warrant that I now have or will obtain prior to the tournament series, a valid and active GDNR Fishing license for the date(s) required for the tournament series.
- 5.3** I represent and warrant that I will have or will obtain prior to the tournament series, as required by law (All operators born after January 1, 1998, must have passed a boater education course approved by the Department of Natural Resources and have card on board to operate any vessel), an endorsement of having passed a boater safety course and provide proof thereof, regardless of age.
- 5.4** Contingency Programs. Contingency programs are sponsor-funded programs developed to reward Anglers based on a predefined set of criteria. Participation in contingency programs is at the Angler’s discretion.

#### **6. LEGAL**

- 6.1** Truth Verification Test. By registering and signing the Participation Agreement, Angler agrees to submit to a truth verification test and abide by its conclusion should he/she be accused of a rule violation.
- 6.2** Communication. Angler must provide Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation with a current e-mail address. Angler agrees that delivery of any notice, communication, guideline, or instruction to Angler via email shall constitute notice to Angler and shall comply with any notice requirements set forth herein. Angler must also provide a personal cell number capable of receiving text messages from Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation.
- 6.3.** Governing Law, Venue, and Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in all respects in accordance with the substantive laws of the state of Georgia, without regard to its choice of law and/or conflicts of law principles. Angler irrevocably agrees that any disputes directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively in the state or federal courts located Walton County, Georgia, and consents to such venue and to the exclusive jurisdiction of any such court over any such dispute.
- 6.4.** Miscellaneous. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision herein. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter



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hereof and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous oral and/or written representations, discussions, negotiations, understandings, and/or agreements relating to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may not be modified except by an instrument in writing signed by both parties. In signing this document, I am not relying on any promises, representations or other statements that are not contained in this Agreement.

- 6.5. Electronic Signature. The execution of this document by electronic mail or by any other electronic or digital means shall be deemed to constitute effective execution of this document. Any signature transmitted by facsimile, email or other electronic or digital means shall be deemed an original signature for all purposes.
- 6.6. Requirement for Consent of Parent or Guardian. If I am under the age of majority in the state in which I reside, I understand that I must have the consent of my parent or guardian to participate in the tournament series. I agree to provide accurate and complete information to

Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation to facilitate Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation's efforts to secure such consent. I acknowledge that my failure to provide accurate information or secure consent from my parent or guardian may result in my disqualification from the Tournament Series.



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### GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION: BOAT SAFETY INSPECTION

The Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation relies on Boat Captains and High School team partners to insure her/himself that the assigned Tournament Boat is safe for a day's fishing. The team should determine the location and condition as a minimum of the following items:

[ ] Fire Extinguisher, Type B, C, or A, B, C, and is it in the GREEN?

[ ] Bilge Pump(s), is the sump free of litter? Turn pump ON – is it running?

[ ] Sounding Device, is it operational?

[ ] Know the Location of the Master Switch, Bilge Pump Switch, and the Navigation Light Switch.

Now the boat team may proceed to the dock by flight in numerical order for the {GBN} Tournament Committee to inspect the boat for the following:

[ ] Are the Navigational Lights, installed and on?

[ ] Are the PFD's {Life Vests} USCG Approved – Type I, II, III, and in good condition, and can be zipped, hooked and or snapped secure?

[ ] Is Kill Switch {Electrical Interrupt}, Functional and attached to the operator?

PLEASE CHECK THESE ITEMS PRIOR TO ENTERING THE LIVE WELL CHECK AND TAKE OFF AREA.



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GBN Boat Captain: Borrowed Boat Form **\*\* EXAMPLE ONLY \*\***  
**MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH ON-LINE FORM \*\* NO MAIL-IN OF FORM \*\***

PERMISSION TO USE LETTER (FROM BOAT OWNER)

To: Georgia Bass Nation

ATTN: GBN 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).

\*Attached is a photocopy of my boat liability policy specification page and a letter 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 Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH ON-LINE FORM \*\* NO MAIL-IN OF FORM \*\***

I UNDERSTAND I MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT, AND THAT IF I AM UNDER THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN THE STATE IN WHICH I RESIDE, I MUST OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT. MY REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL GEORGIA B.A.S.S. NATION ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, RECEIVES THE CONSENT OF MY PARENT OR GUARDIAN (IF APPLICABLE), AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY MY PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT SERIES OR ANY COMPONENT THEREOF FOR ANY REASON AND, UPON SUCH DENIAL, TO REFUND THE DEPOSIT OR ENTRY FEE.

I ATTEST HAVE READ AND HAVE UNDERSTOOD THIS THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES AND THE ANGLER PARTICIPATION and WAIVER AGREEMENT INFORMATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH CONTAINS LIABILITY AND OTHER RELEASE LANGUAGE, I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS. I HAVE VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF THE PERSON EXECUTING THE FOREGOING RELEASE IS A MINOR, THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY MINOR’S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:**

I represent that I am a parent or legal guardian of the minor who has signed the above Agreement, and I hereby consent to the terms of set forth herein and agree that we both shall be bound thereby. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS LIABILITY AND OTHER RELEASE LANGUAGE. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_