



FAQ – General

- 1) How many teams can a GBN club send to the State Classic?
 - a. Clubs with twenty (20) or more registered GBN members can send two (2) Six Man Teams to the State Classic.
- 2) What is the definition of a team?
 - a. A “club team” is defined as an even number of boaters and co-anglers being either a maximum of 6 (3-boaters & 3 co’s) OR 4 (2 boaters & 2 co’s) OR 2 (1 boater & 1 co)
- 3) Is the entry fee for the State Classic different based on the total team members?
 - a. NO, the entry fee for each team is \$600 regardless of the team member totals 2, 4, or 6.
- 4) **What are the club team members requirements for participation?**
 - a. ALL entrants must be in good standing, registered with B.A.S.S, B.A.S.S. Nation, GBN, and their club before July 1, 2021.
 - b. ALL entrants are REQUIRED to sign the *Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement (APWA)* via on-line form. See [State Classic: ON-LINE ONLY Registration Process](#) for all team members. 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](#) of this document.
 - c. Required documents for all anglers (also outlined in the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#) under Item 4: Insurance and Item 5:1 and Item 5:2.)
 - i. Boater
 1. Valid and active fishing license
 2. Valid and active GDNR Certificate of Boat Registration
 3. WLI or complete *Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use* on-line form
 - ii. Co-angler
 1. Valid and active fishing license
- 5) What is the requirement for boat insurance?
 - a. Watercraft Liability Insurance (WLI) is required and minimum of \$300,000.00.

- b. See Section: [Watercraft Liability](#).
 - c. Also stated requirement in the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#) section under Item 4: Insurance
 - d. Question about insurance can be directed to support at the following: gbnadult_support@georgiabassnation.com or GBN web site under Adult/College -> Support
- 6) Can I use a borrowed boat for the tournament?
- a. YES, you must complete the “*Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use*” on-line form, see [Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use process](#).
- 7) I see there is no longer an Angler Registration at the lake site as in years past where all the required documents were checked (Fishing License, Boat Registration, WLI, etc.), why?
- a. This is now done with a new on-line process, see [State Classic: ON-LINE ONLY Registration Process](#).
- 8) Are we still required to have all the documents as in the past?
- a. YES., you are still required to have and make available for inspection all the documents.
 - b. See the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#), specifically under Item 4: Insurance and Item 5:1 and Item 5:2.
- 9) How will anglers submit to the fact they have or will have these required documents?
- a. ALL anglers must sign the on-line form *Angler Participation and Wavier Agreement*. This form validates your participation and waiver. Your signature on this form attests to the fact that you have read and understand the [Tournament Rules](#) and the [Angler Participation and Wavier Information](#) in this document. Also, that you will acquire before the tournament and have in your possession the required documents AND make them available for inspection at the GBN State Classic.
 - b. You CANNOT be registered by your Team Captain/representative for the State Classic without proof of the *Angler Participation and Wavier Agreement*. [See State Classic: ON-LINE ONLY Registration Process](#) for all team members.
- 10) What are these required documents?
- a. Co-angler > Active fishing license
 - b. Boater > Active Fishing License, Active GDNR Boat Registration and WLI or *Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use* on-line form.
 - c. BASS / BASS Nation cards are NOT required.
- 11) If there is no on-site angler registration to check required documents AND we are still required to have all of them, how are they checked?

- a. A random document check in conjunction with normal boat check will be done on each morning of the competition days of the State Classic.
- b. NO ONE knows how many or what boat numbers will be flagged for required document check. These will be different for each day of competition.

12) What if I cannot produce the required documents if I am chosen for document check at time of boat check?

- a. Fishing license
 - i. DQ for that day of competition.
- b. Active boat registration
 - i. DQ for both competition days.
- c. WLI or Borrowed Boat permission
 - i. DQ for both competition days.

13) Why the "DQ" for these violations?

- a. REMEMBER, you have already signed the *Angler Participation and Wavier Agreement* by on-line form; you cannot be registered for the State Classic by your Team Captain or representative without proof of the form ([see State Classic: ON-LINE ONLY Registration Process](#) for club/team registration process).
- b. The form *Angler Participation and Wavier Agreement* along with e-signature is a legally binding document in the State of Georgia. If you DO NOT have the required documents and available for inspection; you have FALSIFIED a legal document and will result in the appropriate action by GBN BOD including but not limited to DQ (disqualification) and/or up to a lifetime ban from the GBN.

14) What happens to my co-angler if I am the boater, I CANNOT produce the required documents and subsequently DQ'ed from competition OR if I am a co-angler and CANNOT produce the required document (Active fishing license) and subsequently DQ'ed from competition?

- a. In the event the boater is DQ'ed from competition, the boater's club/team will be REQUIRED to select a corresponding co-angler in the same club to drop from competition. GBN will NOT make the selection, GBN responsibility is to ensure the process is completed. This is required to fulfill the necessary even pairings requirement for competition. See [Tournament Rules](#) under Section 2: Practice & Competition / Item c.
- b. Same applies for DQ'ed co-angler, the boater's club/team will be REQUIRED to select a corresponding boater in the same club to drop from competition. GBN will NOT make the selection, GBN responsibility is to ensure the process is completed. See [Tournament Rules](#) under Section 2: Practice & Competition / Item c.

- c. This rule is the same as a competitor voluntarily dropping from competition. It is a one-for-one rule. If a boater drops, required to have one co-angler from same club drop as well and vice versa.

15) What if my boat is NOT flagged for document check and subsequently my boat is involved in an accident?

- a. The on-line form(s) *Angler Participation and Wavier Agreement* and if applicable the *Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use* along with e-signature(s) is/are legally binding document(s) in the State of Georgia. Any subsequent accident investigation and/or legal action will result in the discovery of this/these form(s) and FALSIFYING a legal document in the State of Georgia is punishable by law.
- b. This will result in the appropriate action by GBN BOD including but not limited to DQ (disqualification) and/or up to a lifetime ban from the GBN.

16) How is the State Team determined?

- a. Top 10 Boaters and Co-anglers make the State Team and qualify for the Southeastern Regional.

17) How are the participants tracked for standings and big fish?

- a. Boater and Co-angler participants are tracked separately for the purposes of standings and big fish. Separate payouts for Boater & Co-angler placement in standings and big fish. Big fish is awarded for Boater and Co-angler based on both (2) days of competition, NOT each day.