



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 middle 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
 - 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
- 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:
 - 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.

- 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 (1st) place, 299 points for second (2nd), 298 points for third (3rd) 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 100th = 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 10th 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.