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 tournamant 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 ½ 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 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 ½ 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 <u>mandatory</u> 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 <u>DOES NOT</u> 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. **<u>During the timeout period all fishing must cease</u>**. 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 my 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?

a. Areas designated at tournament meeting prior to launch

14) Are "A-Rigs" or Umbrella rigs allowed?

YES, multiple lure rigs (UMBRELLA RIGS) are allowed if it follows state fishing regulations.