



## FAQ – HS|Jr Team members

- 1) What is the definition of a GBN HS|Jr team?
  - a. A High School (HS) or Junior (Jr) team is defined as two (2) student anglers per boat, attending High School grades 9-12 OR Junior (Jr) team as attending same school grades 2-8.
  - b. Team – two student anglers which participate together for the entire year.
- 2) Are the team student anglers required to attend the **same High school or Middle school?**
  - a. **YES.**, the same school is required **IF** the school has a bass or fishing club. (See Item iii - vii)
  - (i) Student anglers must belong to **the same official high school/junior school club or official community club within or closest to the county of residence to compete as a team in a GBN HS/Jr tournament.**
  - (ii) Community clubs can incorporate multiple institutions to include home school students. Student anglers from those institutions must all be members of the same community club.
  - (iii) High School/Junior student anglers **must participate for the school which they would normally attend.**
    - a. If the school does not allow Home School Students to participate in sports, then they will participate for the next nearest school or community club who does, but only after receiving written acknowledgement from their school system declining homeschool students access to sports programs.
  - (iv) If the HS|Jr (school) does not have a bass or fishing club, student anglers along with adults and school officials must try start a club within their respective school.
  - (v) If this fails, after a collaborative effort with GBN, student anglers can be placed in the state community club; GBN, as a last resort. Georgia BASS Nation maintains a state community club for high school and junior student anglers. Any student angler who does not meet the above requirements may be placed in the state community club per GBN discretion.
  - (vi) All student anglers belonging to a community club **must present** GBN a denial letter filled out by the student anglers' school except for home schooled students. [Official Denial Letter](#)
  - (vii) **Any/All pairings of student anglers outside the above stated rule(s) or pairing across state lines must have written recommendation / acknowledgement of both Official High School/Junior School or Community Club Coaches and both State Youth Directors approval from B.A.S.S** Any questions can be directed to GBN Youth Director at [GBN Admin](#)



- 3) Are student anglers required to sign a Participation and Waiver Agreement ([PWA](#)) form?
- a. **YES.**, EACH student angler is **REQUIRED** to sign a PWA form along with a parent OR legal guardian only one (1) time per tournament season, executed at the team's first tournament registration. (PWA is valid for the entire tournament season). See section: [GBN HS|Jr ON-LINE Tournament Entry: Step #1](#)
  - b. The e-signature of the PWA (Participation and Waiver Agreement) form validates your participation, waiver and compliance with ALL sections contained within the [Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#) document; a copy of which is located in this package as well, and that you have read and understand the [Tournament Rules](#).
    - i. Required documents for all student anglers.
    - ii. Student 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 student 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 PWA 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?
- 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 student anglers on a team cannot participate in **one (1) or more tournaments**?
- Solo fishing** only one (1) student angler member of a team is participating in a tournament, is allowed.
  - A single or solo, student angler member of a designated High school or Junior GBN team is allowed **tournament participation in one (1) SOLO** event per GBN tournament season, AND the designated team **will receive AOY points for that tournament.**
  - In the event of a lost partner or emergency, a team is allowed to participate solo in **more than one event**; however, the second, third, etc. event would **not be counted** toward the 3-event minimum, and **no AOY points** will be awarded.
  - You **MUST participate as a team** to qualify for the State Classic.
    - GBN reserves the right of review for any circumstances regarding participation and the acceptance or denial of entry and/or AOY/State Classic qualification(s).
    - If your partner for academic, physical reasons or gets removed from the team, the remaining student angler keeps all points at the GBN BOD discretion.
    - If you Divorce, points will **NOT** be carried forward.
  - PLEASE communicate if you have any issues!**
- 7) **How do teams qualify for the State Classic?**
- 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 below.
  - GBN defines “**tournament participation**” as fishing a minimum of **3 hours** during an official tournament.
  - Requirement:
    - 1) A HS or Jr team must participate in a **minimum of three (3) tournaments** in the defined yearly season. Registering for a tournament **DOES NOT** count, you must **register and qualify for tournament participation.**



- d. Process selection: 85/15 Rule
- 1) At the end of the HS|Jr yearly tournament season, **ALL** teams that have qualified tournament participation in a **minimum of three (3), or 4 or 5 tournaments** within the AOY points total standings, the following rules will be applied:
    1. 85/15 rule
      - a. Teams with qualified tournament participation in **ALL 5 tournaments** will be automatically qualified for the State Classic.
      - b. The remaining balance of teams with qualified tournament participation in a **minimum of 3 or 4 tournaments**:
        - i. **The top 85% in AOY points** will be qualified for the State Classic.
    - e. There are NO drop tournaments; ALL tournaments will count towards State Classic qualification.
    - f. If a team qualifies through BASS Open event GBN retains said slot and the team honors highest earned slot for National Championship.
- 8) How are points determined for AOY?
- a. A 300-point system is used, and points are based on the team's order of finish in each single tournament event. See #6 above for SOLO rules.
  - 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 290 points. (GBN **does not** reduce the pts for placement after the tied positions)
  - 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. The team with the highest cumulative weight for the season.
    - ii. The total number of fish weighed for the season.
    - iii. The total number of live fish weighed for the season.
- 9) How are the Scholarship awards and prizes determined for each tournament?
- a. Scholarship awards, prizes, and/or other awards will be based upon the number of entries at each tournament.