

GBN Adult State Classic (ASC)

FAQ - General

1) How many teams can a GBN club send to the State Classic?

- a. Clubs in good standing with up to 20 members can send one (1) team.
- b. Clubs with twenty-one (21) 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) How is the entry fee determined for the Adult State Classic?

- a. The entry fee for each team is \$600 regardless of the team member total is 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, 2023.
- b. ALL entrants are **REQUIRED** to sign the *Participation and Waiver Agreement (PWA)* 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 [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 [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 a minimum of \$300,000.00.
- b. See Section: [Watercraft Liability](#).
- c. Also stated requirement in the [Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#) section under **Item 4: Insurance**
- d. Question about insurance can be directed to support at the following: gbn_admin@georgiabassnation.com or GBN web site under Home > Support

- 6) **Can I use a borrowed boat for the tournament?**
- 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?**
- This is completed 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?**
- YES., you are still required to have and make available for inspection all the documents.
 - See the [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?**
- ALL anglers must sign the on-line form *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 [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.
 - You **CANNOT** be registered by your Team Captain/representative for the State Classic without proof of the *Participation and Wavier Agreement*. [See State Classic: ON-LINE ONLY Registration Process](#) for all team members.
 - RANDOM documents check** will be done at the Angler Meeting for selected boaters and co-anglers.
- 10) **What are these required documents?**
- Co-angler > Active fishing license
 - Boater > Active Fishing License, Active GDNR Boat Registration and WLI copy **regardless of if you are the boat owner or using a borrowed boat having already filled out the form, Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use**.
 - 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?**
- RANDOM documents check** will be done at the Angler Meeting for selected boaters and co-anglers.
 - NO ONE** knows how many or who will be flagged for required documents check.
- 12) **What if I cannot produce the required documents if I am chosen for documents check?**
- 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.
- d. GBN Tournament Director and BOD reserve the right to accept or deny entry to the Tournament.

13) Why the “DQ” for these violations?

- a. REMEMBER, you have already signed the *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 *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 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) *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.

FAQ - Tournament

1) Are there boat and motor restrictions?

- a. YES, boat length and motor size. See GBN [Tournament Rules](#).

2) What are the requirements if using “inflatable” type PFD’s?

- a. For everyone on the boat wearing an inflatable PFD (one or both); you are **REQUIRED** to have a corresponding vest type lifejacket for everyone as well. This is a Coast Guard **REQUIREMENT**.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of the co-angler to ensure if he/she is going to participate in the State Classic **AND** wear an inflatable type of PFD, to bring a vest type lifejacket in addition. The boater will not have this responsibility due the sizing requirements for a second a vest type lifejacket.
- c. See [Tournament Rules](#): Section 4: Safety

3) Can boater and co-angler actively fish from the front of the boat?

- a. **NO**, boater will fish from the front of the boat **ONLY** and co-angler from the back.

4) Are nets allowed?

- a. **YES**, nets are allowed for retrieval of caught fish.

5) What is consider the “legal limit of bass” for the State Classic tournament?

- a. Boater limit is 5 fish and Co-angler limit is 3 fish of legally allowed species of bass.

6) Are there “off-limits” areas?

- a. **Yes.**, designated off-limits areas will be announced at tournament briefing.

7) Are “A-Rigs” or Umbrella rigs allowed?

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

8) Is “strolling” or “long line” as a method of fishing allowed in GBN State Classic?

- a. **NO.**, these methods of fishing are NOT allowed.

9) Is “trolling” with outboard motor as a method of fishing allowed in GBN State Classic?

- a. **NO.**, this method of fishing is NOT allowed.

10) 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.

b. Big fish is awarded for Boater and Co-angler for each day of competition.

FAQ – Nation Qualifier and Bass Nation Championship (BNC)

1) How are the boaters and co anglers determined for BASS Nation Championship (BNC) and the BASS Nation Qualifier(s) from the State Classic results?

- a. The top 5 boaters and co anglers will receive an automatic invite directly to the BNC (B.A.S.S. Nation Championship).
 - i. If any of the top 5 decline the invite, this will go down the list until the 5 positions are filled. This number is fluid and based on a percentage of total active adult membership as of Sept 1 of each year. These positions (1-5) are awarded monetary prizes and will remain with the angler in that place of finish.
- b. Boater and Co Angler positions 6 through 15 (10 positions each) will be offered an early entry code into the B.A.S.S. Nation Qualifier zoned for GBN. The number of anglers receiving BNC invites is based on the percentage of active membership from the previous year. For example. The 2023 invites are determined by the percentage of active membership from 2022.
 - i. This early entry period will have an **expiration date and time** after which the codes will become INACTIVE and can NO longer be executed.
 - ii. If any of these positions are declined, this will go down the list until the spots are filled. The monetary award for these positions will remain with the position of finish, NOT the angler.

2) Are the anglers required to commit to these positions?

- a. Yes, each angler in the positions for automatic invite to BNC and coded entry to the BASS Nation Qualifier, are REQUIRED to commit with a contractual obligation for participation.
- b. GBN desires that all anglers executing their position awards for BNC and BASS Nation Qualifier, be able to commit at the conclusion of the ASC (Adult State Classic) on day #2 at the post tournament meeting period.

3) Can other GBN club level angler(s) register for the BASS Nation Qualifier(s)?

- a. **YES**, in the designated period for club level registration.
 - i. After the early entry period (for those anglers with codes) has expired, club level anglers are allowed to register for the BASS Nation Qualifier.
 - ii. Angler(s) will be REQUIRED to register in B.A.S.S. Nation Qualifier zoned for GBN.
 - iii. The cost for this registration is:
 1. Boater - \$400
 2. Co-angler - \$200

4) Is there another registration period for BASS Nation Qualifier ?

- a. Yes, after the club level registration is complete, there is an At-Large period. The cost for at-large registration is the same as club level registration.
- b. These are anglers that belong to the state level GBN club and are not affiliated with a specific GBN member club. At-Large anglers are required to be a member of state organizations of their state of residence ONLY.

This program including dues and other requirements is currently under review and has not been finalized.