

Youth Fishing Clubs



SC Department of Natural Resources

The Bass Federation

B.A.S.S

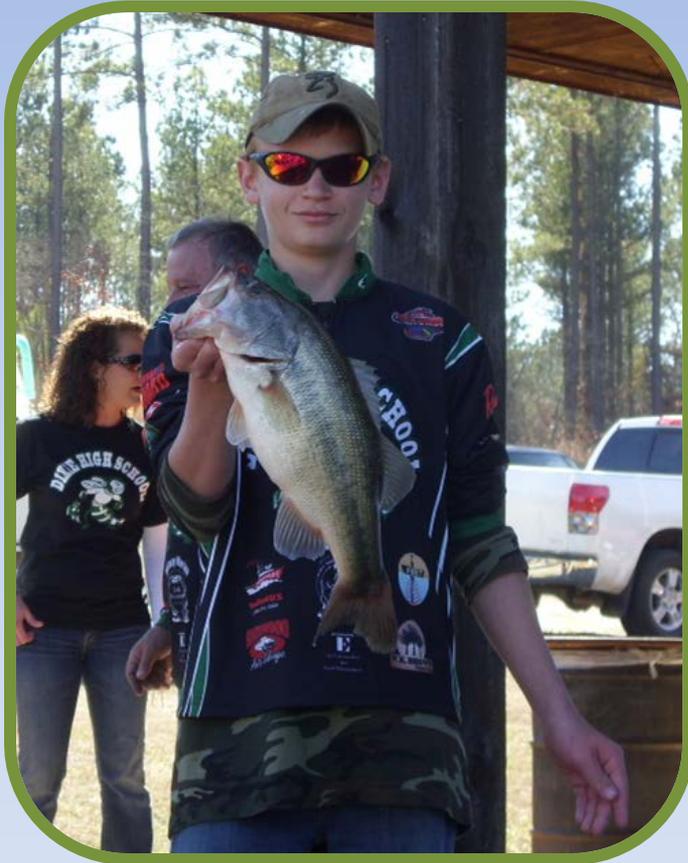
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Purpose of the Partnership

- Get South Carolina's middle to high school aged youth engaged in fishing



Goals of the Bass Team Initiative



- Create opportunities for youth anglers to fish
- Potentially establish Bass Fishing as a high school sport

Team Framework



- Requirements to start a team
 - One coach representative for each school
 - Must have at least 6 youth within 11-18 age range (except for B.A.S.S High School Program only 2)
 - Each student must pay membership dues
 - Clubs must participate in at least 2 club level tournaments

Responsibilities of the Team Leader

- Coordinate the recruitment of youth anglers and create a team roster
- Provide advice and leadership
- Promote and encourage community involvement
- Coordinate conservation projects
- Coordinate tournaments
- Coordinate team fundraisers
- Arrange speakers and other learning sessions for after school club meetings

Club Tournaments

- All middle and high school clubs must participate in at least 2 club tournaments.
- They can be pier, bank or boat tournaments.
- Members of the youth team may compete
 - Amongst themselves,
 - Host an invitational and invite other schools, and/or
 - Attend an invitational hosted by another school.

Other Tournaments

- Club members may compete in other youth tournaments, other than those held by the club.
- These “other tournaments” can be used as qualifying tournaments as long as the club leader keeps accurate records of each team members weights



When using boats . . .

- There needs to be one boat per 2 anglers.
- Must be one adult on each boat. All boat captains may be subject to background checks.
- All boat drivers must have proof of liability insurance.



Boats: Where do we get 'em?

- Boats may be donated for use by members of the community or local bass clubs.
 - Use signup sheets at local bait and tackle stores or marinas to recruit boat volunteers.
 - When recruiting the use of boats, don't just focus on people with bass boats. Aluminum boats with livewells are fine bass fishing vessels!
- Ask students to find their own boat captains.

Community Involvement



- Recruit the help of local bait & tackle shops and adult fishing clubs
- Develop a Bass Booster Club
- Community may be able to provide:
 - Volunteers to provide boats and time
 - Volunteers who could provide fishing locations
 - Funding for club tournaments
 - Fishing equipment and tackle
 - Speakers for club meetings

Team Options



Option 1: TBF of SC Junior Club



Option 2: TBF Student Angler Federation



Option 3: B.A.S.S Junior Bassmasters



Option 4: B.A.S.S High School Nation



Option 1: TBF of SC Junior Club

- **Dues:** \$30
- **Ages:** 11-15
- **Number of Kids:** Minimum of 6 kids on each club.
- **Number of Tournaments Offered:** 2
 - TBF of SC Junior Championship (Q)
 - Junior World Championship (Q)



Option 1: TBF of SC Junior Club

- **Tournaments**
 - Anglers must participate in at least two club tournaments to qualify for the TBF of SC Junior Championship.
- **TBF of SC Junior Championship (May)**
 - Anglers fish as individuals and are randomly paired with another angler from another club and a random boat captain. Clubs send up to 6 individuals.
 - Winning angler advances to the Junior World Championship (July) where 94 anglers compete for the title.
 - The cumulative weight for the top placing club will be crowned State Champions for the year and display the winning cup.



Option 1: TBF of SC Junior Club

- Membership Dues provide
 - Opportunity to fish TBF of SC Junior Championship
 - Insurance
 - \$1,000,000 Liability
 - \$25,000 Excess Medical Coverage
 - 10,000 Accidental Death & Specific Loss
 - Access to Solar Bat fundraising opportunity
 - FLW Magazine electronic online version
 - TBF membership discounts at online store

TBF Junior Championship Tournament Route

Pay Your Dues=Opportunity to FISH!

Club Tournaments (at least 2)

Qualifies up to 6 from each team to fish the TBF of SC Junior Championship

Qualifies winning angler to fish the Junior World Championship





Option 2: TBF Student Angler Federation

- **Dues:** \$25
- **Ages:** 9th-12th Graders
- **Number of Kids:** Minimum of 6 kids on each club.
- **Tournaments:** No club qualifying tournaments required.
- **Number of Tournaments Offered:** 4
 - TBF SC State High School Championship
 - Southeastern High School Fishing Regional (Q)
 - FLW Outdoors/TBF High School Fishing National Championship (Q)
 - High School Fishing World Finals



Option 2: TBF Student Angler Federation

- **TBF SC State High School Championship (Spring):**
 - Anglers fish as pairs with the boat and boat captain they bring.
 - Winning two man angler team advances to the Southeastern High School Fishing Regional (Fall).
 - Winners from each of the 7 regionals advance to FLW Outdoors/TBF High School Fishing National Championship (Spring) held on a college campus in conjunction with the National Guard FLW College Fishing National Championship in the spring



Option 2: TBF Student Angler Federation

- **High School Fishing World Finals (July)**
 - Any angler that is a member of a Student Angler Federation club can participate in the High School Fishing World Finals that occurs every July in Russellville, Arkansas.
 - All participants must have a 2.0 GPA.
 - There is a testing component on boating safety, aquatic invasive species and more that can earn anglers extra points on their total weight.
 - This event was created to provide fun fishing, a learning opportunity and to teach the student anglers responsibility and accountability.



Option 2: TBF Student Angler Federation

- Membership Dues provide
 - Opportunity to fish SC State High School Championship and High School Fishing World Finals
 - Insurance
 - \$1,000,000 Liability
 - \$25,000 Excess Medical Coverage
 - 10,000 Accidental Death & Specific Loss
 - \$1,000,000 in Child Abuse Coverage
 - \$25,000 in Amber Alert Coverage
 - Student Angler Workbooks for club members
 - Coach/Advisor instructor CD & DVD
 - Access to the Solar Bat Fundraiser opportunity
 - Access to the Faculty of Fishing On-line education program
 - TBF Membership Discounts to the TBF Member's Only Online Store
 - Electronic version of the FLW Outdoors Magazine (8 issues)

TBF Student Angler Federation High School Fishing Tournament Route

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High School Fishing
World Finals
Russellville, Arkansas

TBF SAF South Carolina
High School State
Championship (in-state)

The Winning 2 person
team advances to the
Southeast High School
Fishing Regional (rotates)

FLW Outdoors/TBF High School Fishing
National Championship (rotates to
different college campuses)





Option 3: B.A.S.S Junior Bassmasters

- **Dues:** \$10
- **Ages:** 11-18
- **Number of Kids:** Minimum of 6 kids on each club.
- **Tournaments:** Up to each individual club to qualify their anglers for the right to compete in the Junior Bassmaster State Championship.
- **Number of Tournaments Offered:** 1
 - Junior Bassmaster State Championship



Option 3: B.A.S.S Junior Bassmasters

- **Junior Bassmaster State Championship (September/October)**
 - Anglers fish as pairs with the boat and boat captain they bring.



Option 3: B.A.S.S Junior Bassmasters

- Membership Dues provide
 - Opportunity to fish Junior Bassmaster State Championship
 - Insurance
 - \$1,000,000 Liability
 - \$25,000 Medical
 - \$10,000 Accidental Death
 - \$300,000 Damage to Premises Rented to You
 - \$5,000 Premises Medical Payments
 - \$25,000 Crisis Response
 - Potential to partner up with an adult club for tournaments, boat captains, conservation projects and after school speakers

B.A.S.S Junior Bassmaster Tournament Route

Pay Your Dues=Opportunity to FISH!



Junior Bassmaster State
Championship





Option 4: B.A.S.S High School Nation

- **Dues:** \$20
- **Ages:** 9th-12th Graders
- **Number of Kids:** Minimum of 2 kids on each club.
- **Tournaments:** Up to each individual club to qualify their anglers for the right to compete in state level tournaments.
- **Number of Tournaments Offered: 3**
 - B.A.S.S High School State Tournament
 - B.A.S.S Nation Divisional (Q)
 - B.A.S.S High School National Championship (Q)



Option 4: B.A.S.S High School Nation

- **B.A.S.S High School State Tournament**
 - The winning team and the runner up will receive an automatic spot in the B.A.S.S High School National Championship
 - The state champions will also be eligible to fish Thursday and Friday with the adult state team from the Southern Division.
- **B.A.S.S High School National Championship**
 - 3 day tournament with family fun events



Option 4: B.A.S.S High School Nation

- Membership Dues provide
 - Opportunity to fish B.A.S.S High School tournaments, the B.A.S.S Nation Divisional Tournament and the B.A.S.S High School National Championship
 - Insurance
 - \$1,000,000 Liability
 - \$100,000 sexual misconduct
 - \$25,000 supplemental child recovery
 - \$25,000 Medical
 - \$10,000 Accidental Death
 - \$300,000 Damage to Premises Rented to You
 - \$5,000 Premises Medical Payments
 - Potential to partner up with an adult club for tournaments, boat captains, conservation projects and after school speakers
 - Subscription to Bassmaster and B.A.S.S Times magazines

B.A.S.S High School Nation Tournament Route

Pay Your Dues=Opportunity to FISH!



B.A.S.S High School
Championship



The Winning 2 youth and
runner ups advance with
a 14 man team to the
Southern Federation
Nation Divisional



The winning adult from the 14 man
team will then advance to the BASS
Federation Nation Championship and
the 2 youth will advance to the Junior
Bassmaster World Championship



Questions?

