

Tennessee Bass Nation High School Team Guide

Membership and Cost

Bassmaster Membership \$10 (obtained by the angler at <https://www.bassmaster.com/high-school-resources/>)

Bass Nation Dues \$10 – Payable by the team treasurer or coach at <https://www.bassmaster.com/high-school-resources/>

TBN Dues \$20 – Payable by the team treasurer or coach to Tennessee Bass Nation High School (Regional Trails do not have dues)

***ALL Memberships and Dues are required to be paid in full No later than 15 September 2022** Teams that are not in good standing will not be allowed to compete.

Tournament entry fees – High School \$40/Junior \$20 (All State Opens and Regional Trails, except Bass Pro Shops Sevierville Trail no entry)

Trails utilize Websites and Facebook for communication

Tennessee bass nation high school/youth www.tnhsbasstrail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/tbnyouth>

Central Tennessee region Bass nation high school www.sctnbassnation.com

<https://www.facebook.com/CTNHSBASSNation>

North Central Tennessee region bass nation high school

<https://www.facebook.com/nctnbassnationhsjr>

West Tennessee region bass nation high school

<https://www.facebook.com/westtnhighschoolfishing>

Southeast Tennessee bass nation high school

<https://www.facebook.com/TBNSoutheast>

Bass pro shops Tn high school tournaments

<https://www.facebook.com/bpshighschoolt>

Trail Directors Contact Information

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Southeast Tennessee Christina Goins 423-664-2339 christina.goins@rocketmail.com

Bass Pro Shops Sevierville Brad Burkhart brad.killerbassbaits@gmail.com

Conservation/Volunteer/Soft Plastics Competitions

All Anglers are required to complete 8 hours of Volunteer Conservation/Community Service

This volunteer time counts for TN Promise and TN Achieve credit

Every year TBN HS/Youth conducts Lake/River Clean up challenges and habitat improvement enhancement programs, we are a fishing organization please keep that in mind!

Soft Plastics – each year school/community teams collect used soft plastics, the school/community team with the most weight wins a \$1000 Academy Sport Gift Card

Academy Receipts Competition- the school/community team with the most (\$ value) in receipts wins a \$500 gift card

Tennessee BASS Nation High School Hunter Northcutt Scholarship Program

This scholarship is only for senior students who are ACTIVE MEMBERS OF TN Bass Nation and have participated in tournaments this year. We hope to give away 5 scholarships again this year. It does not matter if you're going to a major 4-year school, a community college or a trade school. This scholarship is based on MORE THAN YOU'RE FISHING.

Tournament/Yearly Awards

Commissioner's Cup - (State Open Trail only) awarded to the top School/Program Team by the combined overall points from the entire season, including the State Championship Tournament of the top 3 Boat teams of each school

Regional Trail School of the year- awarded to the top School/Program Team by the combined overall points from the entire season, including the Championship Tournament of the top 3 Boat teams of each school

Boat Team of the Year – Solely based upon points from the trail which awards

Place of Finish Scholarships – (High School only) Awarded at each tournament ranging from \$2000 to \$100 is based solely upon participation in the tournament

Top School for Non-Championship Tournaments - awarded to the top School/Program Team by the combined overall weight of the top 3 Boat teams of each school

Path to the National Championship

National Events: All information is based on Bassmaster history: Fish a Bassmaster open event. Events are announced around the first of the calendar year. Top 10 percent of each tournament earn seats to National Championship. Example: 250 boats top 25 in tournament transfer. National events are capped at 250 HS Boats and 50 Junior Division Boats **only one seat per 25 Boats typically awarded to the Junior National Championship.

State Event: All information is based on trail history and is not guaranteed. The winner of each state tournament will earn a spot to National Championship. The championship winner earns a spot. The points champion earns a spot. All other spots will redirect back to points order. National event qualifier will supersede a state qualifier. Example: Team Davis and Lowery qualified at the southern open but are the state points champion and won an event. They will use the national ticket and the state will retain the other spots.

Regional Events: All information is based on trail history and is not guaranteed. All National Championship spots are earned by points. If the trail earns 5 transfer spots the top 5 in points get spots. If a team qualifies through the state or national events the regional trail gets to give that spot to next team in points

Junior Championship Nationals Qualification: Win a national event. Win the TN junior statewide championship tournament. Win the TN statewide junior points race.

Qualifying for TBN State HS Championship:

Starting 2021-2022 Season the TBN High School State Championship will be limited and have established qualification cut lines for Regions and State Open Trail

A: Each region to have 30 seats (5 regions...30 seats...total seats 150)

B: State Open Trail to receive 50 Seats

C: State Championship to be capped at 200 boat team

D: State Open Trail seats take precedence over region seats (Jeremy qualifies both State Open Trail and Central Trail the seat count is from the State Trail)

E. Region on Region.... The seat would come from the highest qualifying (David fishes Central and finishes 3 and also fishes BPS Trail Finishes 7th the seat comes from the Central)

F. Once the invites/rosters are set for the State Championship the roster is frozen...

2022 TBN Junior State Championship

A. Limit the field to 200

B. A Boat Team must have fished at least 3 Regional or 3 State Open tournaments to qualify to fish the Junior State Championship

2022 TBN Regional Trail Championships

- A. Fields are not limited (except BPS Sevierville HS Trail which is Limited to top 25 Teams)
- B. West/CTN/NCTN/Southeast trails boat teams must fish in 3 regional events

POINTS Formula

- A. Points start at 100 for first place
- B. After 60 places or the first "0" fish every team that entered gets 40 points
- C. In the event of a tie: (two teams ties for 5th place, both teams receive equal points (96/96) and next place receives 94 points....
- D. All Regions are Best 3 of 5 plus Championship, except West TN which is 4 of 5, plus Championship
- E. State Trail is Best 4 of 5/6 plus Double points championship (Two Day Event – points start at 200 and drop 2 points per position of finish...

*** BASS PRO SHOP Sevierville HS Trail standings are based upon total weight not a points system.

Example of tournament rules

Tennessee BASS Nation High School State Championship Tournament Rules

Kentucky Lake, Paris Landing TN

Launch/Weigh-In Ramp is the Paris Landing State Park Marina

Mandatory Meeting 5:00pm at the Paris Landing State Park Marina

Thursday 2 June 2022

Everyone must be off the water at 4:00pm Thursday 2 June 2022

All times will be local time to the ramp we launch from...

Launch will be "Safe Light" or "Safe Conditions" approx. 5:10 Central Time

We will call numbers whether or not you are in the water!

First High School flight will be due back at 3:00pm Central Time

Launch order will reverse on Day 2

No Locking up or down at any Tournament

Five Fish any combination

Largemouth 15 Inches

Smallmouth 15 Inches

Spots/Kentucky Bass 12 Inches

Anglers MUST use the TBN Weigh In bags that we provide.

At NO time will you:

Ride/stand/sit on the deck of the boat while big motor is running

Boat Captains may NEVER fish during tournament hours

Student Anglers are NEVER to operate a boat using the big motor, unless loading or unloading the boat

All rosters/registrations are due not later than 9am Central on Thursday 26 May 2022.

Entries need to be paid at registration or the morning of the tournament.

If you are qualified and NOT Registered by 9am on 26 May 2022, you will forfeit you qualification and the slot will be advanced to the next team in line

Coaches please email rosters to the below

High School Division – sctnbassnation@gmail.com

Junior Division – Sctnbassnation@gmail.com

All entries/rosters MUST include anglers BASS Membership Numbers

Boat numbers will be assigned by State points standings

Life Vest/Person Flotation Devices (Type III) must be worn by all individuals on board anytime the main motor is in use, ALL Buckles buckled, and all zippers zipped all the way up

**Tennessee State Law require all individuals 12 years of age and younger to wear a PFD at all times while on the deck of a vessel.

1. You must maintain 50 yards away from another competitor, unless you invite the competitor in...once you invite a competitor in all are invited.
2. NO Hole sitting (You may NOT have anyone sit/hold/block and area)
3. Alabama/Tennessee rigs are authorized, must meet TWRA Regulations or Alabama Regulations if in Alabama Waters.
4. All Boat Captains and Anglers must have read and understand the general tournament rules posted by BASS for High School and Junior Tournaments.
5. At NO TIME in either Junior or High School boats will a Boat Captain fish...period! High School Captains shall never touch any rod, reel, line or bait during tournament hours.
7. A Boat Captain can "Coach" anglers while on the water...Captains MAY NOT demonstrate...verbal coaching only. Boat captains can coach but will never touch or handle any fishing rod, lures or line during competition hours. Including lunch break. Captains can net if a single angler is in boat.
8. Trolling Motor Operation – Manually or by REMOTE, In the interest of Safety...High School Teams: A boat Captain may operate the trolling motor to "Make Safe" the anglers and vessel, this is the only time a High School Captain should be operating the trolling motor. ** JUNIOR Boat Captains** if the anglers are not familiar with operating the trolling motor, you MAY operate the trolling motor...BUT PLEASE teach them, once anglers move up to High School level they MUST operate the trolling motor. High School Captain shall NOT operate the trolling motor, unless it's to make safe the anglers or vessel.
9. Junior Boat Captains- Boat Captain may assist/instruct with tying lures, measuring a catch, clearing backlashes (reel must be detached from rod) and may net fish (the effected angler must be observing the boat captain and not fishing while you teach him/her...again, it is expected that you teach your anglers as once they reach the next level they must be able to do these actions themselves).
10. ALL, it is the ANGLERS responsibility to ensure length limits of all fish and number of fish in the livewells. Anglers MUST cull immediately upon catching the 6th fish...no more than 5 fish are to be in the livewell at any given time.
11. Anglers will present the days catch to the scales. The catch may/will be checked as needed by the weigh master. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the official length, shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass, which penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor. Short fish will not be weighed. Dead fish penalty is .25 pounds.
12. Anglers are not authorized to use electronic communication devices (cell phone, for example) unless emergencies arise. No phone fishing
13. Boat Captains may and are encouraged to video and/or take pictures during the competition hours and post them to Facebook or send them to the tournament directors for use on Facebook.
14. All Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency rules must be adhered to at all times. It is the Anglers responsibility to be familiar with and understand TWRA Regulations. If you have a

question, contact the tournament Director. A ticket during tournament hours from TWRA/USCG/TVA is a automatic Disqualification for the tournament day.

15. All Boat Captains and Anglers must have read and understand the general tournament rules posted by BASS (can be found at Bassmastercom high school) for High School and Junior Tournaments.

16. All Protest or complaints shall be filed either prior to the start of the weigh in or immediately following the weigh in...once we start issuing scholarships it's over. Period!

17. Failure to report a rules violation to the tournament director SHALL result in both the offending team and the team who fails to report said violation to be disqualified, points removed for that event or complete suspension for the remainder of the tournament season. In other words, if you fail to report the day of the tournament, but later report a violation or complain that you saw a violation...this rule will be enforced.

These tournaments are meant to be a teaching, learning and enjoyable experience. It is the responsibility of all Coaches, School Advisors, Boat Captains and Tournament Officials to teach and ensure good sportsmanship and prepare our anglers for the next level of life and tournament competition. If you have questions, please contact the Asst State Director Capt Jake Davis at 615.613.2382 or via email at scnbnation@gmail.com or the State Director David Lowrie at 931-235-6216

TN B.A.S.S. High School Boat Captain Rules

Captains may only fall in the following criteria:

- **Official faculty member of the student's institution**
- **Close family friend/State Nation member**
- **Parent of the student's High School B.A.S.S. Club**

**If a potential Captain is a local guide, then they will be ineligible for the tournament.*

TN B.A.S.S. reserves the right to deny any Boat Captain.

During Competition Boat Captains MAY:

1. **Coach**
2. **Give advice (send in plays)**
3. **Verbally explain techniques, how to.....**
4. **MAY NEVER Fish**

High School Boat Captains MAY NOT:

1. **Fish**
2. **Teach by example**
3. **Tie knots**
4. **Land fish with or without a net**
5. **Run the trolling motor**

During Competition, anytime the combustion engine is running, Boat Captains MUST be seated in the driver's seat in full control of the boat with kill lanyard attached. Never operate the combustion engine with an angler standing on the cast deck.