

B.A.S.S. NATION OF WV HIGH SCHOOL

B.A.S.S. Nation of West Virginia 2017/18 High School State Championship—Entry Form

Complete this registration form and mail to the following address:

BNWV Youth
C/O Dana Brown
10107 Audra Park Rd.
Buckhannon, WV 26201

All participants/coaches must have Boat Liability Insurance form with them on the boat! These will be randomly checked at ramp. Anyone without proper Insurance will be disqualified from the tournament.

Tournament Location: _____

RULES INTERPRETATIONS: The Youth Director is solely responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of tournament rules. Its decision will be final in all instances. All protests must be turned into the Youth Director no later than 15 minutes after the closing of the scales. All protests must be in writing.

ELIGIBILITY: These tournaments are open only to High School members affiliated with B.A.S.S. Nation and the B.A.S.S. Nation of West Virginia (BNWV) and they must be members in good standing at the time of the event. All participants must be members of a registered club with the BNWV.

REGISTRATION: Starting positions are determined by a random drawing of numbers prior to the event and will be announced at check in. The number is the boat's tournament identification number.

SCORING: The High School Trail tournaments are team events and the score will be based on a team's total weight in pounds. The tournament limit is 5 bass, 12 inches or longer. Five (5) Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted) 12" or longer. Special regulations for Stonewall Jackson Lake will be provided before any event on that lake. **Participants cannot cull dead fish. A dead fish will not be weighed for luncker.** In the event of a tie, points and prize money will be split. First place gets 100 points; second place gets 99 points, etc. In the event that a team member cannot fish an event, the other partner is permitted to fish alone for team points or fish one tournament with a substitute partner that is a member in good standing with the BNWV. The top two (2) teams will qualify directly to the National Championship.

TOURNAMENT HOURS: Tournaments will run from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In the event of weather delay, the Youth Director will decide on an extension of the tournament. Youth Director has the right to change start time due to low visibility.

PENALTIES: All participants must check in with tournament officials at the official check-in site. Participants arriving late for weigh-in will be penalized 1 pound per minute. Any participants arriving 10 minutes late will lose the entire weight of their fish for that day. **If a dead fish is weighed, 4 ounces will be deducted per dead fish and a short fish is a 1 pound penalty. Dead fish will not be weighed for luncker.**

SAFETY PFD's: Safety is #1. All competitors must wear and have secured to their person a U.S. Coast Guard-approved chest-type PFD at **ALL TIMES** during the operation of the gas motor. Competitors 16 yrs. and older and weighing more than 80 lbs. shall be permitted to wear an inflatable PFD. Each Boat Coach must wear a PFD and have a kill switch lanyard securely attached to their person anytime the outboard motor is running. *A reminder – according to WV state law, inflatable PFD's are not legal PFD's unless they are being worn*. All persons in each boat must be seated whenever the outboard is running.

RPM Limit: Boat Coaches may only operate their boat at a **maximum of 4500 rpm's**, except in cases of an emergency. **Boat Operation:** The Boat Coach is the only person aboard that is permitted to operate the boat with the outboard motor, except in cases of an emergency. **Landing Net:** The use of a landing net by the **HS Boat Coach is NOT permitted.** Competitors may use a landing net and assist each other, if requested. **Trolling Motor Use:** Competitors only are permitted to use the electric trolling motor, except in cases of an emergency. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** All participants shall observe high standards of ethics, sportsmanship, personal conduct, and abide by all state rules and regulations. Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited during competition hours. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Only one rod may be in use per participant at one time. **Participants may not use any communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish.**

INSURANCE: All participants must maintain liability insurance equal to \$300,000.00 of liability coverage for the boat they are using. By signing this form, the participant certifies that the \$300,000.00 of liability insurance coverage for the boat is in effect during the time of this tournament. **POLYGRAPH:** All participants agree that they will, if required by the Youth Director, submit to a polygraph examination. Participants further agree that the results of the polygraph will be accepted without further appeal. Failure to take or successfully pass a polygraph examination will result in immediate disqualification without recourse.

By signing this form, I agree to hold the B.A.S.S. Nation of WV harmless should any injury or damage result to me or my property. I also agree to abide by the above rules and all B.A.S.S. rules that, if not otherwise addressed on this form, apply during these events. You can find these additional rules on the B.A.S.S. Nation web site.

Student: _____ Student: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Coach: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____