

The Bass Federation (TBF) of South Carolina &
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)

TBF of South Carolina Youth Junior Championship
May 19th † Dreher Island State Park

It is the intention of The Bass Federation (TBF) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' Aquatic Education Section to make this event as enjoyable and rewarding as possible. Therefore, in addition to the two individual State Champions, there will also be a Champion School Team. This will be decided by the total weight of all team members combined. The winning team will hold that honor for the year and display the Championship Trophy at their school during that time.

Schools may send a team of up to six members, three from each age group (11-14 and 15-18) **IF YOU CAN**, otherwise any 6 members may be sent to the TBF of South Carolina Juniors Championship. No matter what, you must send an even number of anglers. It is still required that there be one boat and an adult volunteer driver for every two anglers.

In this tournament, school teams will be competing against other school teams for the title of State School Team Champions and will have the honor of displaying the Championship trophy at their school for the following year. However, there will still only be state two champions, one from each age group (11-14 and 15-18) that will proceed on to the National Guard Junior World Championship later in the year.

TBF of South Carolina is pleased to announce the sponsorship of Berkley and Abu Garcia brands to the program and Junior Championship. With their help, this is sure to be a top quality event.

Rule Summary:

- Two anglers will share each boat along with an adult volunteer. Adults cannot fish but may assist anglers with tackle or netting of fish. A limit of five bass of a minimum size of 12 inches can be weighed in. Only five bass can be in an angler's possession at any time. Each limit of bass **MUST** be kept separate between the two anglers sharing a boat.
- Youth angler pairings will be done by a random computer draw. Each angler is entitled to ½ of the day on the trolling motor on his or her waters.
- Boats provided by volunteers must be a minimum of 16 feet in length, have front and rear casting decks, a front mounted trolling motor, an aerated live well capable of keeping alive and separated two angler's limit of five bass each. Boats must also have console steering (no tiller), an ignition safety kill switch and all safety equipment as required by the United States Coast Guard.
- Boats should have a full tank of gas at the beginning of the tournament. This is done in the interest of fairness to all as well as safety. Boaters must carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance. **Anglers are required to reimburse boat owners for gas in the amount of \$30 each.**
- One individual angler from each age group weighing the heaviest limit of bass will be declared the TBF of SC Juniors Champion and be eligible to advance to the TBF National Guard Junior World Championship. The school team with the heaviest combined weight will be declared the State School Youth Fishing Champions.
- Permitted methods of fishing will be the use of artificial lures only, no live bait of any sort. Only

- one fishing rod may be in use at any one time by an angler.
- The use of cell phones or any other communication devices to exchange fishing information is prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification. Cell phones can be used for emergencies ONLY.
- Every angler must provide his own United States Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PFD). PFDs must be worn any time the gasoline engine is running.
- All anglers and volunteers must have a valid fishing license if over the age of 16.

All entries must be postmarked no later than May 5th, 2012.

Download forms and waivers and mail to: TBF of SC Youth PO Box 2616 Lexington, SC 29071

Please direct any questions you may have in regards to this tournament to:

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