

B.A.S.S. High School Nation

Purpose

Connecting young anglers with the outdoors. Developing responsible champions of our natural resources through the sport of fishing. Creating opportunity for character development, education and values uniquely found within the sportsmanship etiquette and integrity of this national pastime.

Funding Source

Title Sponsor, Grants

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Age: Students that have graduated from the 8th grade or are in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade.

Develop a B.A.S.S. High School webpage.

- Monthly pro tips – more advanced techniques, how to market, public speaking, budgeting etc...
 - Boater safety course and test.
 - Photo gallery.
 - Monthly online fishing contest
 - Sponsor opportunity
 - Must be part of B.A.S.S. sanctioned HS club
 - Possible monthly prizes
- b. Develop videos and/or materials on how to start a high school club.
- c. Competition with a chance to compete on a regional and national level.
- d. Must be a B.A.S.S. member and a B.A.S.S. Nation member (combo \$20)

1. Eligibility

- a. Students must be part of an official high school club as recognized by said high school.
- b. Must be a B.A.S.S. member.
- c. Each club must join the B.A.S.S. Nation, and have an active advisor who is a B.A.S.S. member and responsible for submitting all membership paperwork. Membership may be complementary for the advisor if needed.
- d. High school club must have at least two (2) active B.A.S.S. members.
- e. Each student must attend the HS in which they represent.
EXCEPTION: with **ANNUALLY** documented proof of denial to form a club in their high school, on school letterhead, signed by the principal, explaining reasons for denial, six (6) students may form a district, county, home school or church high school club.
- f. Eligibility begins at the conclusion of the B.A.S.S. High School Nation Championship following graduation from the 8th grade, and ends after the B.A.S.S. High School Nation Championship following a child's senior year.
- g. Must meet GPA requirements of the High School they attend.
- h. Each club member must complete sixteen (16) hours of community service.
- i. Each club must complete one (1) conservation project per school year.
- j. Each club member must complete a US Coast guard approved boater's safety course.
- k. Clubs are responsible for acquiring one boat and one boat captain for each team (two anglers) entering each event. (see 2. d. below)

- l. The B.A.S.S. Shield must be present on the front of your club jersey or hat. School name and colors must be prominently displayed on your jersey. For every competing tournament trail logo(s) that is present on your jersey, there must be one (1) B.A.S.S. shield or B.A.S.S. logo of equal size or larger.
- m. High School (HS) teams must register by sending in the official B.A.S.S. High School club packet. Packet can be found on the B.A.S.S. High School page www.bassmaster.com/highschool. School team logos will be listed on Bassmaster.com if authorized by school.
- n. Must comply with BHSN rules.
- o. Qualification for BHSNC in accordance with rules.

2. B.A.S.S. High school State Championships

- a. State championships are hosted/run by state/foreign country BNs.
- b. All high school club members that meet all the requirements in section 1. **Eligibility**, are eligible for state competition.
- c. State determines when state championships are held. States may hold state championships a year in advance if needed; however, this may shorten a student's eligibility.
- d. Competition teams are comprised of two (2) high school anglers, schools may be represented by as many two angler teams as they like, provided all teams meet the B.A.S.S. eligibility requirements. In the event a HS club has an odd number, a single angler may compete as a team.
- e. Max 200 boat field for the state/foreign country championship. First come first served basis.
- f. The State Champion team, as well as the runner up team, of each state tournament advance directly to the B.A.S.S. High School National Championship. The state champion team also advances to their corresponding divisional to fish two days as part of the adult state team.

3. Divisionals

- a. The State Champion team will advance to their corresponding divisional and compete as part of their state team. There is no further advancement. They will fish as a team.

4. B.A.S.S. High school Championship – Super Six Format

- a. Location TBD
 - Stand alone event in summer or the week following a summertime Elite Event or the College B.A.S.S. Championship.
- b. Possible 94 teams (188 kids) could advance from state championship. Possible 108 teams (216 kids) if foreign countries choose to participate.
- c. 3 day competition
- d. Day 1 and 2 full field
- e. Day 3 cut to the “Super Six” to decide the B.A.S.S. High school National Champions.
- f. B.A.S.S. Runs High school Championship.
- g. Plan to televise on ESPNU.
- h. Scholarships planned. Amounts TBD.