



ALABAMA STUDENT ANGLER BASS FISHING ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

RULE CHANGES and ENFORCEMENT of RULES: The following rules have been set forth by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing Association (ASABFA) for the 2023 "ASABFA Classic Qualifiers" and the "ASABFA Classic." The following rules shall apply to all Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing Association (ASABFA) tournaments. These rules may be changed by ASABFA immediately upon notice to its members, which notice may be published on the ASABFA internet site at <https://www.asabfa.com/> and sent out to coaches by email. Rules for special tournaments may differ from those contained herein. Rules shall remain unchanged except for safety concerns and any error or omission. Should such an error or omission occur the error or omission shall be rectified. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director, his/her designee, or ASABFA Officers. In the event of a rules violation, the Tournament Director, his/her designee, or tournament officials may impose such sanctions, as they deem appropriate. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director his/her designee at a tournament and the Rules Violation Committee. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director or a rules committee may impose such sanctions as they deemed appropriate, including disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee, and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Subject to the appeal process, the decision of the Tournament Director, his/her designee, and the Rules Violation Committee shall be final in all matters. Rules violations must be reported to tournament officials within 15 minutes of the scales being declared closed on the day of the alleged violation. Penalties for rules violations may include the following:

- (a) reduction of competition hours as determined by the Tournament Director
 - (b) loss of one or more fish in question.
 - (c) loss of the tournament and or days catch of the violation
 - (d) disqualification from the tournament in question
 - (e) disqualification from future ASABFA events may be from a specific number of events, a specific period, or a lifetime disqualification.
 - (f) any different or additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director including but not limited to reduction of Team of Year points.
 - (g) reduction of boat points or team points. Team boats that have been disqualified will be calculated in the total team's points and will receive zero "0" points added to the team's total points.
 - (h) other penalties not otherwise stated but deemed appropriate for a rules violation
- (i) **PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** Tournaments are only open to Association members or individual members in good standing with an ASABFA-affiliated student angler Team or under special invitation. Age, grade, class, and eligibility requirements as set forth by the following: Participants must meet the following requirements to compete; senior division anglers must have started the 7th grade but not yet started the first semester of their freshman year of college except for dual enrollment students. Students graduating after the first semester of their senior year may fish the spring events including the ASABFA Classic if they have met all requirements of the ASABFA and their Team. Junior Division anglers must have started the 6th grade but started their 9th. grade classes. The entry fee per boat must be paid as posted for each tournament. Each student angler must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher. It is the responsibility of the competitors to enter proof of grade level, age, and eligibility to the satisfaction of tournament officials if requested. All participants must have, in their possession, a valid fishing license covering the waters to be fished, where required by law. **A PROPERLY COMPLETED ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED ELECTRONICLY ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE (Saturday before the tournament).** The ASABFA reserves the right to discontinue the acceptance of applications before the deadline and the right to extend the acceptance date. Each affiliated ASABFA Team may enter up to **6 senior** team boats in each Classic Qualifying Tournament. No limit in 2023 for junior division boats. The number of boats entered by an affiliated ASABFA Team in the Classic Tournament will be based on the point schedule as approved by the Board of Directors each year at the Annual Meeting of ASABFA. Each boat will be comprised of 2 qualified team members or an observer who is a member of the ASABFA, as well as a boat captain. All tournaments are open to ASABFA affiliated Teams in the Classic Qualifying Tournaments. All team members must be students of the same high school or feeder school in the district they are representing. Homeschooled and private school students may participate in ASABFA events, provided they are members of the school team and recognized by the team's Board of Education. During the competition and practice days, no boat captain may operate a boat unless they have documented proof of a minimum of \$300,000 boating liability insurance (subject to verification by the Tournament Director or other tournament officials). In the event there are anglers with special needs, the captain (with prior approval of the Tournament Director) may assist the angler with preparation but may not cast or fish.
- (j) **WAIVER AND RELEASE:** As a condition of participation in each ASABFA tournament or event, each angler, boat captain, or observer, must execute a waiver and release of liability, General-Tournament-Release Form 1528 (1) (18 and over) or Minor-Release Form (Under 18).
 - (k) **BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Adult participants are to complete a background check. The ASABFA will provide a company for team use. Teams may submit to the ASABFA adult team volunteers that have already submitted a background check through the team, school, or school system on the official school or system letterhead.
 - (l) **PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE:** The event waters **may** be placed on OFF-LIMITS by the Tournament Director as published for the particular tournament event. No competitor may buy or barter a fishing location from guides or other participants for use during any competition day. A boat captain may not participate in a tournament if they have been a guide on that particular tournament water within the last 30 days. (NEW) 7-Day Rule –No guides, Local Help, or Pre-Fishing information should be obtained from your team active members only. During competition days of the



tournament, team members may use any type of communication device to communicate with others from their team. Each contestant agrees to report, promptly, to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of these Tournament Rules. The failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these Rules or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification and/or additional penalties as deemed appropriate. REGISTRATION: This is a "team" event consisting of two student anglers and one boat captain. Each team, participant, and boat captain are required to pre-register and return completed entry forms to the ASABFA on or before the deadline date. Registration and entry fees must be received SATURDAY MIDNIGHT BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT DATE. Any entries received after the deadline will be assigned a late penalty (see rule 18). Boat numbers will be determined by random draw and provided to the team at the end of the pre-tournament meeting. Once the boat numbers are assigned, they will not be changed. Therefore, boat numbers cannot be traded amongst team members. All teams must have 80% of your coaches, boat captains, and anglers take part in the assigned Pre-Tournament Meetings. (On-Line or In-person) If a team does not have the 80percent the team will be assessed a 50-point team penalty. Students that participate in other school activities may be used in your count with a signed note from the school staff where they were in attendance.

5. SPORTSMANSHIP: Participants in the Association Classic Qualifier or Classic Tournament are expected to follow high standards of **sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation.** Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any contender during the official event or tournaments will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future ASABFA tournaments. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats during the Tournament or competition day, or when in the weigh-in area. Maximum courtesy must always be practiced, especially regarding boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor that reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries, conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be a reason for disqualification. Chemical substance addiction or abuse, the conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and disqualification. Any disqualification or suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation.

PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT: Anglers participating in any ASABFA-sanctioned event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. Anglers shall, always, conduct themselves in a manner becoming professional anglers that will not reflect unfavorably on the ASABFA, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments, or sponsors.

To this end, anglers, boat captains, coaches, advisors, parents, and family members shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any anglers, boat captains, coaches, advisors, parents, and family who violates any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to penalties, reduction of boat/team points, forfeiture of tournament prizes, suspension from competing in individual ASABFA sanctioned events, permanent ban from competition or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by ASABFA.

Anglers are frequently in the public eye and are considered role models; therefore, tournament competitors must demonstrate good sportsmanship in fishing. Sportsmanship is defined as fair play, respect for opponents, and polite behavior while competing in the sport.

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1. The following are examples of unacceptable behavior by competitors in ASABFA events that will be cause for penalties as outlined in this document.
 - Heated public disagreements with ASABFA officials, other competitors and fans, and volunteers during an event.
 - Public attacks through media, including social media, upon the integrity of ASABFA rules or officials.
 - Public comments that an angler or participants knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of ASABFA, ASABFA officials, or its sponsors
 - Displays of anger and displeasure for reasons related to a fishing competition or event where members of the public, including other anglers, participants, spectators, and the media, are present.
 - Publicly questioning or criticizing a tournament official or official decision, ruling, or penalty except through the proper channels.
 - Abuse (physical, verbal, threatening, or slanderous) of tournament officials, volunteers, fellow competitors, or others connected with an ASABFA event including comments on social media. Offensive or slanderous comments with racial, cultural, or sexual overtones regarding event officials, event personnel, or fellow anglers.
 - Intentionally interfering with a fellow angler's ability to compete. A disqualification, suspension, or other disciplinary action imposed by any tournament or fishing organization may result in disqualification from participating in an ASABFA event.

6. SAFETY: In the event of an emergency, competitors should call 911 first and then notify tournament officials and coaches. All persons in a tournament boat shall remain seated in a recommended on-plane seating location when the combustion engine is running. Sitting on pedestal seats while the combustion engine is in gear is not permitted. Student Anglers are NOT permitted to operate the main engine or drive the boat with the one exception to load the boat on the trailer. Operators of motors or engines must have in their possession a valid vessel license. Safe boat



conduct must always be observed by tournament participants, observers, and boat captains. During the tournament, each competitor, observer, and boat captain is required to wear a Coast Guard-approved life preserver anytime the combustion engine is operating. The preserver must be strapped, snapped, or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the competitors reach their fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. No inflatable or hybrid life jackets of any kind on any ASABFA Sanctioned event. The boat captain must have the kill switch connected and operational anytime the combustion engine is operating. Violation of this rule shall be a reason for disqualification or delayed blast-off or early return.

Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather; ASABFA reserves the right to impose speed limits on any or all tournaments. Whether or not to impose a speed limit, the area covered by the speed limit and/or the actual speed limit imposed shall be left exclusively to the discretion of the Tournament Director, or his/her designee.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or prepared bait will be permitted, except for pork strips, rinds, etc. Only one casting, spin casting, or spinning rod (8 ft. max. length from butt of the handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. All other types are prohibited. Only one rod and reel outfit as described is permitted in use per angler at any given time. A-Rig or like lures may be used for ASABFA Tournaments. All bass must be caught alive and in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their day's catch disqualified. When visually fishing for bass, to be counted as legal fish all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and **must be verified** by your adult Boat Captain before being unhooked. Gaffs may not be used to boat bass nor be permitted in the boat at any time. The use of grippers in landing bass is prohibited. No Puncture Cull Systems must be used on all ASABFA Tournaments. Dip nets will be allowed.

8. BOAT AND MOTOR: Each team is to provide their team boats and adult boat captains that are at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or 21 or older, properly licensed by the State of Alabama to operate the combustible engine and a member of the ASABFA. The boat captain is "chosen" by the team and cannot fish during the event, but each team agrees and understands that any infractions or rule violations by the boat captain can be applied to the team. For the safety of all participants, boats will be equipped with some type of U.S. Coast Guard-approved ignition/engine stop/shutoff device. The engine stop switch device must be attached to the boat captain's body any time the combustion engine is operating. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, the boat captain must be the driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. An electric trolling motor may be used for maneuvering; however, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. All boats must be a minimum of 16 feet in length. All boats must be equipped with wheel steering for the drive engine; no other steering device will be permitted. No barges or similar cumbersome crafts will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.

Boats must contain a properly aerated live well space to maintain alive a limit catch of bass by both participants. No portable container or cooler with aeration is permitted for keeping fish. The maximum horsepower, shall not exceed the horsepower capacity set forth on the "Maximum Capacities" plate described below. The minimum horsepower allowed is 40 horsepower for all ASABFA tournaments. Each boat must have a legible "Maximum Capacities" (or comparably titled) plate that includes a maximum horsepower rating affixed to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the maximum horsepower capacity specified on this plate. Each contestant agrees to submit his/her boat and/or motor to an inspection by tournament officials or manufacturer personnel. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating plate will be cause for disqualification from the tournament and may result in ineligibility to compete in future ASABFA-sanctioned events. Fishing platforms must be factory-installed equipment. No portable platforms may be used in tournament competitions. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed and/or recommended fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public.

9. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT: Every boat must have all required safety equipment. Also, it must have a functional bilge pump and live well space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain a limit catch of live bass by both competitors using the boat. ASABFA recommends the use of ice to cool live well water and improve oxygen levels during "summer" months. Leave your aerators on "recirculate" and running. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity are "proper and adequate." Any tournament boat receiving a ticket during the tournament will be grounds for disqualification. The boat receiving a ticket must report to the tournament director as soon as possible after receiving the violation.

10. BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Each boat MUST be given, before each day's start, a live well and SAFETY INSPECTION check by a tournament official. Each boat will be assigned a tournament number. A boat is officially checked in when the number is logged in by returning the number peg to the official check-in location by an ASABFA Official. All fishing must stop after the boat has been checked in.

11. BOAT OPERATION: If neither student angler cannot nor wish not to run the trolling motor the boat captain may run it for them. The boat captain has sole discretion to veto any selected location for safety reasons. Anyone operating the trolling motor must have a valid vessel license including launching the boat as per State law.

12. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Tournament waters shall be established by the Tournament Director for each event. Each competitor must obtain this information from the ASABFA staff. Any water within these boundaries posted Off-Limits or No Fishing by state or federal agencies will be **OFF-LIMITS**. Also, any live bass-release area established by the Tournament Director will be **OFF-LIMITS** and will be announced by the Tournament Director. Only that water open to **ALL** public fishing will be considered tournament waters. All angling must be done from the boat. No boat may pass through any lock from one body of water to another.



13. PARTICIPANTS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT: Participants and the boat captain must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Participants must leave and return to official checkpoints by boat. Participants must always remain in the boat except in case of a dire emergency. Participants may leave the boat and seek safe shelter in bad weather where danger may be imminent, at which time all fishing must cease. In an emergency, both competitors may be removed from their boat to: A BOAT OPERATED BY OTHER COMPETITORS OR A RESCUE BOAT so designated by the Tournament Director. If after the emergency is resolved by tournament officials and enough time is left to resume fishing, a RESTART will be allowed, and the competitors will continue, and their catch will be counted. This applies only to dire emergencies. Trailing of boats during tournament hours is prohibited, except by the direction of the Tournament Director.

14. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT: There shall be an official checkpoint for checkout in the morning and check-in in the afternoon and this point shall be designated by the Tournament Director or his/her designee. At the time of check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full compliance with all Safety and Tournament rules set forth by the Tournament Director. All boats shall identify themselves at check-in and proceed immediately to the designated check-in area. Boat number pegs must be returned to the ASABFA Official located at the official ASABFA checkpoint by the flight return time. If a boat does not return the number peg that boat is disqualified and will count against the team's points. A peg that is returned late, the boat will be penalized or disqualified based on how late it was returned, but will not count against the team unless there are only three boats entered. **YOU MUST CHECK IN EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FISH.** All boats must check in at the designated checkpoint. A checkpoint is the only way to monitor who is safely off the water or not. A 50-point team penalty will be assessed for failing to check in and return the flag and/or boat numbering system.

15. SCORING: Tournament standing, awards, and final standings shall be determined by a method of scoring set forth and announced by the Tournament Director or his/her designee. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Red Eye, or Shoal Bass will be weighed. The limit shall be 5 of the above species and varieties per day or a special limit is established for a tournament by the Tournament Director, in which case the state limit or special limit shall be the tournament limit. At no time shall a competitor have, in possession, more than the tournament limit. Tournament Officials will conduct checks for violations of this provision, and in the event, a competitor has in their possession more than the stated limit, shall cull, starting with the largest bass first, etc., down to the stated limit. The official length for bass shall be decided by Tournament Officials and announced by the Tournament Director. The only bass which measures the official length or more on the longest straight line shall be weighed in. Bass presented for weigh-in which fails to measure the official length, shall accrue penalties at the rate of 1 pound for each non-legal bass. This penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the boat. Any bass that appears to be mangled, mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials. After a competitor's check-in at the official checkpoint, they must present all legal fish in their possession to the tournament official to be counted, measured, and weighed. Once a boat's catch has been measured, counted, or verified by a tournament official, the competitors may not return to their boat until their fish have been weighed and recorded. Each boat's catch must be presented in an official ASABFA weigh-in bag, provided by tournament officials.

16. CATCH-&-RELEASE: THE DEAD FISH, NO CULL RULE APPLIES.

17. DO NOT KILL YOUR CATCH: Each competitor is expected to keep their bass alive by the proper use of the boat's live well system and ice. For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-ins officials, the competitor shall be penalized eight (8) ounces of weight from their daily score. The Tournament Officials shall have sole authority for assessing penalty points.

18. LATE PENALTY: Entries that are received after the deadline will be allowed to participate in the tournament. However, those boats will be last to blast off and first to check in. Check-in time for the boats entered late will be (2:30 pm Senior division) (1:00 pm Junior Division) unless otherwise instructed. Competitors who are not in the official checkpoint area as described in Rule 14 at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute, to be deducted from the total weight of their catch that day. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness, and in no case shall a competitor be allowed to make up "lost time." After proper recognition at the check-in point, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site; however, all fishing must cease upon check-in. Fishing the tournament waters is only permissible during tournament hours. The exact starting and check-in times will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. It is the angler's responsibility to confirm check-in times each day on the daily pairings.

19. IES: In case of a tie for champions, awards, prizes, or cut positions the following tiebreakers will be used in order: (1) Largest Bass. If individuals remain tied after these tiebreakers are employed, (2) The team with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the official event; (3) the Team with the greatest number of fish caught on the tournament day. the tie shall be resolved by means selected by the Tournament Director and will be used to determine the winner(s), and the awards. Ties for lesser positions shall be resolved by means selected by the Tournament Director. Individual boat ties will use Largest Bass. If individual boats remain tied after these tiebreakers are employed, (2) The team with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the official event; (3) coin flip

20. PAIRING OF PARTICIPANTS: Whenever possible, one - (2) two-person team of participants will be in each boat, with one boat captain. If for any reason, only one student angler is available to participate, an observer must be utilized to ride in that boat with them. The observer must be provided by the angler's team and follow the same rules as the boat captain. An observer must be age 10 or older and be an ASABFA member. ASABFA will not provide an observer. A participant must not allow any bass illegally caught by their team to be counted in their weight. In such cases, both participants and the boat captain will be disqualified from this and all future ASABFA-sanctioned events.

21. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS: None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat at any time during the event.



22. PATCHES AND/OR SIGNAGE: Anglers are encouraged to wear their clothing, which may bear patches, logos, and other signage promoting the anglers' sponsors. The Association may, however, restrict the use of patches, logos, signage, etc. that promote or advertise products that are in ASABFA's sole judgment, in poor taste. The Association will provide as much advance notice as possible to the competitors in such instances. Team jerseys will have included the ASABFA logo.

23. BOAT CAPTAINS: Boat Captains will serve as "officials" in the event and will not be allowed to fish or handle any fishing equipment during tournament days. They are there to act as boat captains, mentors, and observers. They may assist the Student Anglers in a manner as to coach or mentor them only. They may suggest fishing areas or techniques, baits, etc., but the final decision, if safety is not a factor, on where to fish or fishing methods will rest with the Student Anglers. **Boat Captains are not allowed to be tournament Boat captains if they have guided on the tournament lake in the past 30 days on the tournament waters they are serving as a boat captain.** They may pre-fish (non-tournament dates) if your team permits. The intent of the Boat Captain role is not to give the student anglers an edge. Preferably, Boat Captains should be from the team's area and used in the team's fall events. Not for hire, but reimbursement for gas expenses, is okay. The boat captains MAY NOT tie knots, cast lines or lures, set the hook, play fish to the boat or take any fishing action with a rod or reel. They may operate the dip net if they so choose. Boat Captains will always have complete control of the boat and outboard engine. The student anglers may not drive the boat (other than loading on the trailer). Student anglers may run the trolling motor if properly licensed by the state of Alabama; however, the Boat Captain has the right to take control of the trolling motor at any time, if safety or equipment is at risk. Boat captains are subject to the same rules as the anglers, and penalties if any can be applied to the team in your boat. Boat Captains are subject to polygraph tests or truth verification tests. A completed entry form and event waiver must also be submitted for each boat captain. Exceptions can be made before the tournament for anglers with special needs, (see Rule 2).

24. SOCIAL NETWORKING: (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc.) ASABFA is aware that social media websites have become increasingly popular, not only among students but among adults, as well. While these sites have the potential to offer both social and professional benefits, they have equal potential to disrupt the team environment. Anglers and parents should be mindful that the information posted on these sites is public and can be accessed and shared by others. For this reason, anglers and their families/friends should refrain from posting statements or material that reflects poorly on ASABFA, their team, school, or an angler's character. To do so, will only hurt your credibility and effectiveness with teammates, parents, and associates of the team. Such posts will be removed from the site and the poster could be banned from the site permanently.

26. MEDIA COMMENTS, PUBLIC ATTACKS: The favorable public reputation of ASABFA as a sanctioning organization in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its media properties are valuable assets and tangible benefits for ASABFA. Accordingly, it is an obligation of competitors to refrain from comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage the integrity of tournaments, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow anglers, or the ASABFA organization. Competitors are encouraged to express themselves and have the right to question the rules officials. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with ASABFA policies are encouraged, as opposed to attacks upon the integrity of the rules or officials. However, public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of ASABFA, ASABFA officials, or sponsors, shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional and may result in disciplinary action.

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