

Youth Fishing Clubs

The Bass Federation

SC Department of Natural Resources

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Purpose of the Partnership

- Get South Carolina's middle to high school aged youth engaged in fishing



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Goals of the Bass Team Initiative

- Establish Bass Fishing as a high school sport
- Create a Youth Tournament Series for youth anglers to compete against other schools



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Team Framework

- Requirements to start a team
 - Must have at least 6 youth within 11-18 age range
 - Each student must pay membership dues of \$40.00
 - One coach representative for each school
 - Clubs must participate in 2 tournaments to qualify for state championship



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What do my DUES get me?

- Student Angler Workbooks for club members
- Coach/Advisor instructor CD & DVD
- Access to the Solar Bat Fundraiser opportunity
- Opportunity to fish in the State Championship
- Opportunity to fish High School Fishing World Finals for a chance at thousands in scholarship money



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But wait, there's more!

- FULL TBF membership and benefits
- TBF Membership Discounts to the TBF Member's Only Online Store
- FLW competitor membership
- Electronic version of the FLW Outdoors Magazine (8 issues)
- Insurance coverage for your club members



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Insurance Coverage

- Same insurance coverage is available to all Youth Clubs that are offered for adults
- Coverage includes:
 - \$1 million dollars of general liability coverage
 - \$10,000 of participant AD&D cover
 - \$25,000 excess medical coverage
 - All coaches and volunteers who help with tournaments are also covered under this insurance policy.



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Responsibilities of the Team Leader

- Coordinate the recruitment of youth anglers and create a team roster
- Provide advice and leadership
- Promote and encourage community involvement
- Coordinate tournaments
- Coordinate team fundraisers
- Arrange speakers and other learning sessions for after school club meetings



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Community Involvement



- Recruit the help of local bait & tackle shops
- Recruit the help of local adult fishing clubs
- Develop a Bass Booster Club
- Community may be able to provide:
 - Volunteers to provide boats and time
 - Volunteers who could provide fishing locations
 - Funding for club tournaments
 - Fishing equipment and tackle
 - Speakers for club meetings



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Club Tournaments

- Youth Teams must participate in 2 club tournaments to compete in the SC Bass Federation Youth State Championship
- Members of the youth team may compete amongst themselves in club tournaments to qualify for the State Championship
 - These club tournaments may be bank fishing, pier or boat tournaments.



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Other Tournaments

- Youth Bass Federation members may compete in other youth tournaments, other than those held by the club.
- These “other tournaments” can be used to qualify for the state championship as long as the club leader keeps accurate records of each team members weights



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SC Bass Federation Youth State Championship

- Will be a boat tournament
 - Requirements 1 boat per 2 anglers
 - Youth Club members are covered under Bass Federation insurance
- Each Club may send up to six members to the State Championship. No matter what, they must send an even number of anglers and a boat for every two anglers.
- To qualify for state, club members will have to participate in 2 tournaments (not necessarily catch fish in both tournaments).



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Winners from State Championship

- One youth from each age category (11-14; 15-18) will go to the Youth FLW Championship where kids compete from different states.
- 2 Years ago FLW Youth Champion was from Aiken, South Carolina.



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Boats



- If using boats, there needs to be one boat per 2 anglers.
- Must be one adult on each boat.
- Bass Federation Youth Tournaments have a mandated speed limit
- All boat drivers must have proof of liability insurance.
- At the state tournament, all boat drivers must be TBF members for insurance.



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Boats: Where do we get 'em?

- Boats may be donated for use by members of the community or local bass clubs.
 - Use signup sheets at local bait and tackle stores or marinas to recruit boat volunteers.
 - When recruiting the use of boats, don't just focus on people with bass boats. Aluminum boats are fine bass fishing vessels!



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Fundraising

- Youth clubs can sell different types of customizable Solar Bat sunglasses with \$5 for each pair going to the Club.



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Note: All polarized lenses are created equal, these glasses carry the Solar Bat logo, which stands for quality.

People in the know, who love to spend time outdoors, wear sunglasses with high quality polarized lenses. Quality polarization will eliminate annoying surface glare and actually improve visual acuity. Glare is to your vision as static is to your hearing. Anglers especially need to eliminate the glare and see what hides beneath by wearing our quality polarized sunglasses.

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Finesse

Average-sized glasses available in black or white, with a silver trim on arms that adds a finishing touch. Complete with TBF Logo. Frame: TR90, Shiny White or Shiny Black w/Silver Accents on Arms. Lens: Gray, Polarized. Fit: Average. Style: Unisex. SKU: 5A1




Twenty-Twenty

Nice, lightweight, all black pair of frame to average fit glasses with TCG nose piece to help facial grip. Complete with TBF Logo on side. Frame: TR90, Shiny Black, TCG Nosepiece. Lens: Gray, Polarized. Style: Unisex. SKU: 5A2




Camo Wild

A camo patterned pair of sunglasses for a small to average frame size. Arms have TCG (temperature control grip) temple grip to keep your glasses from slipping. Complete with TBF Logo. Frame: TR90, Green, gold & purple camo pattern. Lens: Gray, Polarized. Fit: Small to Average. Style: Unisex. SKU: 5A3




Stealth

Very slick looking glasses complete with TCG nose pieces and temple grips to help glasses stay on face without slipping. Includes TBF Logo on side. Frame: TR90, Shiny Black & Gray, TCG Nosepiece & Temple Grip. Lens: Mirrored Gray, Polarized. Fit: Small to Average. Style: Unisex. SKU: 5A4

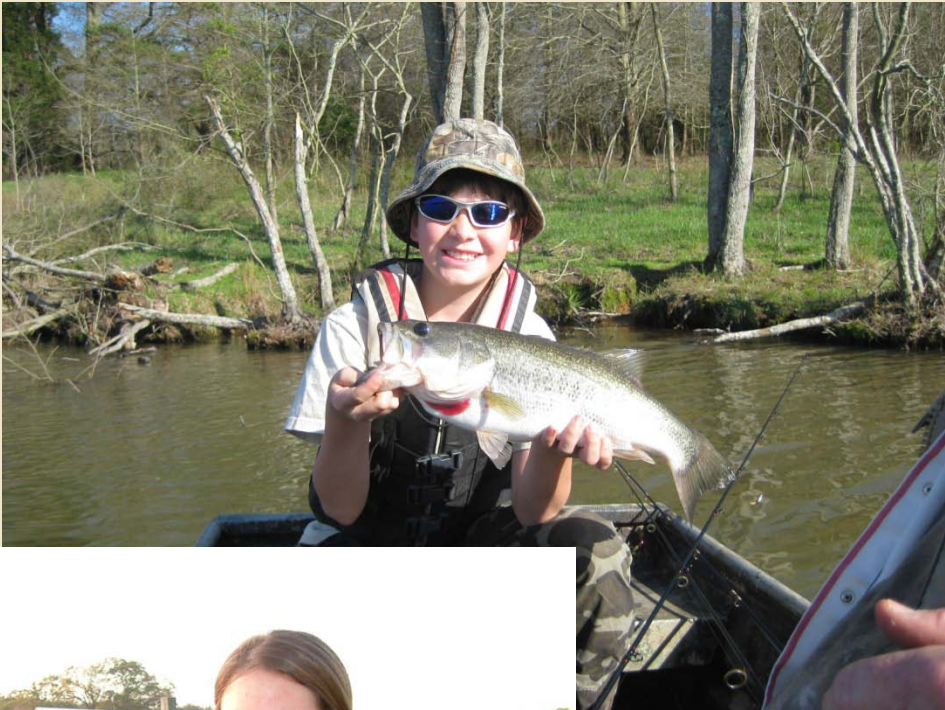



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