

GBCF Youth Top 6 Rules

1. Any effort to sway a judge or tournament officials decision at any time by any member of a team or anyone affiliated with a team **WILL** result in the immediate and definite disqualification of the entire team.
2. Each team is eligible to bring up to 6 members to compete in the tournament.
3. Age group for competition will be 11 to 15. The date by which a competitor's age will be determined shall be **August 31st of the present year.**
4. All competitors must provide a copy of a birth certificate at tournament registration time. **NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE MEANS THAT ANGLER DOES NOT FISH!!!**
5. Every team participating in the event will pay a \$150.00 entry fee into the Youth Top 6 regardless of how many members they have attending the competition. This payment can be mailed to Bruce Pilgrim: 353 Long Beach Crossing Dahlonoga, Ga. 30533 (**No later than March 1st**) or can be paid at registration. Checks are to be written to GBCF Youth Division.
6. Every team participating in the event will provide 3 boats with drivers (Boat Captains) **regardless** of how many members they have attending the competition.
7. Every boat being provided will require liability insurance in the valuation of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) or a one million (\$1,000,000.00) umbrella policy.
8. Proof of insurance for any boat being provided by a team is required and **MUST** be submitted during tournament registration. For each boat that a team fails to provide or fails to provide proper proof of insurance for, that team risks the disqualification of 2 anglers slots in the event consisting of one from each age group.
9. Proof of insurance for any boat being provided **MUST** clearly show the proper amount of required insurance. If the amount is not clearly printed on the proof of insurance provided, that boat will not be eligible to fill a slot for the team providing it.
10. If any boat is being driven by someone other than the individual stated on the insurance policy as the policy holder, that person will be required to provide a borrowed boat letter with both the signature of the insurance holder and the driver of the boat. This paperwork **MUST** be provided with the proof of insurance for a boat at the tournament registration.
11. Success in this event will be based on a 5 fish limit per competitor. Each angler can bring up to 5 fish to the scales of legal size. Legal size of a fish is determined by local laws as set by the state for that particular body of water.
12. Short fish brought to the scales will not be considered and will result in the illegal fish being tossed out of that anglers creel as well as having a 16 ounce (1 pound) penalty assessed for each short fish found to be in the anglers possession.
13. Any angler who catches more than 5 fish of legal size while on the water **MUST** cull immediately. At no time other than during the actual culling process is any angler allowed to have more than 5 fish in a boat at any given time during the tournament.
14. **NO COURTESY CHECK OF FISH FROM GBCF STAFF.**
15. There will be a penalty of 2 ounces (1/8 pound) for each dead fish brought to the scales.
16. Anglers will be set in pairs and assigned a boater at the end of tournament registration. The two anglers are responsible for discussing and determining the strategy and schedule that will be used during the tournament at this time.

17. *Boat Captains will have the following responsibly on the water:*
1. *Driving the boat anytime the boat is using the gas engine.*
 2. *Being aware of weather and water conditions and seeing to the safety of the competitors at all times.*
 3. *Being sure that both anglers are acting fairly and showing proper sportsmanship at all times while on the water.*
 4. *Making sure that everyone on a given boat adheres to all tournament rules at all times once the tournament has begun.*
18. *Boat Captains will **NOT**:*
1. ***Boat Captains are NOT allowed to fish.***
 2. *Boaters may help **if asked** to cull, net or provide information.*
 3. *Do anything to handicap the anglers in his/her care during tournament hours.*
 4. *Do anything to offer unfair advantage to any anglers in his/her care during the tournament hours.*
19. *All individuals on any boat being used in the competition **MUST** wear a US coast guard approved life jacket **ANYTIME** the gas engine is running. Anglers under the age of 16 can **NOT** use an inflatable style life jacket per US Coast Guard regulations.*
20. *All state, federal and local laws and regulations must be respected and upheld at all times during the tournament. Anyone found to be violating these laws will face immediate and definite disqualification.*
21. *All fish must be caught using artificial bait only.*
22. *No angler can have more than one line in the water at any time.*
23. *Anglers competing can carry up to but not more than 6 fishing poles and either 2 small tackle boxes or one big one.*
24. *The highest and upmost level of sportsmanship is to be displayed at all times. Anyone determined to be showing unsportsmanlike conduct **WILL** be disqualified.*
25. ***A penalty will be given to anglers who do not return back to the determined launch site on time. The penalty will be one pound per minute late up to 15 minutes. Anyone coming in more than 15 minutes late is automatically disqualified.***
1. *Only exception to this rule is if a boat is determined to have mechanical trouble and the Boat Captain has contacted a tournament official by phone to notify of such a situation.*
27. *Anglers in the event will not use any cell phone or radio during tournament hours. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** To do so means automatic disqualification; however if you wish to take a picture of your fish, this is permitted.*
28. *In the event that the tournament has to be postponed on Saturday, the tournament will immediately be scheduled for the next day (Sunday) unless tournament officials deem it is unsafe to do so. If the tournament has already been started when anglers are called off of the water due to unsafe conditions, it will be up to the tournament officials to determine if the event will be re-scheduled or if fish will be weighed at the time of cancellation and tournament concluded.*

All rules and regulations for this tournament are subject to the interpretation and judgment of the GBCF Tournament Officials alone. Once the officials have made a decision in a matter the issue is closed and is not open for discussion or further scrutiny.