

# GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION, INC. 2019 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEMO

The recipient of this memo is requested to furnish a copy to the Club President or Secretary as soon as possible. It is also suggested that the Club ask a member who is connected to the internet to visit the GBF website ([www.gabassfed.org](http://www.gabassfed.org)) and print out the the 2019 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEMO for the Club Captain.

All QUALIFIED CLUBS entering the 2019 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – please read on! This tournament determines who will be sponsored by Georgia (GA) in the TBF National Semi-Finals Tournament to be held on Lake West Point, October 26-27, 2019 with the official practice dates of October 23-25, 2019.

**Watercraft Liability Insurance [WLI] Policies.** Each year there are about two dozen policies presented that do not clearly state Watercraft Liability Insurance or show a start and ending date for the coverage. If the boat owner is in doubt have the insurance agent prepare a memo to the GBF Tournament Committee stating the policy number, amount of Watercraft Liability coverage and the **start and ending date** of the policy.

Reminder - the amount of WLI coverage is \$300,000 **or** \$100,000 of WLI in conjunction with a one million dollar “umbrella” liability policy. In this case the boat owner must have clear copies of both policies.

NOTE: The policy must state Watercraft Liability. If this is a rider on the Home Owner’s policy it may only list the code HO-75 and the coverage amount. General Liability coverage is NOT sufficient on a Home Owner’s policy as several companies deny that this coverage applies to watercraft. Second, the Specification Page must show a **beginning and ending date!** Comments such as **“Continuous Coverage”** and **“Non-expiring”**, etc. are **not legally sufficient!** There are a number of large, quality insurance companies, that we see many policies that produce terrible specification pages. If you an insurance question, please call Jay Jennings, Tournament Director, @ (706) 373-7677 before arriving at the tournament site.

This **Memo** has Four parts, a **Requirement Check List**, the **Tournament Rules and Regulations** the **Schedule of Events** and a **Boat Safety Procedure**. The GBF places great emphasis on the non-boater partner to insure her/himself they are in a safe boat. Remember the Georgia Safe Boating Laws require a 100 foot No Wake zone between any boat under power and other stationary boats, swimmers, developed banks, bridges, piers, docks and in narrow channels.

**THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORMS WILL GO TO THE GBF SECRETARY BY FILLING OUT THE FORM FROM THE GBF WEBSITE. PLEASE SUBMIT FROM WEBSITE ONLY. ([www.gabassfed.org](http://www.gabassfed.org))**

**Please send updates as soon as you make any changes. The Entry Form will be available to pre-fill on the web site. You cannot submit the form until December 31, 2018 @ 8:00 PM.**

The entry fee will be \$125.00 per Boater and \$75.00 per Co-Angler. You must enter an EQUAL number of Boaters and Co-Anglers. Big Fish is included in the entry fee. Checks will be accepted starting December 31, 2018, UNTIL March 15, 2019. DO NOT mail Checks the week of the State Championship as the Treasurer may not receive them before he/she leaves for the tournament site.

Make Checks Payable to “GA Bass Federation” and Mail To:  
Denise Forbes - GBF TREASURER  
186 Coker Rd.  
Hayesville, NC 28904

DO NOT send by registered mail as the Treasurer will not always be available to sign for the documents.

Payback based on participation and is subject to change at the discretion of GBF. Please see possible scenario based on last years participation.

Place	Angler Winnings	Angler NSF Entry	Angler NSF Exps.	Co-Angler Winnings	Co-Angler NSF Entry	Co-Angler NSF Exps.
1	\$675	\$200	\$100	\$425	\$100	\$100
2	\$600	\$200	\$100	\$300	\$100	\$100
3	\$550	\$200	\$100	\$300	\$100	\$100
4	\$550	\$200	\$100	\$300	\$100	\$100
5	\$450	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$100
6	\$450	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$100
7	\$350	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$100
8	\$350	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
9	\$250	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
10	\$250	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

Big Fish = \$650.00 per Day

\*\*Remember this is based on last years participation and final numbers will announced at the pairing meeting\*\*

We will also award a plaque for “Club Pride”. No monetary award will be given. Club Pride weight will consist of the single heaviest combined Boater and Co-Angler weight from your club.

# 2019 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CHECKLIST

## 2019 GBF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Lake West Point (Pyne Road Park)

4481 Roanoke Road

LaGrange, GA 30240

706-884-1414

March 25 - 26, 2019

### CHECK LIST

- Have you prepared a Club Notebook for Registration?
- Have **ALL the Club Members** joined TBF and FLW?
- Has the Club Captain been identified? Have back-up boats been designated by marking the appropriate box on the entry form on the website?
- Has the Entry Form been filled out and submitted from the GBF Website? ([www.gabassfed.org](http://www.gabassfed.org))
- Club Captain – make sure that all persons identified as Boaters have cleaned their boats (carpets cleaned, trash/lose items picked up) and has one storage compartment empty for their partner’s use.**
- Has the **\$200.00 Entry Fee for each (2) person team**, made payable to the GA Bass Federation been **sent to the GBF Treasurer?**
- CHANGES – Update State Championship Entry Form from the website through Friday, March 15, 2019. After that date, present a revised Entry Form at registration. The club will NOT lose their Timestamp “SPOT” in line for the back-up boat list if updated forms are submitted from the website.**
- Have all participants signed an “Official Waiver Form”? Waiver Form is attached as the last page of this memo. You will need to sign and complete as many forms as it takes to cover all your participants. Submit this form at Club Registration.**
- Do ALL offered boats, primary or back-up have the required Watercraft Liability Insurance coverage? Is the boat owner the operator? Company owned boats are “borrowed boats.”

**Georgia Bass Federation, Inc.**  
**TOURNAMENT RULES and REGULATIONS**  
**2019 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. **Safety:** Safe boating conduct **WILL** be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved Chest-type life preserver (PFD). This Personal Floatation Device must be worn ANY time the combustion engine is operating. The PFD must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the competitor reaches her/his fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. **The use of “Fanny Pack” type PFD’s are prohibited.** The boat operator must have the “kill” switch attached to her/his person when the combustion engine is running. Boats shall be operated in a safe and sane manner. The non-boater has the right to demand safe and sane boat operation. Violations of this rule shall be reason for immediate disqualification. **REMEMBER: The key phrase for all GBF events is “SAFETY-SAFETY-SAFETY.”**
2. **Rules:** Great effort, study and research have gone into the formulation of these rules. The rules of this tournament are not subject to protest or change. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors of the Georgia Bass Federation Inc. and their decision shall be final in all matters. **These rules apply during the pre-practice period, as well as, the actual tournament event.**
3. **Participants and Eligibility:** Participation in this Tournament is open only to members of the GBF and TBF/FLW who are at least **16 years of age** and members of a club in good standing with the GBF. Any person under **18 years of age** entering the tourney must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian on the entry form/release. Participation by anyone in any GBF tournament is at the sole discretion of GBF. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of prospective competitors. Each participant is required to present at registration a valid Georgia fishing license, a current TBF and FLW Federation Membership card, and if furnishing a boat, her/his boat registration and proof of \$300,000 of Watercraft Liability Insurance [WLI] or \$100,000 of WLI backed by a \$1 million “Umbrella” Liability Policy covering the boat and the designated operator. Only properly designated alternates shall be eligible to take the place of a participant during the tournament.
4. **Entry Fee:** The entry fee for Boaters is \$125.00 and \$75.00 for Co-Anglers. Payback is 100% to the participants in each separate group of Boaters and Co-Anglers. Each entry will have \$10.00 (\$5.00 per day) allocated for a Big Fish payback each day. No refunds apply at any time. No refunds will be made nor will credit be extended, except in dire cases approved by GBF. Disqualification from this or any tournament for any reason could result in forfeiture of entry fee.
5. **Format:** The format will be Boater and Co-Angler paired each day by random draw. Boaters will keep the same boat number each day and draw a new Co-Angler each day. Flights will be reversed for the second day
6. **Registration and Drawing:** Registration is to be accomplished by Club Captains. **Phase I** [Document Presentation] will be **Saturday, March 23, 8:00 -10:00 am** as per memo instructions. During Phase I the club may appear as a group or the club captain may represent their respective participants. All documents must be **clear, legible, photocopies, properly highlighted.**

## Phase II – Sunday, March 24

The drawing for flight order then the drawing for partners, **by flights for both days will be conducted immediately following with no break.**

7. **Sportsmanship:** Competitors in all Georgia Bass Federation tournaments 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. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or a “drunken” condition exhibited by any competitor due to previous consumption of drugs or alcoholic beverages during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future GBF tournaments. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who are on the tournament waters. Any act of a competitor which reflects unfavorably upon the GBF’s effort to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and sportsmanship shall be reason for immediate disqualification.

8. **Pairing of Contestants:** The format will be Boater and Co-Angler paired each day by random draw. Boaters will keep the same boat number each day and draw a new Co-Angler each day. Flights will be reversed for the second day. Two (2) contestants will be assigned to each boat. No contestants from the same Club shall be paired. Announcement of your Day 1 partner shall be made at the drawing. Your Day 2 partner will be drawn immediately after Day 1 pairings are complete. It shall be the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually-agreed upon location in time to check out through the official check point/inspection station and be started from the release point on time. Tournament officials shall have no responsibility for finding missing partners. It is suggested that a minimum of thirty (30) minutes be allowed for preparation, boat and equipment inspection and departure to the check-out/start point.

9. **Pre-Tournament Practice:** There will be No “Off-Limits” before the Pre-Practice period. During the Official Practice period, a Contestant will only be allowed to fish alone, or with another contestant, alternate, member of His/Her family, except a guide. Do NOT fish a “Draw” Tournament during this period, example would be a BFL, ABA, or open tournament. You do not have control of who you “Draw”. Contestants cannot solicit/receive fishing information from any person other than another contestant during the Official Practice and Tournament.

10. **Tackle and Equipment:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. Only casting, spin casting or spinning rods, not in excess of 8 feet in length, with appropriate reels may be used. All other types are prohibited. Only one rod and reel is permitted in use at any given time, however, other rigs as specified may be in the boat ready for use. Nets may be used to land fish but **NOT** gaffs or “grippers”. **Underwater TV cameras may NOT be used during competition.**

11. **Boat and Motor:** All boats offered for use in a GBF Tournament must meet the standards of the U S Coast Guard and the state of Georgia. All boats must be equipped with some type of Ignition “kill” Switch. **All tournament boats must be 16 feet or more in length. Horsepower of the principal power source shall be within the USCG rating as designated on the manufacturer’s rating plate (Not to exceed 250 HP) and shall not be less than 75 horsepower.** Boats with “Stick Steering”, “barges” or similar cumbersome craft shall not be permitted in the tournament. Gas must be stored only in factory-installed tanks. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. A competitor furnishing a boat and motor shall be expected to make that boat and motor available for tournament use by him/herself and his/her daily partner. Tournament boats must be equipped with a chair-type seat on the rear deck and a large empty compartment for the use of the non-boater partner.

12. **Basic Boat Equipment:** Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition, each must have a functional bilge pump and live well space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive a limit of bass by both fishermen using the boat. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether the aeration and capacity are “proper and adequate”.

13. **Boat Identification:** Each boat shall have a numbered and colored placard affixed, to one side of the engine cowling to be announced at the pairing meeting. The color identifies the flight and the number identifies the sequence within the flight.

14. **Boat Inspection:** The co-angler will assure her/himself that the boat meets USCG and Georgia safety requirements, knows the location of the fire extinguisher and the bilge pump switch. The tournament committee shall inspect each boat for functional navigation lights, aeration/live-well system and an ignition “kill” switch. The partners must be wearing USCG chest type PFD’s that fit and are properly fastened.

15. **Boat Operation:** Boaters will fish from the front deck of the boat only. Co-Anglers will fish from the back deck or seating area of the boat only. Boaters will have complete control of boat operation and waters to be fished. For safety concerns in rough water or swift current, in the event of an outboard or trolling motor breakdown or during an emergency, Co-Anglers may operate the trolling motor or the outboard but may not fish anytime from the front deck. Boaters may NOT request that the Co-Angler not fish. Any Boater that, in the judgment of the tournament director, operates the boat in such a manner that unfairly handicaps his/her Co-Angler and any Co-Angler who unfairly handicaps his/her Boater may be disqualified. Co-Anglers are not allowed to record GPS waypoints or use any type of handheld GPS during any competition day nor share information about their Boater’s location or tactics with any other Boater. The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. In such an emergency, competitors may be removed from their boat to a boat operated by other competitors or to a rescue boat so designated by tournament officials. Partners must remain together at all times, in sight of each other and each other’s catch, under the conditions cited above, in order for their catch of the day to be scored in the tournament. The momentary condition of being out of sight for restroom break is permitted, however ALL FISHING MUST CEASE, until partners are back together. If a competitor must violate any of the above conditions due to an emergency or any other reason, his/her catch of the day shall not be counted in the tournament. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited.

16. **Permitted Fishing Locations:** Fishing on the tournament waters is permitted anywhere **Except in designated off-limits areas or within 50 yards of a marina gas docks or within 50 yards of another competitors boat, regardless if the competitors’ boat is anchored or maneuvering.** All angling must be done from the boat. Competitors wishing to change fish habitat by placing any object in the tournament waters may do so if such action does not violate state or federal regulations. Contestants must not leave the boat to land a fish. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner.

17. **Official Checkpoints:** **Morning** - Each contestant must be in the water with his/her partner thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled inspection time for their flight. **Evening** - The boater pair must check in with the tournament committee check-in boat no later than the check-in time announced for their flight. After proper recognition at the check-in point, competitors will proceed to the weigh-in site at a slow idle. Remain in your boat with the aerators running until you are handed an official weigh bag by a tournament official; then place your fish in the bag and proceed to the weigh-in station.

18. **Scoring:** Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound and hundredths of pound of weight of each competitor's catch during the tournament. **Big Fish weight** will be penalized 0.25 lbs. if the big fish is determined to be deceased. Only Largemouth, Spotted, Red Eye, Shoal, or Smallmouth bass will be weighed. The limit shall be five (5) total of the above species. All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish. The Tournament Director will announce the length limits prior to the start of the tournament. At no time shall a competitor have in her/his possession more than the limit described above. **Culling of dead fish is NOT allowed.** In the event a competitor has more than five (5) fish in his/her possession at weigh-in the tournament officials shall cull the largest bass first down to the limit described. Fish shall be measured on a flat board on the longest straight line. Fish which fail to measure the minimum length shall accrue a penalty of one pound and all such fish shall be disallowed. This penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the competitor. Anyone attempting to alter a fish shall be subject to disqualification. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered shall be weighed and credited only at the discretion of weigh-in officials. Each competitor must present his/her catch to the weigh-in officials. Contestants must not allow any bass they catch to be counted on the score of another contestant. In such a case, both contestants shall be disqualified from this tournament. After the competitor has delivered his/her catch to the weigh master, he/she may not touch said catch until the weigh-in procedure is completed. The bass caught must not be put on any type of stringer, at any time. Individual identification markers are allowed. Competitors will transport their catch from the boat to the weigh-in line in a water filled plastic bag provided by the Dock master.

19. **Don't Kill Your Catch:** Each competitor is expected to keep their bass alive by use of a properly-aerated live well. You will receive a 0.25 lb. penalty for each deceased fish. **Do Not** clip fins or otherwise physically mark the fish for identification. The few bass that do not survive will be donated to a charitable cause.

20. **Late Penalty:** Any competitor who is not at the official check-in point as described in Rule 17 at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute late to be deducted from the total weight of her/his catch that day, including any weight to be counted toward a "lunker" award. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for the day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness and in no case, shall a competitor be allowed to make up "lost time". All fishing must cease upon check-in. It is the responsibility of the Club to get you back in case of breakdown.

21. **Ties:** In the case of a tie for any place, the contestant with the greatest number of fish or if still tied, the greatest number of live fish shall win the place in question. If the tie is yet unbroken, the contestant with the largest weighed Bag of fish will win the place (Day 1 or Day 2). A cut of the cards will resolve any yet unbroken ties. The next place will go to the person so eliminated.

22. **Communications:** There will be no communications, visually, vocally or electronically between contestants and non-contestants or electronically between contestants, during the competition hours concerning the fishing.

23. **None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat at any time.**

24. **Protests:** Any protest must be submitted to the tournament committee **in writing** no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protested person has weighed in his/her fish.

# PRE-TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE of EVENTS

## 2019 GBF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Lake West Point (Pyne Road Park)

March 25 – 26, 2019

December, 2018	<b>STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEMO SENT TO CLUBS QUALIFIED TO FISH. Memo will be posted to the GBF Website.</b>
Dec. 31, 2018 thru March 15, 2019	<p>Appoint a Club Captain, select two (2) man teams with alternates. Provide your participants with a thorough briefing and a copy of this memo. They should also visit the GBF Website (<a href="http://www.gabassfed.org">www.gabassfed.org</a>) to confirm final details.</p> <p><b>Submit photocopy of all that apply for each participant:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 2019 TBF and FLW membership cards</b></li> <li><b>2. 2019 Georgia Fishing License</b></li> <li><b>3. Boat Registration card</b></li> <li><b>4. Watercraft Liability Insurance [WLI] Specification page.</b></li> <li><b>5. Official “Waivers Form” signed by all participants. (see last page)</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Please Hi-Lite [yellow only] all key elements, i.e. names, dates, amounts, etc. on All Documents. This Helps registration go quickly.</b></p>
March 15, 2019 Friday	Last date to update entry forms from the GBF website. After this date bring a revised Entry Form to registration.
March 22, 2019 Friday	<p><b>OFFICIAL PRACTICE PERIOD BEGINS AT SUNRISE</b></p> <p><b>All Tournament Rules are in Force During the Official Practice Period.</b></p>
March 23, 2019 Saturday	<p><b>Club Registration: 8:00am – 10:00am GEORGIA Time</b></p> <p><b>Location: Active Life Center</b>  <b>140 Ragland Street</b>  <b>LaGrange, GA 30241</b></p> <p>The Club Captain is responsible for registering their participants.  <b>Clubs registering late will be assessed a \$100.00 penalty.</b></p>
<p>March 24, 2019 Sunday</p> <p><b>All Times are GEORGIA Time</b></p>	<p><b>2:00 pm – Lake goes OFF-LIMITS</b></p> <p><b>3:30 pm GBF General Membership Meeting and Partner Draw Location: Mike Daniel Recreation Center, 1220 Lafayette Pkwy, LaGrange, GA 30241</b></p> <p><u><b>ALL competitors must be present.</b></u></p> <p>Sponsor and Support Recognition, Tournament Safety Briefing, Flights, and Pairings for Both Days</p> <p><b>Host Hotel: LaQuinta Inn &amp; Suites, 111 Hoffman Drive, LaGrange, GA 30241</b></p>



**TOURNAMENT  
SCHEDULE of EVENTS  
2019 GBF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
Lake West Point, (Pyne Road Park), March 25 & 26, 2019**

**NOTE: Number of Flights will be based on actual participation. Please see the updated handout at the registration meeting.**

March 25, 2019 Monday	<p>7:00 am OR (Safe Light) First Flight Starts Short Break ----- Second Flight Starts</p> <p>3:00 First Flight Returns</p> <p>3:30 Second Flight Returns</p>
March 26, 2019 Tuesday	<p>7:00 am OR (Safe Light) First Flight Starts - (Reverse order) Short Break ----- Second Flight Starts-- (Reverse order)</p> <p>2:00 First Flight Returns</p> <p>2:30 Second Flight Returns</p> <p>3:30 pm Awards Ceremony</p>

**Boat inspection both days.** Boats will be inspected by flight in numerical order starting at 6:00 am. There will be a short break between each flight. The **Tournament Committee will check Live Wells [clean] and their Aeration System, the Navigation Lights, PFD's [fit strapped and zippered] and Kill Switch for proper operation.**

**Contact the following people in case of emergency or for any questions during the day.**

GBF Secretary, Dennis Smith  
Cell 706-306-4748,  
E-Mail (dvsmith@blanchardandcalhoun.com)

Tournament Director, Jimmy "Jay" Jennings  
Cell: 706-373-7677  
E-Mail (jenninjj@aol.com)

## **Georgia Bass Federation Tournament Committee**

### **BOAT SAFETY INSPECTION**

The Georgia Bass Federation relies on the Co-Angler to insure her/himself that the assigned Tournament Boat is safe for a days' fishing. The Co-Angler should determine the location and condition as a minimum of the following items:

- Fire Extinguisher**, Type B, C or ABC. Is it in the "Green"?
- Bilge Pump(s)**, is the sump free of litter? Turn pump ON - Is it running?
- Throwable**, Know the location!
- Sounding Device**, Is it operational?

**Location of the Master Switch**, Bilge Pump Switch and Navigation Light Switch.  
Now the boat team may proceed to the dock by flight in numerical order for the GBF Tournament Committee to inspect the boat for the following:

- Navigational Lights**, installed and operational. (ALL NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS MUST WORK)
- Live Wells, open**, clean and the Aeration System is operational.
- PFD's [Life Vests]**, USCG Approved - Type I, II or III Fit and must be zippered, hooked, and snapped secure.

**Kill Switch** [Electrical Interrupt], Functional and is attached to the operator. The Inspector will then ask the team for their flights time of return. The boat will then idle to the designated Release Point to begin the days fishing.

**Safety:** The GBF is attracting many new anglers each year whose only tournament experience is weekend pick-up tournaments. We are certainly happy to see these new competitors. A few of these anglers seem unaware of our emphasis on safety. Unsafe or risky boat operation is unacceptable. **The Co-Angler has RIGHTS in the safe operation of the boat during the tourney. A safety point of emphasis for all competitors is the Co-Angler has the right and duty to tell the Boater to slow down if he/she is concerned about her/his safety. This is absolute! No exceptions, NONE! This will be a point of emphasis at all GBF Tournaments. See Rule 1.**

**Boat** - All boats offered for use in the competition will be **clean** and have a chair type seat in place on the back deck. This is an ADA requirement and the right thing to do. Exceptions may be granted in advance only by the Tournament Director. The boater will provide one large empty compartment for the use of the co-angler. **ALL BOATS PRESENTED FOR USE IN THE TOURNAMENT SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY CLUB CAPTAINS AS TOURNAMENT READY.**



**GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION TOURNAMENT**  
**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK.**

In consideration of the Georgia Bass Federation, Inc. allowing me to participate in this tournament, I acknowledge and Agree to the following:

1. I have read and understand the Official Rules of this tournament. I will obey all rules and understand that any violation may result in immediate disqualification.
2. I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risk and which include, though not exclusively, drowning, collisions in the water, and injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia. I voluntarily assume responsibility for these risks identified, and not identified, and all risk of injury or death or damage to myself or my property or to others, including spectators and their property arising from my participation in this tournament.
3. I hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless and indemnify, GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION, INC., Officers, Directors, Tournament workers, the Host sponsors and tournament officials from all liability, claims, or rights of action which are related to, arise out of or in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION, INC. it's Officers, Directors, Tournament workers, the Host sponsors, and Tournament officials, and its' partners, agents, or employees and all other persons or entities associated with this tournament, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease, and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt, or property damaged while I am engaged in this event, I have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION, INC. it's Officers, Directors, Tournament workers, the Host sponsors, and Tournament officials, and its partners, agents, or employees and all other persons or entities associated with this tournament.
4. I have sufficient health, accident, and Liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by myself or others as a result of my participation in this tournament as required in the rules booklet, tournament memo.

My signature below reflects that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its items. The Club Captain has fully explained this document to me.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club #: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Location/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ LAKE WEST POINT 25-26 MARCH, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #5 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #5 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #6 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #6 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #7 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #7 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #8 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #8 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #9 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #9 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #10 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #10 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #11 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #11 \_\_\_\_\_

Boater #12 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler #12 \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate #2 \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM MUST BE PRINTED AND SIGNED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.  
THIS WAIVER FORM MUST BE BROUGHT TO TOURNAMENT  
REGISTRATION.**

# 2019-2020 Ranger Cup Program TBF Georgia Bass Federation

## Qualifying Events

Tournament year runs  
4/31/2019 to 4/31/2020

- GBF State Championship (MARCH 25-26, 2019)

## Qualifying Guidelines

- Must own a Ranger Boat.
- Must fish from a Ranger boat at qualifying tournaments.
- Must be participating as a "Boater".
- Must return official registration form to Ranger Boats before qualifying for Ranger Cup prize money.
- Must meet clothing requirements.
- Must display Ranger Cup decal on driver's windshield/console of boat you are fishing from.
- Ranger Cup registration cards should be taken to tournaments to show eligibility.

## Additional Guidelines

- Registration is not retroactive and will only count for tournaments after official registration form is received.
- Upon receipt of a Ranger Cup registration, Ranger will send a validation seal to the registered participant. Affix the seal to your membership card in the designated location.
- **Wear an approved Ranger shirt from take-offs through weigh-ins during all days of tournaments.**
- Approved Ranger shirts must have a Ranger logo at least four inches in length on the upper left\* side of the shirt. There can be no logos higher than the Ranger logo.
- The Ranger logo must span at least 10 inches on the back of the shirt.
- The Ranger Cup patch must be sewn or monogrammed on either sleeve of the shirt.

## Ranger Owners Clothing Guidelines

## Pay Out

- Is determined by membership and will be announced at the pairing meeting.