



2017-2018 PBC High School Tournament Trail

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Tournament Plan, Rules, & Schedule

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Objective:

To provide a fair and organized tournament trail for the Bass Clubs of SC High Schools

2017 - 2018 PBC High School Tournament Trail Schedule:

Date	Lake - Ramp	Host School	Registration Contact
9/30/17	Russell - tbd	Crescent	Renee Turner
10/28/17	Wylie – Buster Boyd	York County	Chris Kanute
11/18/17	Hartwell – Green Pond	Pickens	Kevin McCurry
2/17/18	Keowee – South Cove	Greer Middle College	Russ Sanford
3/10/18	Murray - Dreher Island	Broome	Tiffany Wells
4/21/18	Clarks Hill – Dorn	Woodmont/TR	Michael Eudy
5/11&12/18	2018 Classic – Greenwood	Dorman	Ryan Switzer

Registration Contacts:

Name	Phone	Email
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Renee Turner	864-934-5305	chsanglers@gmail.com
Ryan Switzer	864-590-5476	switzerr@spart6.org
Kevin McCurry	864-710-2098	kevinmccurry@pickens.k12.sc.us
Michael Eudy	864-355-0042	meudy@greenville.k12.sc.us
Tiffany Wells	864-316-7233	tiffandchriswells@att.net
Chris Kanute	256-499-6003	chris-kanute@burfordstree.com

Host Schools:

- Up to two schools may partner to host one of the tournaments
- The Host Schools will be responsible for:
 - Coordinating team registration prior to the tournament
 - Submitting complete registration information to the Tournament Director on supplied spreadsheet template
 - Assisting with Tournament setup, operation, and tear down
- The host school will receive the entry fees as a donation to their club/school's program.

Entry Fees:

- There will be \$50 per school/club membership dues for the season.
- The entry fee per school / club will be \$25 per 5 teams for each tournament.

Participating Club Requirements:

- Each club member must be a member of BASS with valid insurance coverage
- Each club will be responsible for maintaining permission slips and liability releases for each participant, and for verifying insurance coverage for each captain.
- Each participant over 16 year old must have a valid fishing license
- Every Boat Captain must carry \$300,000 minimum liability insurance

Points System:

- A 250 point system will be used for each tournament. First place will be awarded 250 points, second place 249, and so on. Teams participating but not weighing any fish will be awarded last place points minus 50.
- Season end team and school totals will be calculated on the best five out of six regular season events + the two day Classic which will be a double points event.
- No Substitutions are allowed. Team members are allowed to fish by themselves and accrue points.
- The "Team of the Year" will be awarded to the team with the most points in the season end total.
- School/club points will be accrued by adding the top three teams from each school for each tournament. Season totals will again be calculated based on the best five events.
- A separate Middle School points tally will be maintained for the season.
- The "School of the Year" will be awarded to the school with the most points over the course of the season. School points will be awarded based on the school's finish in each tournament as calculated by their top three teams.

SC B.A.S.S Points:

- SC B.A.S.S. has endorsed these six tournaments as events for their BASS Nation High School Team Trail.
- Teams who compete in these events will earn points for the PBC High School Tournament Trail and the BASS Nation High School Team Trail at the same time.

Classic Qualification:

- Each school who participated in three of the six events may send a six angler, three boat, team to the two-day classic event in May.
- The School team will be composed of the top three teams in points from the school.
- To be Classic Eligible, each team must participate in at least three of the six tournaments.

Tournament Registration:

- Registrations are due in by midnight on Wednesday before the tournament.
- Blast off order will be posted to the Facebook page and the PalmettoBoatCenter.com website on Friday.
- Random slots will be placed in the blast of order for late registrations the morning of the tournament.
- If your school offers a team/club, you must participate with that club.
- Homeschooler's must fish with the closest local school and/or follow their school district policy/zoning.

Tournament Rules:

1. Boats must maintain a safe operating speed at all times. Violators will be disqualified.
2. All SC DNR fishing rules and regulations apply during tournaments, including fishing license and boating regulations.
3. Anglers must be 6th grade or above have registered roster and paid club dues.
4. All school rules apply during fishing tournaments.
5. Team Jerseys should be worn throughout competition, if available.
6. The tournament waters shall be off limits to anglers and boat captains from 12:01am the Monday preceding the tournament until the tournament blastoff. **TEAMS MAY NOT SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN ON THE TOURNAMENT WATERS DURING THE OFF-LIMITS PERIOD.** Teams may not have the assistance of any non-competitor for the purpose of locating or catching fish during the off-limits period and on the competition day. Any competitor found guilty of violating the off limits period will have their catch disqualified. **No practice day will be allowed prior to the start of the tournament**
7. Safety is the number one concern for these tournaments.
 - All boats must be operated safely at all times.
 - US Coast Guard approved PFD's must be worn at all times by student anglers and boat captains while the combustion engine is running.
 - The boat must have an emergency ignition shut off device that is secured to the driver/captain's body.
 - Boats must be covered by current liability insurance with a minimum of \$300,000.
8. One captain over the age of 18 is required to be on each team's boat at all times during the tournament.
9. Boat Captains:
 - May net fish
 - May not hold a fishing rod
 - May not suggest fishing locations
 - Professional Guides are not eligible to be a boat captain, unless they are an immediate family member of one of the competitors.
 - Professional Fisherman (FLW Tour, Elite Series) are eligible to be a captain, as long as they are an immediate family member of a competitor.
10. Tournaments will have a 5 fish per boat limit. All fish must be largemouth, spotted, redeye, or small mouth bass that are a minimum of 12 inches in length, unless the lake limit is longer, i.e. 14" on Murray and Greenwood. Teams should not possess more than 5 fish at any time during the tournament. Extra fish must be culled immediately on the water. Fish will be measured with the mouth closed and the tail fanned, not pinched on a golden rule.
11. Dead fish cannot be culled. Dead fish must be kept and brought to weigh in as part of the fish limit. A 1/4 pound or 4 oz penalty for each dead fish will be assessed. This penalty will also apply to big fish, in the event the big fish is deceased.
12. All fish must be caught on artificial lures, and anglers may only use one rod at a time. Trolling is not permitted.
13. Every effort should be made to keep fish alive until they are released after weigh-in. All boats must be equipped with a properly working live well with aeration.
14. On Time/End of day check in:
 - a. Teams will be issued a numbered key float at registration on the morning of the tournament.
 - b. To be "checked in" in the afternoon, the key float must be turned in to the tournament trailer and displayed on the key board.

- c. Boats that are late to weigh in will be assessed a penalty of 1 pound per minute after the designated check in time.
 - d. After 15 minutes, the team will be disqualified.
15. Tournament rankings will be based on total team weight.
 16. If two students fish together from two separate schools, they must fish as one team, and will be scored by the team represented by the boat captain.
 17. If an emergency occurs, the captain or an angler should call 911 first, and then notify the tournament director. Any questions or concerns regarding these rules should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director
 18. Launch sequence will be determined by random draw in advance of the tournament. Any late registrants will be placed randomly into placeholders in takeoff sequence.
 19. The violation of a tournament rule by either team member and/or boat captain may result in weight loss, the loss of weight up to a time in the tournament day (eligible for a restart), loss of weight for the entire day, disqualification for the entire tournament or, in an extreme circumstance, ineligibility to participate in future events. If a team is disqualified from a tournament their weight will be recorded as 0 lb. However, they will still receive tournament points as if they had just caught no fish. If the director feels that their violation was a willful attempt to gain an unfair advantage or to intentionally cheat, then the director has the right to refuse entry from that team or team members in the future and will inform all members of the situation.
 20. Penalties:
 - a. Short fish = 2 pound penalty per short fish
 - b. Dead fish = ¼ pound per dead fish
 - c. Late check in = One pound per minute
 - d. Over limit (more than five fish) = Disqualification
 - e. Additional penalties will be defined as needed.
 21. Interpretation of the rules will be left to the Tournament Director. Any protests must be submitted in writing within 10 minutes of the closing of the scales. All decisions by the tournament director are final.
 22. If a rules infraction is observed on the water, **DO NOT CONFRONT THE OFFENDING TEAM.**
 - Document the situation as best as you can, including pictures and video when possible.
 - Take note of the boat manufacturer, color, & Vessel ID if possible.
 - Call the tournament director or host school to report the infraction.
 23. By signing the Official Entry Form, signing the sign in form at the ramp, and/or participation in these tournaments, I hereby release PBC Tournament Trails, LLC, its officers, sponsors, hosts, employees, and anyone working in association with them from any damages, injuries, or death that may occur as a result of competing in these events, whether by negligence of the said parties or otherwise to the fullest extent of the law

Tournament Operation & Officials:

- The tournaments will be operated by PBC Tournament Trails, LLC. on tournament day, and the necessary equipment for the tournament, including a tournament trailer, scales, PA system, weigh in tanks, etc. will be provided.
- PBC Tournament Trails, LLC. will provide a Tournament Director
- Tournament Director: Marty Walker, 864-561-2026, martyw@palmettboatcenter.com

2017 - 2018 PBC HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT TRAIL

SCHOOL ENTRY FORM:

SCHOOL / CLUB NAME:	
SCHOOL ADDRESS:	
COACH NAME	
COACH EMAIL	
COACH PHONE NUMBER	
SIZE OF CLUB	
MASCOT	
B.A.S.S. MEMBERS	YES / NO
TBF MEMBERS	YES / NO
DO YOU HAVE A CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE?	

We the under signed, submit our application with the PBC High School Association and agree to the objectives, purposes, and rules as outlined in the 2017/2018 Tournament Document.

Club Advisor/Coach's Signature

Club/Team's President Signature



Send to:

PBC Tournament Trails, LLC
141 Country Manor Road
Piedmont, SC 29673

- Or -

Email: martyw@palmettoboatcenter.com

STUDENT LIABILITY RELEASE

SCHOOL: _____

Each Member and Parent must sign this Release of Liability and it must accompany your membership roster

Participant Release of Liability – Read Before Signing

In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in tournaments, events, programs and related activities conducted by **PBC Tournament Trails, LLC.** and the **PBC High School Tournament Trail**, we acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist, and,
2. I have been advised and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; and,
3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOW AND UNKOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF PBC TOURNAMENT TRAILS, LLC., THEIR OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, BOAT CAPTAINS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS, AND/OR EMPLOYEES, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, AND SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES AND PROPERTY USED TO CONDUCT THE EVENT (“RELEASEES”) OR OTHERS, AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION; AND,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest official, and,
5. I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS RELEASEES, WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHICH I SUFFER OR WHICH I AM FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED INWHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AGREEMENT AND THE ATTACHED RULES. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

PUBLICITY: In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in the tournaments, events, programs and related activities conducted by PBC TOURNAMENT TRAILS, LLC. I (“Participant”) hereby grant to PBC TOURNAMENT TRAILS, LLC, their assignees and/or licensees (collectively “Sponsors” including television production companies contracted by PBC TOURNAMENT TRAILS, LLC., the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, biographical information, fishing tips and/or instructions in any medium whatsoever, including but not limited to video/audio productions, merchandising, promotions, articles, and/or press releases, in connection with PBC TOURNAMENT TRAILS, LLC. tournaments, events, programs and related activities conducted by PBC TOURNAMENT TRAILS, LLC. without restriction as to changes or alterations from time to time. I understand that I will not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. If Participant wins any event, the Participant’s name, likeness and biographical information may be used in connection with advertising and promotion. The Participant’s specifically consents and agrees to such use without restriction as to changes or alterations from time to time, and further understands and agrees that any use will be without payment of any royalties or any additional compensation to Participant.

The Participant signifies by his/her signature below that he or she has read and understand the foregoing provisions.

_____	_____	_____
PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE	AGE	DATE
_____		_____
PRINT PARTICIPANT’S NAME HERE		PHONE

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

I, AS PARENT/GUARDIAN DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PARTICIPANT AND I AGREE AND CONSENT TO HIS/HER RELEASE AS PROVIDED ABOVE OF ALL THE RELEASEES, AND, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND NEXT OF KIN, I RELEASE AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES INCIDENT TO MY MINOR CHILD’S OR WARD’S INVOLVEMENT OR PARTICIPATION IN THESE PROGRAMS AS PROVIDED ABOVE, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

_____	_____
PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE	DATE
_____	_____
PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN’S NAME HERE	PHONE

_____	_____
ADDRESS	EMAIL:
_____	_____

CAPTAINS RELEASE OF LIABILITY - READ BEFORE SIGNING

SCHOOL: _____

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6. As the only authorized operator of the boat provided for all PBC High School Tournament Trail tournaments, I have inspected and acknowledge that the watercraft provided is sea worthy and meets all current U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements. Furthermore, I understand that the same watercraft provided must meet the minimum length limits, combustion engine design restrictions, hull design requirements, minimum and or maximum horsepower ratings, and be appropriately equipped to ensure the safety of any and all student anglers participating as outlined by the PBC High School Tournament Trail tournament rules and guidelines. I agree to have the watercraft inspected at any time by a designated PBC High School Tournament Trail Tournament Director for any and all tournaments. I further agree to provide a minimum of \$300,000 of liability insurance on this same watercraft as determined by PBC Tournament Trails, LLC. and or any other high school fishing governing authority. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND THE ATTACHED RULES. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

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The Participant signifies by his/her signature below that he or she has read and understands the foregoing provisions.

BOAT CAPTAIN SIGNATURE

AGE

DATE

PRINT BOAT CAPTAIN NAME HERE

ADDRESS _____

EMERGENCY PHONE# (S) _____