



2025 PBC College Tournament Trail

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Tournament Plan, Rules, & Schedule

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Objective:

To provide a fair and organized tournament trail for all College Bass Teams.

2025 PBC College Tournament Trail Schedule:

Date	Lake - Ramp
09/06/2025	Lake Hartwell – Green Pond Landing
09/27/2025	Lake Norman – Blythe Landing
10/25/2025	Lake Lanier—Laurel Park

Registration Contacts:

Name	Phone	Email
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Entry Fees:

- There will be \$35 per angler trail membership fee for the season, payable to PBC Tournament Trails.
- The entry fee per event will be \$100 per boat, payable to the PBC Tournament Trails for the event.
- Entry fees may be paid online at <https://pbctournamenttrail.com/college-registration>.
- Online fee payment will close at 7 pm the night before the tournament. Fees may be paid in cash at the ramp.

Eligibility:

- Each College Angler must be a member of BASS.
- Participants must be members in good standing of their college Team/club, and have appropriate releases completed and on file.
- College Anglers must be enrolled in school for the entire school year.
- Each Team/club will be responsible for maintaining permission slips and liability releases for each participant, and for verifying insurance coverage for each participating team boat. Each Team/Club is also responsible for providing a signed copy of Liability releases per participant to the Tournament Trail Director to be maintained on file.
- All participants must have a valid fishing license.
- Every participating Boat must carry \$300,000 minimum liability insurance. A copy of this insurance must be on file with their club. Random checks on tournament day may be conducted.

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.
- Team of the Year will be calculated on the three regular season events. No events will be dropped. The team earning the most points will be the Anglers of the Year. In the event of a tie, the total weight will be the 1st tie breaker and big fish will be the 2nd tie breaker.
- No partner substitutions are allowed. One team member may fish by themselves and accrue points for the team.
- School of the Year points will be accrued by adding the top three teams from each school for each tournament. Season totals will be calculated based on the scheduled three events tallied across all participating colleges. In the event of a tie, the total weight (top three teams per event) will be the tie breaker.
- School points will be awarded based on the school's finish in each tournament as calculated by their top three teams.

Awards:

- 20 boat minimum field pays 1st place guaranteed \$1000.00.
- Minimum payout will be three places. Additional places will be paid based on field size, on a 1 in 7 scale.

Tournament Registration:

- Registrations are due in by midnight on Wednesday before the tournament.
- State registration numbers (Example: SC-1234-AB format) will be submitted with the tournament roster for each event.
- Blast off order will be posted to the Facebook page and the PalmettoBoatCenter.com website on Friday.
- Blast Off order will be random draw for all Pre-Registered Teams (Teams registered by Wednesday tournament week).
- 15 late entries (after Wednesday deadline or at boat ramp registration) will be held open. Late entry blast off numbers will be randomly distributed within the field.
- If your school offers a team/club, you must participate with that club.

Tournament Rules:

1. Boats must always maintain a safe operating speed. Violators will be disqualified.
2. All state fishing rules and regulations apply during tournaments, including fishing license and boating regulations.
3. Anglers enrolled and attending college and have registered rosters and paid club dues.
4. All school rules apply during fishing tournaments.
5. Team Jerseys should be worn throughout the competition, if available.
6. Neither coaches nor anglers may hire and fish with a guide within 30 days of the tournament.
7. Safety is the number one priority for these tournaments.
 - Teams may be penalized and possibly disqualified for safety violations.
 - All boats must be operated safely at all times.
 - No wake zones must be observed.
 - US Coast Guard approved PFD's must be worn at all times by anglers while the combustion engine is running. PFD's must be worn correctly and fastened when in use.
 - The boat must have an emergency ignition shut off device that is secured to the driver's body.
 - Boats must be covered by current liability insurance with a minimum of \$300,000.
8. Teams will have a 5 fish per boat limit. Teams should not possess more than 5 fish at any time during the tournament. Extra fish must be culled immediately on the water.
9. 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. Fish will be measured with the mouth closed and the tail fanned, not pinched on a golden rule.
10. 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.
11. All fish must be caught on artificial lures, and anglers may only use one rod at a time (only one line in the water). Trolling is not permitted.

12. All fishing must be performed from inside the boat. Anglers are not permitted to exit the boat to advance to a position in order to cast or land a fish.
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. Only non-penetrating culling clips and culling beams are allowed for use. Any clips or device that penetrates the skin or mouth of a fish is not allowed.
15. 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 keyboard.
 - 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.
 - e. Teams must check in at the end of the day. Failure to check in and turn in their key float at the end of the day will be a penalty for their Team/club.
16. Tournament rankings will be based on the total team weight.
17. If an emergency occurs, the 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 for all pre-registered teams. Late entry blast off numbers will be randomly distributed within the field.
19. The violation of a tournament rule by either team member 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. Self-Reporting of a Violation: In the event that a team self-reports a violation, they may be given a reduced penalty, or a restart at the discretion of the tournament director.
21. Penalties:
 - a. Short fish = 2-pound penalty per short fish
 - b. Dead fish = $\frac{1}{4}$ pound per dead fish
 - c. Late check in = One pound per minute
 - d. Over limit (more than five fish) = Disqualification
 - e. Failure to have PFD's on correctly at blast off = delayed blast off. The team will move to the end of the blast offline.
 - f. Kill switch lanyard not connected to driver at blast off – delayed blast off. The team will move to the end of the blast-off line.
 - g. Driving too fast through blast off / waking blast off boat = two-pound penalty
 - h. Failure to check in at the end of the day and return key float will result in a DQ for Club for the event in school of the year points.
 - i. Additional penalties will be defined as needed.
22. Interpretation of the rules will be left to the Tournament Director & BOD members. Any protests must be submitted in writing within 10 minutes of the closing of the scales. All decisions by the tournament director are final.

23. 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.
24. Winners and participants are subject to a polygraph exam at any event. Refusal to take a polygraph for any reason will result in disqualification. Anglers must abide by the results of the polygraph exam.
25. 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: Chris Kanute, 704-572-6446, CKanute74@gmail.com

Participation in COLLEGIATE BASS FISHING SERIES:

- This season the PBC College Tournament trail will participate in the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series.
- The first three events will qualify for SOY points in the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series as long as 5 different schools compete in each event.
 - SOY points will be awarded to the competing field based on their finishes.
 - Competing teams will be eligible to receive a max of 100 points for 1st place, regardless of the field size.
 - Points will decrease in 5-point increments through 20th place, or in the case where there are not 20 teams competing, until the last team in the standings to weigh-in fish earns points.
- Additional Details can be found at
<https://www.collegiatebasschampionship.com/2021-2022-bps-school-of-the-year-program-description/>

2025 PBC COLLEGE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

SCHOOL ENTRY FORM:

SCHOOL / CLUB NAME:	
SCHOOL ADDRESS:	
COACH NAME	
COACH EMAIL	
COACH PHONE NUMBER	
SIZE OF CLUB	
MASCOT	
DO YOU HAVE A CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE?	

We the undersigned, submit our application with the PBC College Tournament Trail Association and agree to the objectives, purposes, and rules as outlined in the 2023 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@palmettobootcenter.com

STUDENT LIABILITY RELEASE**SCHOOL:** _____**Each Member 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 voluntary participate in tournaments, events, programs and related activities conducted by **PBC Tournament Trails, LLC.** and the **PBC College 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 KNOWLINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOW AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF PBC TOURNAMENT TRAILS, LLC., THEIR OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, DIRECOTES, 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. Winners and participants are subject to a polygraph exam at any event. Refusal to take a polygraph for any reason will result in disqualification. I agree to abide by the results of the polygraph exam.
6. 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 licenses (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 understands the foregoing provisions.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

AGE

DATE

PRINT PARTICIPANT'S NAME HERE

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS