Arizona High School Bassmasters/ Phoenix Junior Bassmasters OFFICIAL RULES OF COMPETITION
2026/2027

The following rules shall apply to all Arizona High School Bassmasters (AZHSB) and Phoenix Junior Bassmasters (PHXJRB) events. Rules for special tournaments may differ from those contained herein. These rules may be changed by AZHSB and PHXJRB immediately upon notice to its members. Notice may be published on the affiliated internet site. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director or his/her designee at a tournament. The rules outlined below will serve as the base rule set for all TBF affiliated events in conjunction with AZHSB and PHXJRB. **In case of any conflict between Club Rules and TBF Rules, the more restrictive rule will govern.** Prior to each tournament, verify there were no changes, amendments, or specific guidance for the scheduled event.
***Throughout this document, TBF, AZHSB, and PHXJRB may be interchanged when describing the applications of rules or processes. ***

1.TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SANCTIONS: The Tournament Director may impose actions or rulings deemed appropriate by them, which may include the following without limitation. The Tournament Director may seek the advisement of the Advisory Board or Rules Committee:
● Reduction of competition hours as determined by the Tournament Director.
● Loss of catch for the day of the violation.
● Disqualification from the current tournament.
● Forfeiture of prizes and entry fee.
● Disqualification from future TBF events, which may be a specific number of events, a specific period, or lifetime disqualification.
● Any different or additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director, including but not limited to monetary fines and/or reduction of Angler of Year Points.
The decision of the Tournament Director and his/her designee shall be final in all matters. In all cases, the Tournament Director and TBF have the sole discretion to determine whether they or the Advisory Board, and/or Rules Committee shall be responsible for adjudicating any given issue or dispute.
All contestants are required to police themselves each competition day. If contestants have a concern regarding their catch, they should not present their catch. They must consult with the tournament director immediately.

2. FISHING HOURS: Fishing hours will be posted on the Tournament Information Page or announced at the tournament briefing.

3. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is open only to students currently enrolled in school, in good academic standing, and a member of TBF, except for Open Qualifier. Junior members must be 8 years of age by January 1st of the current season and not be over the age of 15 or attending High School prior to the Tournament. High school Members must be in the 9th Grade prior to January 1st of the current season and not be over the age of 19 or beginning college prior to the National Championship. Each team will consist of two contestants

and one coach. High School Participation is open to all ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th grade high school students. Participation by one (1) seventh or eighth grade student per team is permitted. The 7th/8th grade participant will register as a high school member.

All anglers must have a valid Arizona Fishing License. Anglers may be requested to provide proof of license at any time within the practice days or tournament days by a tournament official. The contestant must show valid proof within 24 hours of the scale closing on the specific tournament date.

<u>High School and Junior Teams Series will follow the eligibility requirements below</u>.
● Participants will need an eligible partner and have one designated captain prior to registering for the season.
● Both youth anglers must be in good standing.
● If a partner is unable to participate in a tournament, the remaining partner may fish solo in a tournament but must be **accompanied by an observer/marshal on the boat during the tournament.**

● **Trolling motor time must be shared equitably between both anglers unless one angler voluntarily concedes their time this shall fall under sportsmanship.**

● During the official competition days of the tournament, competitors or captains may not make cell calls for the purpose of locating or catching fish on tournament waters. Cell phones may be used for emergency situations. Competitors can call lockmasters for locking purposes only. Competitors are allowed to use smartphones for global maps, weather, notes, tournament director communication/updates, etc. **No contestant, coach, or boat captain may post on, read, or respond to any social media content that references fishing activity, fish locations, fish species, bait, or water conditions on tournament waters during tournament hours. Viewing unrelated social media content is permitted.' For communication devices generally, add a specific example: 'A prohibited communication includes, but is not limited to, telling any non-official person what body of water, cove, point, or structure you are currently fishing or plan to fish**
● Each angler/captain agrees to report to the Tournament Director immediately any violation or infraction of any tournament rules. Failure to report violations, suggestions to another competitor that they violate these rules or false verification of weigh-in forms may be cause for disqualification or other disciplinary action.
● Anyone fishing in the TBF or affiliated events will need to have an active membership prior to registering for the event.

<u>Junior Draw members will follow the eligibility requirements below</u>. The club will do its best to provide access to a boat, captain, and partner for the regular season events. (There will be a limited number of positions available on the draw partner program. Once the maximum has been met, the club will no longer be able to accept draw applications.)

● **Draw contestants must complete the minimum community service points in order to be considered for the junior draw the following year. If community service points are not completed the contestant will not be eligible for the program the following year.**
● If a partner is unable to participate in a tournament, the remaining partner may fish solo in a tournament but must be accompanied by a non-related observer/marshal on the boat during the tournament.
● In the event there are not enough boat captains there may be up to 3 junior anglers on one boat during the competition at the discretion of the Tournament Director and the Volunteer Captain.
● **If a captain allows contestants to control the trolling motor, trolling motor time must be shared equitably between both anglers unless one angler voluntarily concedes their time — may be treated as an equipment and positioning advantage and reviewed for sportsmanship compliance.**
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<u>Captain Requirements and Restrictions</u>:
● Be 21 years of age and older.
● Must comply with all local regulations and may be required to have a Boat Captain ID in the State of California.
● Must not be a guide on the tournament waters prior to **12** months of the tournament unless the captain is the parent of the youth angler. (This rule applies only to Junior Teams and Highschool Teams. Guides can still volunteer for the draw circuit.)
● If a substitute is needed, request and approval must be requested through the Tournament Director.
● Be subject to a background check at the tournament official's discretion.
● **For all events governed by these rules, minimum required boat liability insurance is $300,000 per occurrence regardless of which rulebook is cited as controlling. Proof must be present in the boat at all times.**
● Boat Captains/Coaches/Parents will serve as "officials" in the event and will not be allowed to fish, cast, set hooks, or reel fish for any competitor to do so it will disqualify the angler from the

tournament. Repeated offenses may disqualify the angler from all TBF tournaments and events as decided by TBF
officials.
● They may ASSIST Youth Anglers in a manner as to coach or mentor them
ONLY.
● They may suggest fishing areas or techniques, baits, etc., but the final
decision, if safety is not a factor, on where to fish or fishing methods will rest
with Youth Anglers.
● They may use the dip net if they so choose.
● Boat captains are subject to the same rules as the anglers, and penalties, if any can be applied to the team in your boat. Repeated offenses may disqualify the angler or captain from all TBF tournaments and events as decided by TBF officials. The Boat Captain/Coaches must also submit a completed event waiver.
● Boat Captains always have complete control of the boat and outboard engine. Youth Anglers may not drive the boat, except for loading and unloading and in the case of an emergency. Youth Anglers can/should run the trolling motor; however, the Boat Captain has the right to take control of the trolling motor at any time if safety or equipment is at risk. Angler loading and unloading the boat must have a valid AZ issued Drivers License. Director may revoke these privileges at any time.
4. MINORS: Contestants under the age of 18 may enter with signed approval from their legal guardian. Proof of age to the tournament officials is the responsibility of the potential contestant. Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, is impaired in such a manner as to endanger the safety and well-being of their partner or themselves may not be eligible.
5. MEMBERSHIP: TBF membership is required to fish all TBF events, with the exception of Open Qualifiers. Failure to have an active/paid membership is grounds for disqualification for events that require membership. TBF reserves the right to refuse and/or revoke memberships without cause, reason, and/or explanation and without recourse at our own discretion. Membership does not guarantee the ability to enter a tournament. Memberships are valid for a tournament calendar year. Note: A tournament calendar year may start in the fall prior. The membership fee is $25 per contestant per year.
6.LIABILITY INSURANCE: During the open practice and competition days of any TBF tournament, no contestant may operate a boat unless that contestant has documented proof of a minimum of $300,000 per occurrence boat owner's liability insurance (see participation agreement for full details) covering the boat being used in the tournament. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in that boat. Random checks may be conducted, and any contestant who does not have proof of valid insurance with $300,000 coverage will not be allowed to participate, and all entry fees forfeited.
7.ENTRY DEADLINE:
Open Qualifier and Championship Deadlines: The first Entry deadline via mail/phone is 5:00 p.m. local time, or online/APP entries until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday prior to the event to be paid in full. Any entries after COB on this date will incur a $35 late fee. Check the TBF website for all deadline dates. TBF ENCOURAGES CONTESTANTS TO UTILIZE ONLINE METHODS TO SUBMIT PAYMENTS. Checks will be accepted; however, it is the responsibility of each

contestant to follow up with TBF if they have submitted an entry via USPS mail. All USPS entries must be received by the TBF office by the published deadline date. Contestants are encouraged to pre-sign for events, giving them priority entry and greatly helping the tournament organization with preparation details.

8.WAIVER AND RELEASE: As a condition of participation in each tournament, each contestant must execute a waiver and release of liability and a name and likeness release.

9. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded after the tournament. Contestants must be present and able to hear their names called at the official weigh-in to be eligible for contingency prizes.

10. OFF LIMITS PRACTICE:

SEE THE WEBSITE FOR OFFICIAL DATES AND OFF-LIMITS FOR EACH EVENT.

PRE-FISHING AND OFF LIMITS: Official practice will be designated as the 2 days prior to the tournament date. A day officially starts at 12:01 a.m. Once official practice
ow registered anglers, their registered captains for that event, and/or immediate
family members. Not abiding by the above rule is grounds for immediate disqualification or a lesser penalty as determined by the tournament director or proxy. OPEN QUALIFYING EVENTS: Verify all rules and restrictions for each qualifying event.

CHAMPIONSHIP – Tournament waters shall be off-limits to all contestants at 12:01
Club Event Deadlines: Draw Anglers must register for events online prior to each
event. The link will close at 12:01 AM Saturday, prior to the tournament week
rule allows for the documentation to be prepared and to develop an accurate
number of volunteers needed. There will be no guarantee that any late
Admissions will be eligible to fish or that a boat/captain will be provided
begins, you cannot be on the competition waters with a fellow junior or high school
angler who isn't officially registered for the tournament unless they are a family
member. Anglers will only be allowed to be on competition waters with fell
All Anglers must be off the tournament waters by sunset as defined by the
National Weather Service and at the discretion of the Director.

AM local time 10 days prior to the first open practice date in all TBF Championship events unless otherwise notified by TBF. No contestants will be allowed on Tournament waters after registration until the first day of competition. Unless otherwise specified, all official times are specific to local host community. The contestant must know and observe these dates. During both the open practice and the tournament, a contestant may not have the assistance or advice of anyone other than another confirmed contestant for the purposes of locating or catching bass, nor enter the tournament waters with anyone who has been on the tournament waters during the off-limits period including, but not limited to, a professional guide, state or federal wildlife agency employee, or any other person deemed an "expert" on these tournament waters by the Tournament Director unless they are a contestant in the tournament. Flying over tournament waters or the use of drones during the off-limits period, open practice, and competition is not allowed.

11.NO INFO RULE: Not applicable to club events.

TBF TEAMS HAVE A NO INFO RULE AND A STRICT OFF-LIMITS PERIOD. REGARDLESS OF WHEN A CONTESTANT ENTERED THE EVENT, THEY MUST HAVE ADHERED TO THE

OFF-LIMITS PERIOD AND THE NO INFORMATION RULE. BY SIGNING THE WAIVER AND ENTRY FORM EACH CONTESTANT IS ATTESTING TO ADHERING TO THE NO INFO AND OFF-LIMITS RULE. Other than using publicly available information (e.g., newspaper and internet reports) contestants cannot solicit, receive, or gather any information via phone, electronic devices, or any other means about locating or catching fish on tournament waters other than from another confirmed contestant. All information must be accessed prior to official off limits periods. THERE SHALL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. During open practice (CHAMPIONSHIP) and competition day(s) contestants cannot solicit, receive, or gather any information from anyone other than another confirmed contestant in the tournament. In the event of unsolicited information being offered in any fashion, constants must cease and /or discontinue such information by informing the person you are off limits for TBF event.

12.SPOT HOLDING OR BLOCKING WATERS:

Any angler, captain, or related friend/family member (parent/grandparent) associated with the club reported and verified as spot holding or blocking waters during official practice days or during tournament day of the event will be in violation of general fishing courtesy and sportsmanship guidelines. Any such violation can result in a maximum of immediate disqualification, or a lesser penalty as determined by the tournament director or proxy. On tournament day, an angler may occupy a spot if they are actively fishing and are not blocking access in or out of a waterway. If actively fishing, the competitor can have an expectation of 50 feet from other competitors unless asked and permission given to other competitors to enter within 50 feet if access in or out of a waterway is not at play. Anglers are members of the fishing community and are held to the utmost expectation of sportsmanship and integrity. Not abiding by the above rule is grounds for immediate disqualification or a lesser penalty as determined by the tournament director or proxy. Anglers are encouraged to yield to other anglers in tournament competitions the days prior to the junior/high school tournament if asked to do so. The youth angling program wouldn't be available if it wasn't for the adult anglers and adult tournament directors providing products,
equipment, and support. Our goal is to maintain a high standard for our anglers in the community and develop long term positive relationships.

13.FISHABLE WATERS:

Boats may fish anywhere except within 50 feet of an operating gas pump/dock, or within areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by Local, State or Federal officials or as posted on the Tournament Information page or announced by Tournament Director. Tournament waters shall be established by the Tournament Director for each tournament. Any water within these boundaries posted "Off Limits" or "No Fishing" by state or federal agencies will be OFF-LIMITS and will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. Only water open to all public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Contestants may not cut, dig, or remove obstructions requiring the use of any tools once the off-limits period begins all the way through the conclusion of the event to access any water. Contestants may not have a non-contestant cut, dig, or remove any obstructions once the off-limits period begins all the way through the conclusion of the event to access any water. Contestants may not have the assistance of another boat, person, or apparatus (push poles are allowed) to access any water. Contestant's boats must access fishable water under its own power and only with the assistance of the anglers assigned to that boat. All angling must be done from the boat. Prior to the tournament registration, any

questionable areas must be brought to the attention of tournament officials to be considered tournament waters and may be announced in the briefing for all to hear. Contestants must fish in an area that is accessible by TBF staff, media, and camera personnel as deemed by the tournament director. As a general rule TBF views this as a 20-foot fiberglass bass boat with the motor trimmed down under its own power. If contestants have any questions, they must approach the tournament director. Any violation of off-limits water will result in disqualification. Tournament officials reserve the right to restrict or enhance tournament waters based on conversations with local authorities.

14. SHARED WEIGHT FORMAT: Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, and Redeye bass will be weighed. The limit shall be five (5) of the above species and varieties per day unless otherwise specified by tournament officials. As soon as a contestant has caught one more fish than their tournament limit, they must cull a fish immediately to reduce their catch to the tournament limit. A contestant must not allow any bass caught by him/her to be counted on the score of another team. In such a case, all contestants involved shall be disqualified from this tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by TBF. **A team that discovers an over-limit condition must stop fishing and contact the Tournament Director by phone within 5 minutes of the discovery. Fishing may not resume until the Tournament Director has been notified. Failure to notify within 5 minutes will result in forfeiture of that day's catch in addition to any culling penalty.**

15. COMPETITION DAYS: (Qualifying events) will span one (1) day with the full field.

16.CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION DAYS: TBF will span 1 or 2 competition days.

17.OTHER EQUIPMENT/RESTRICTIONS:

● Any other special rule as deemed by the tournament director and announced prior to blastoff.

● TBF is allowing nets.

● No floggers, underwater cameras, or similar devices will be allowed in practice or during the events days.

● No spotlights or similar devices will be allowed in practice or during the events days to located fishing locations or fish.

● Binoculars are not allowed in the boat at any time.

● Contestants must have a valid fishing license for all tournament waters. ● No contestant may buy or barter a fishing location from anyone for use during any competition day.

● Contestants renting boat slips may launch boats and proceed immediately to slip location.

● Testing of engines during off-limits period is not permitted on tournament waters. Unless approved by Director

● Testing of engines after the weigh-in is only allowed with permission from the Tournament Director.

● Scouting, pre-fishing, or other “practice” related activities prior to or after weigh-in is not allowed once the tournament has begun.

● During the open practice and during the tournament, a contestant may not enter or dive in tournament waters also known as skin or scuba diving.

● During the official competition days of the tournament, a contestant may not use a CB radio, a VHF marine band radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. Contestants are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. If so equipped, contestants may listen to the marine-band weather information.
● Contestants are allowed to call lockmasters for locking purposes only. ● In all cases where communications are initiated by a contestant, the Tournament Director must be called prior. A voicemail or text message may constitute such communication.
● A designated tournament official must be granted access to the contestant's boat at any time during the open practice or competition days. Failure to grant such access may result in immediate disqualification.
● Nothing can be placed into the water to attract baitfish, any type of forage. This includes but not limited to: structure, dog food, fish habitat, bait balls or any substance that would enhance or hold fish in a particular area once the off-limits period begins and all the way through the conclusion of the event.
18.VIOLATION OR INFRACTION: EACH CONTESTANT AGREES TO REPORT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY ANY VIOLATION OR INFRACTION OF ANY TOURNAMENT RULES.
19.PROTEST AND REPORTING PROCEDURE: ALL PROTESTS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ATTENTION VIA VERBAL NOTIFICATION AND THEN SUBMIT A WRITTEN PROTEST WITHIN THIRTY (30) MINUTES OF THE LAST FLIGHT CHECK-IN TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL. THE PROTESTOR ALSO AGREES THAT IF THERE IS A QUESTION WITH REGARDS TO VERIFYING THE PROTEST, THEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAM AND AGREE TO TESTIFY IN A COURT OF LAW IF NECESSARY. **The 30-minute protest window applies to contestant-initiated protests. Tournament officials retain the right, under TBF Rule 1, to investigate and act on violations discovered through their own observation at any time. Officials should notify the affected team of any post-window investigation within 24 hours of the start of any investigation**.
20. REGISTRATION/ Check In: Each contestant must check in, in person with official TBF staff at the time and place designated in the schedule of events. Any contestant who has not contacted the TBF Tournament Director 15 minutes after the closing of the posted on site registration, may be disqualified from participating in the tournament and his/her entry free forfeited. It shall be each contestant's responsibility to check the schedule of events or registration time and location or obtain times from the TBF tournament department.
21. SAFETY: Safe boat conduct must always be observed by contestants. During competition **and during designated pre-fishing/open practice**, each boat passenger must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest type life preserver anytime the combustion engine is operating. This preserver must be strapped, snapped, or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is shut off. Inflatable life vest indicators should be checked daily. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. Teams are encouraged to wear/carry Three Coast Guard approved chest type life preservers per boat. All children **16** years of age and younger must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, o r III l ife jacket (PFD) while on any vessel. The life jacket (PFD) must be fastened according to the manufacturer's

recommended use and must fit the child properly. All anglers and captains must comply with the laws of the state in which the events are held.
Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the contestants. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. Weather delays on competition days resulting in half of the tournament day being lost (first flight take-off and check-in) may result in cancellation. TBF reserves the right to impose boat speed limits during any or all tournaments. Whether or not to impose a speed limit, the area covered by the speed limit and/or the actual speed limit imposed shall be left exclusively to the discretion of the Tournament Director. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, CONTESTANTS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND ONCE SAFE, NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONTESTANTS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMINENT.
● It is suggested the Boater have a safety check with their partner prior to launch to familiarize the location of all safety equipment.
● It is recommended that each contestant successfully complete a boating safety course. Boating safety certification, or a “grandfathered” exception, may be required in certain states/tournaments. Boating safety courses are available online and should carry an endorsement by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators or NASBLA.
22.ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP: Contestants/Coaches Participating in any TBF event shall abide by this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the event in which they are participating. Contestants and Coaches shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming of a professional that will not reflect unfavorably on TBF, its members, sponsors, events, or representatives. The favorable public reputation of TBF as an organization in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its media properties are valuable assets and tangible benefits for TBF. It is an obligation of contestants to refrain from public comments that unreasonably attack or disparage the integrity of tournaments, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow contestants or the TBF organization. Public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of TBF, TBF officials or sponsors shall be considered unacceptable conduct and may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, permanent removal from all TBF events. Contestants will refrain from arguing, yelling, demeaning, using profanity, or challenging any tournament official. Anglers will be notified of any known rules infractions at the moment they are discovered or as soon as they are ruled upon by the tournament director. Contestants shall demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any angler who violates any portion of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to permanent disqualification.
***To this end, anglers, parents, coaches, faculty members, friends, and family members of anglers shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any angler, parents, and family members of anglers who violate any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to forfeiture of tournament winnings, suspension from competing in individual TBF sanctioned events, permanent ban from competition or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by TBF. ***

Anglers are frequently in the public eye and are considered role models; therefore, it is imperative that tournament competitors demonstrate good sportsmanship in fishing. Sportsmanship is defined as fair play, respect for opponents, and polite behavior while competing in the sport.

● Following are examples of unacceptable behavior by competitors in TBF events that will be cause for penalties as outlined in this document. o Heated public disagreements with TBF officials, other competitors, fans, and volunteers during an event.

o Public attacks through media, including social media, upon the integrity of TBF rules or officials.

o Public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of TBF officials or its sponsors.

o Displays of anger and displeasure for reasons related to fishing competition where members of the public, including other anglers, spectators and the media, are present.

o Publicly questioning or criticizing a tournament official or official decision, ruling, or penalty except through the proper channels. o Abuse (physical, verbal, threatening, or slanderous) of tournament officials, volunteers, fellow competitors or others connected with a TBF event including comments on social media.

o Offensive or slanderous comments with racial, cultural, or sexual overtones regarding event officials, event personnel, or fellow anglers. Intentionally interfering with a fellow angler's ability to compete.

23. PUBLIC CONDUCT, SPORTSMANSHIP AND COMPETITIVE INTEGRITY: Contestants in TBF tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Contestant agrees that the integrity and competitive honesty of fishing contests is paramount to any bass fishing tournament circuit's continued existence and success. Contestants compete in TBF contests at the sole discretion of TBF. The TBF reserves the right to refuse service to any potential contestant and enforce its tournament rules, including but not limited to this Rule and the Angler Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship Rule, at its sole discretion.

24. ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any contestant or coach during the open practice or during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future TBF tournaments. No alcoholic beverages, other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats during the open practice or competition days or when in the weigh-in area. Any contestant(s) deemed under the influence by the tournament director may be disqualified. Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or crimes involving moral turpitude or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and/or for disqualification after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director.

25. TOBACCO PRODUCTS: The use of any tobacco/**nicotine** products or smoking prior/during takeoff, from check-in through weigh-in, and while cameras are present is prohibited. It is strongly encouraged to minimize the exposure of contestants to tobacco products and smoking.

26. MAXIMUM COURTESY: must always be practiced, especially regarding boating and angling in the vicinity of non-contestants who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a

contestant which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification. All contestants are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish. Contestants are responsible for research of fishing and boating regulations.

27. DISQUALIFICATION SUSPENSION: Any disqualification suspension from or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation in a TBF tournament and/or disqualification from a TBF tournament after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director. A written statement may be accepted by the tournament director from any contestant in question.Disqualification will result in loss of catch and loss of points. Any angler disqualified will not be allowed to use that tournament as a “throw out”. The disqualification tournament will be used to determine angler of the year.

28. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures and biodegradable artificial lures may be used. No “live bait” or “prepared bait” will be permitted during open practice and competition, except for pork strips or rinds. Only ONE (1) casting, spin casting or spinning rod and reel may be used at any one time. Other rigs as specified above may be in boat ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on each day of competition.

29. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS: Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the rod in hand. All lures must adhere to state regulations. Alabama rigs and similar umbrella type rigs are limited to a maximum of five wires, five lures and three hooks (single or treble) unless state regulations are more restrictive, in which case state regulations prevail.

30.RECEIVING, ACCEPTING OR TAKING OF FISH FROM ANOTHER PERSON: During Tournament hours is strictly prohibited. Stringers, ropes, caging, barrels or use of any other type of device to hold fish with the intent of catching or utilizing them to count for your or anyone else’s daily catch is prohibited. Adding weight in any way to alter the natural state of any fish caught is prohibited. Moving or “stocking” fish from one location to another is prohibited.

31.VISIBLE FISH: Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their catch disqualified. When visually fishing a bed or for bedding bass, to be counted as a legal fish, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and must be verified by your partner before being unhooked.

32.HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS: MAXIMUM HORSEPOWER FOR ALL OUTBOARD MOTOR BOATS USED IN OPEN TOURNAMENT PRACTICE AND IN TOURNAMENT COMPETITION WILL not exceed the limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard. Each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. Changing or altering standard factory parts of a contestant’s engine to increase the horsepower over the factory horsepower rating is forbidden and will result in disqualification.

33.BOAT AND MOTOR: For the safety of all contestants during open practice and competition, ALL BOATS MUST BE MINIMUM OF 16 FEET IN LENGTH, PROPELLER DRIVEN AND EQUIPPED WITH AN APPROVED OPERABLE IGNITION KILL SWITCH AND LANYARD. No jet-propelled boats. No “barges” or similar craft will be permitted. NO BOAT EQUIPPED WITH “STICK STEERING” SHALL BE PERMITTED. “Stick steering” shall be as defined by the Tournament Director.

34.MANUFACTURER'S LANYARD/KILL SWITCH: Must be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating. Any time the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. **Failure to use the above mentioned safety device will be subject to penalty up to and including disqualification from the tournament.**
35.NO RAISED PLATFORMS: Decks, other non-factory installed standing platforms or other objects may not be used in the boat for a platform or gaining an advantage of sight or overview of a fishing area. Standing on the outboard engine, coolers, or seats while fishing is not allowed. An electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering. However, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Use of such items is grounds for immediate disqualification or lesser penalty as determined by the tournament director or proxy.
36. ALL BLADDER TANKS AND AUXILIARY GAS: Any other type of AUXILIARY gas tanks that are not installed by the boat manufacturer are prohibited. Additional gas tanks that are factory options and installed by a manufacturer's authorized dealer are permitted. Boats that do not have factory installed gas tanks are restricted to a maximum of 18 gallons of gasoline in tanks that meet U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Gas tanks must be properly secured or strapped in a boat. No portable gas tanks or containers capable of holding gasoline can be placed anywhere on the tournament waters or shoreline for use by any tournament contestant. Gas must be purchased from a retail gas station.
37. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT: During open practice (Championship), **sanctioned activity**, and competition, every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment as well as a functional bilge pump. During open competition, every boat must have LIVEWELL SPACE, PROPERLY AERATED, TO ADEQUATELY MAINTAIN ALIVE A LIMIT CATCH OF BASS FOR TWO CONTESTANTS. TBF recommends live wells be maintained at full level and aerators/recirculators on manual. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate.
38. BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Prior to each day's start, each boat MUST be inspected by a tournament official. Teams will be assigned a boat number according to their take off position.
39. CONTESTANTS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT: During the competition days; contestants must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Contestants must leave from and return to official checkpoints by boat. Contestants must always remain in the boat except in case of dire emergency. There are then two permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by both anglers remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) by one or both anglers entering the boat of another tournament contestant. Boats must be properly secured and stationary. Contestants must notify the tournament director as soon as possible. Under these two conditions contestants' catches may be counted without a penalty (except for late penalties, dead fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules).

40.RESTROOM BREAK: In the event of a needed restroom break partners can leave the boat. All fishing must cease until both team members and the captain return to the boat.
41.REPORT AN EMERGENCY OR BREAKDOWN: Contact a tournament official by phone or other means or to report an emergency or breakdown, contestants must cease fishing at this point and their catch must be verified by a tournament official in order to be counted in the

tournament. If after the emergency is resolved by tournament officials and enough time is left for the contestant to resume fishing, a RESTART may be allowed, and the contestant will continue, and their catch will be counted. This applies only to emergency situations as determined by the Tournament Director or his designee.
At the moment a team notifies the Tournament Director of a breakdown or emergency, the following applies:

a) The team must immediately begin a continuous, unedited video recording of their livewell(s) on their cell phone or other device. This recording must remain uninterrupted until a tournament official arrives or the Tournament Director confirms the team via live video call.
b) No fish may be culled, released, added to, or removed from the livewell from the moment the breakdown is reported until the catch is officially verified by a tournament official.
c) If the official cannot reach the team in person, verification may be conducted via live video call, provided the video feed is uninterrupted and the official can confirm the fish count and condition. The official must verbally record the count and state it clearly on the call.
d) Any break in the video recording — for any reason — results in the forfeiture of that day's catch.

Emergency Boat Transfer Protocol: When a team is authorized by the Tournament Director to transfer to a replacement vessel, the following steps are mandatory and must be completed in order before any fish are moved:

1. The Tournament Director or a designated official must be physically present at the transfer location, or must observe the entire process via live video call with no interruption.
2. The replacement boat captain must verbally disclose to the Tournament Director, on the record, whether they were on tournament waters that day and, if so, whether they were fishing. Any undisclosed prior fishing activity is grounds for disqualification of the transferring team.
3. A designated official (or the Tournament Director via live video) must visually inspect all livewells on the replacement vessel and confirm they are empty and contain no fish before the transferring team boards.
4. Immediately following the inspection, the official must document the empty livewell on video. The video must remain running, without interruption, through the entire transfer of the team's fish from the original livewell to the replacement vessel's livewell.
5. Once the transfer is complete, the official must re-inspect the replacement livewell and count the fish on camera. The count must match the team's reported fish count at the time the breakdown was reported.
6. Any fish count discrepancy — even one fish — results in forfeiture of that day's catch. The burden of proof is on the team to demonstrate their catch is accounted for.
7. The tournament director's authorization, the replacement captain's disclosure, and the fish count must all be documented in writing before the team is permitted to continue fishing.

If a new captain will be taking over due to the emergency: Prior to the Tournament Director approving any substitute boat captain, the substitute must complete a verbal or written disclosure covering: (1) whether they were on tournament waters at any point that day; (2) whether they were fishing during that time; and (3) whether any fish were caught and what

happened to them. A substitute captain who was actively fishing on tournament waters on the day of the tournament may be denied by the Tournament Director. If approved despite prior fishing activity, the Tournament Director must document the disclosure and apply the Emergency Boat Transfer Protocol (see Emergency Procedures section) in full. Failure to disclose, if discovered before or after the tournament, is grounds for disqualification of the team.

42.TOWING BOATS: On trailers during tournament hours is prohibited, except by the direction of tournament officials. When partners check out at the beginning of the day, they must stay together and within sight of each other and their catch throughout the day except in case of emergency.

43.OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT: There shall be only one official check point for check-out in the morning, and one official check-in point in the afternoon which will be designated at the tournament briefing. Failure to go through boat check and check-out in the morning or failure to check-in at the check-in point in the afternoon may result in disqualification. At the time of check-out, all contestants and their boats shall be in full conformity with all rules set forth by the Tournament Director. At check-in, all boats shall identify themselves by means of the numbers assigned for that tournament and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. Operational navigation lights must be illuminated from takeoff to the first stop of each day. Contestants who do not display operational navigation lights will be moved to the end of the blast off line. Their check in time will remain the same.

44.SCORING: Tournament standings and final winners shall be determined by the total weight of each contestant's catch during the competition days of the tournament.

45.THE OFFICIAL LENGTH FOR BASS: Shall be determined by the Tournament Director and announced at the Tournament Briefing. THERE WILL BE NO
MINIMUM LENGTH FOR BASS UNLESS A RESTRICTION IS SET BY LOCAL REGULATIONS. ALL BASS WILL BE MEASURED ON A FLAT BOARD WITH THE MOUTH CLOSED. ONLY BASS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE WHICH MEASURE THE OFFICIAL LENGTH OR MORE ON THE LONGEST STRAIGHT LINE WITH THE TAIL PINCHED OR SWISHED SHALL BE WEIGHED. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the official length shall result in loss of that bass and a penalty of one (1) pound for each such bass presented. Penalty shall be deducted from the total score of the contestant. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered may be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials.

46. BIG FISH: No dead bass will be eligible for Big Bass awards or prizes. Each contestant will automatically be entered into the big fish option.

47. MUST PRESENT ALL LEGAL FISH: After contestants check in at the official checkpoint, they MUST present all LEGAL fish in their possession to a tournament official to be counted, measured and weighed. Contestants may not cull or discard any fish in their possession once they have checked in at the check-in point. Once a contestant's catch is measured, counted, and verified by a tournament official, that contestant may not return to the boat until their catch has been weighed and recorded.

48.CULLING TAGS or clips are allowed. Puncture-type cull rings/tags are not allowed in competition. Specially designed bags that increase survival rate will be furnished by the Tournament Director and must be used for the weigh-in.

49. CATCH AND RELEASE: CULLING OF DEAD BASS IS PROHIBITED. **A dead bass shall be defined as unable to freely swim under the water and away from the boat within 30 seconds of being released. Any team that culls a dead bass will be subject to automatic disqualification.** No dead bass will be eligible for Big Bass awards or prizes. For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the contestant shall be penalized 0.25 pounds per dead fish to be deducted from their daily score. Dead fish determinations will be made by TBF staff member(s) in charge of the bump tank. Contestants will not argue, yell, demean, use profanity, or be disrespectful in any way toward this ruling. The Tournament Director or his/her designees shall have sole authority for assessing penalty points.

50. LATE PENALTY: Contestants who are not at the official check-in point, as described at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of one (1) pound per minute late to be deducted from the total weight of his/her catch that day, including any weight to be counted toward a "big bass award." Any contestant more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch to include point's credit. There shall be no excuse for tardiness and in no case shall a contestant be allowed to make up "lost time." After proper recognition at the check-in point, contestants will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site; however, all fishing must cease upon check-in. After the tournament begins, fishing the tournament waters is prohibited except during tournament hours. Exact starting and check-in times will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. It is the angler's responsibility to confirm check-in times each day.

51. RULE OF TIME KEEPING: The official time is always kept by the Tournament Director once open practice has begun. For the rule of timekeeping until the official clock reads the following minute, contestants are not considered late for that minute in question, i.e., 3:00:59 is not considered late. 3:01 is considered one minute late, etc.

52.TIE BREAKERS:

● INDIVIDUAL CLUB EVENTS/ OPEN QUALIFIERS: Will be determined by the big fish weight.

● CHAMPIONSHIP: In case of ties for the championship, the tiebreaker will be determined by the (1) largest single day's weight, (2) if the tie is not broken, largest number of legal fished weighed during competition, (3) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the largest number of legal live fish weighed during competition, (4) if the tie is not broken, the next tiebreaker will be the biggest fish from either day. If the tie is not broken by applying the foregoing procedures, the tie will remain a tie. Monetary prizes for each contestant will be awarded in equal amounts. Angler of the Year points will be awarded for the place of the tied position and each contestant will be awarded equal points.

53. BIG FISH- In the case where two contestants are tied with the weight of a big fish. TBF will combine the prizes of equal value for those places and divide them equally by the tied contestants.

54.CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

● The top Ten teams from each open qualifier will receive an invitation.

● The top 10% of Juniors and High schoolers from the Pilot Club will receive an invitation. If a National Invitation is extended, each angler must complete a minimum of three community service projects, two of which are in coordination with Phoenix Junior Bassmasters and/or Arizona High School Bassmasters. (If anglers do not have the required community service, the

Tournament Director shall work down the qualifying list of anglers who meet the community service requirements before extending the invitation to those who did not complete the required community service. **It is the responsibility of both team mates to ensure community service points are completed prior to the deadline/championship invitational at the direction of the tournament director.**

● TBF reserves the right to work down the qualifying list to ensure a full field at the Championship Invitational.

● TBF reserves the right to invite sponsor exemptions for the Championship Invitational.

55.RULES VIOLATIONS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE: An appeals committee will be established by TBF which shall be composed of the tournament director and a minimum of 4 contestants from the advisory board in the event in question. Appeals for penalties assessed must be presented in writing 48 hours from the time and date of ruling to the Tournament Director. Appeals hearings shall take place within seven (7) business days from the date of receipt of the written appeal and all parties must make themselves available at prescribed time of hearing. If contestants admit to a rules violation, they may not file an appeal of either the finding that they have violated the rules, or the penalty imposed for the violation. Decisions of the appeals committee shall be final. Contestants may be allowed to compete under appeal. However, penalties assessed will remain until final ruling by the Appeals Committee. Contestants may be allowed to compete under appeal for penalties assessed until final ruling by the Appeals Committee. Appeals of non-competition rulings must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 48 hours from the time and date of ruling for review.

56. MEDIA: All official contestants of an event are required to cooperate with the media personnel that cover the event. Contestants do not have the option of not being filmed or interviewed during the official event days. TBF personnel must be granted access and be able to board any contestant's boat at will. Any act deemed by TBF officials to have the intention of preventing media coverage will result in disqualification from the event. Contestants must fish in an area that is accessible by TBF staff, media, and camera personnel as deemed by the tournament director. As a general rule TBF views this as a 20-foot fiberglass bass boat with the motor trimmed down under its own power. If contestants have any questions, they must approach the tournament director.

57.LOGOS AND/OR SIGNAGE: Contestants are encouraged to wear their own clothing, which may bear patches, logos, and other signage promoting the angler's sponsors. TBF may, however, restrict the use of patches, logos, signage, etc., which are, in TBF sole judgment, in poor taste. **Examples of poor taste include but are not limited to: tobacco, alcohol, drug, profanity, and nudity either worn or exhibited by a contestant. Clothing/hats/and other gear that that are deemed in poor taste will be penalized as follows: 1st Occurrence - verbal/written warning. 2nd Occurrence - 1 pound deduction. 3rd Occurrence - disqualification.** TBF will provide as much advance notice as possible to the contestants in such instances. Contestants are also encouraged to wear TBF logo on their tournament jerseys.

58.ADVISORY BOARD: An Advisory Board will be established by TBF. TBF will look to this board for their input on various items regarding tournaments and the contestants. This Advisory Board may be asked to help resolve appeals/ protests with regards to rules violations.

59. TAXES: Participants are responsible for all applicable taxes, execution of all tax forms and rules on both cash and merchandise awards. Various states require withholding tax on merchandise be paid upon the awarding of certificates and contestants awarded merchandise certificates in these various states are responsible for remitting this tax to TBF. Failure to meet those obligations may result in fines and/or disqualification from all future TBF Events.

Health Guidance Addendum:
In the event of a declared public health emergency affecting the region where a tournament is scheduled, the Tournament Director may modify, postpone, or cancel the event in accordance with applicable government guidance. Updated procedures will be communicated to all registered participants no less than 48 hours before the event, or as soon as practicable.
● Virtual tournaments may require an increase in fees to be paid per tournament for participants, special equipment (measuring board and access to a digital application via phone or tablet) and will be scored based off length not weight.
● The TourneyX app will be used for virtual tournaments. TourneyX Fee per angler and per tournament is $5.00
● Yellow Hawg Trough will need to be purchased, Cabela's, Amazon, Fishermen's Choice, etc.
● Youth anglers will need to find their own boat captain, we will do our best to assist each angler in finding a boat captain if you cannot find one, Youth may fish from a boat, Kayak or shore with parental or guardian supervision at Lakes determined by PHXJRB/AZHSB Tournament Director or designee.

Virtual Tournament Rules

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SANCTIONS:
The Tournament Director may impose actions or rulings deemed appropriate by them, which may include the following without limitation.
The Tournament Director may seek the advisement of the Advisory Board or Rules Committee:
● Reduction of competition hours as determined by the Tournament Director.
● Loss of catch for the day of the violation.
● Disqualification from the current tournament.
● Forfeiture of prizes and entry fee.
● Disqualification from future PHXJRB/AZHSB events, which may be a specific number of events, a
specific period or permanently.
o Subject to the appeal process set forth in these rules. The decision of the Tournament Director, his/her designee, or the rules committee shall be final in all matters. PHXJRB/AZHSB contestants are required to police themselves each competition day. If contestants have a concern regarding their catch, they should not present their catch. They must consult with the tournament director immediately.
● FISHING HOURS: Fishing hours will be posted on the Tournament Information Page or announced at the tournament briefing.

● VIOLATION OR INFRACTION: EACH CONTESTANT AGREES TO REPORT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY ANY VIOLATION OR INFRACTION OF ANY TOURNAMENT RULES.
● PROTEST AND REPORTING PROCEDURE: ALL PROTESTS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ATTENTION VIA VERBAL NOTIFICATION AND THEN SUBMIT A WRITTEN PROTEST WITHIN THIRTY (30) MINUTES OF THE LAST FLIGHT CHECK-IN TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL.
● TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:
o Only artificial lures and biodegradable artificial lures may be used.
o No “live bait” or “prepared bait” will be permitted during open practice and competition, except for pork strips or rinds. Only ONE (1) casting, spin casting or spinning rod and reel may be used at any one time. Other rigs as specified above may be in kayak ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on each day of competition.
● PERMITTED FISHING METHODS: Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the rod in hand. All lures must adhere to state regulations. Alabama rigs and similar umbrella type rigs are limited to a maximum of five wires, five lures and three hooks (single or treble) unless state regulations are more restrictive, in which case state regulations prevail.
● RECEIVING, ACCEPTING OR TAKING OF FISH FROM ANOTHER PERSON: during tournament hours is strictly prohibited. Stringers, ropes, caging, barrels or use of any other type of device to hold fish with the intent of catching or utilizing them to count for your or anyone else’s daily catch is prohibited. Adding weight in any way to alter the natural state of any fish caught is prohibited. Moving or “stocking” fish from one location to another is prohibited.
● VISIBLE FISH: Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their catch disqualified. When visually fishing a bed or for bedding bass, to be counted as a legal fish, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth.
MEASUREMENT, SUBMISSION, AND SCORING OF CATCH:

● Fish must be landed without any assistance. Supervising Adult or Captain may assist Youth angler with measurement, taking picture of the catch on the Hawg Trough and release of the fish. Fish must be alive at the time of the release and must swim away under its own power for it to be considered a legal catch.

● Scoring is done by CPR (catch-photo-release) method. Fish will be submitted via the designated app or by live judge scoring after check-in time. Anglers will be notified well in advance of the scoring system to be used for specific tournament.
● All photos must contain the tournament identifier and markings must be visible. A tournament identifier will be issued before the tournament.
● All fish entries must appear to be fresh and free of any obvious mutilation or mishandling. ● Any two fish of the same length must show noticeable signs of distinction. ● Anglers are required
to use a digital camera or smartphone with an LCD screen big enough to view photos and measurements.

● Anglers are required to provide their own power source for smartphone or camera, unable to provide a picture due to power device failure will result in disqualification of catch. ● Picture of fish must be on an approved Hawg Trough measuring device with identifier and measurement markings prominently visible. Picture of fish must be on an approved Hawg Trough-yellow boards only, no whiteboards. Board must be flat and not flexed. ● Fish must be positioned with the head facing left with the dorsal fin up. ● The mouth must be closed touching the front of the measuring device (mouth must be fully closed with no board visible, fish with structural defects will be closely analyzed by multiple judges for final determination). A 1” deduction will be imposed for each fish submitted with its mouth open.

● No holding or angling of the fishtail. Natural, pinched position is acceptable.

● The hand may not be tucked under the gill plate or over the eye of the fish. ● No fish grips or stringers holding the fish.

● No blurry pictures must be clearly visible.

● The tail must be touching the line to count. Measurement will be rounded down to the nearest 1⁄4 inch if not clearly visibly touching the line.

● The winner will be determined by 5 qualified fish total measurement. Second place will be determined by the second-longest 5 qualified fish total measurement, and so on. ● In the event of a tie, the longest fish will determine the tiebreaker. In the event of a continued tie, the next longest fish will decide. In the event of a continued tie, the next fish will decide. In the event of an ultimate tie, a final coin toss will decide.