

1st Annual Greenville County Schools District Tournament

Date and Time: Saturday, October 4th; 6:30 (or safelight) – 3:00 pm (weigh-in) *be at the boat ramp by 5:30 for boat/livewell inspections!*

Location: Twin Lakes Boat Ramp, Lake Hartwell

Participants: Open to student fishing clubs/teams of any Greenville County school. This will be a TBF tournament.

Rules: Rules for this tournament are listed on the back. Anglers and boat captains must also obey all rules and regulations provided by the Youth Bass League, The Bass Federation and SCDNR. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Eudy.

Blast-off: Blast-off order will be determined by a draw the morning of the tournament as teams arrive. Captain's meeting will be held on the dock by the boat ramp at 6:00.

Off-limits area: From the boat ramp to the northern shore and the cove to the east of that line. (Twin Lakes beach areas)

Registration: School/Club advisors or coaches may register their respective teams by email (address below). A registration fee of \$30 per school is asked to help defer the cost of trophies/awards. Park fees/boat launch fees are the responsibility of the individual schools/teams.

Registration Information: Each coach should register their each of their 2-man teams by supplying the following info: Anglers' names/birthdates and boat captain. For boat captains: Name, Date of Birth, Cell #. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 1st.

Tournament Scoring: Awards will be given to the 2-man angler teams finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. All teams are eligible for these awards. A trophy will be given to the school with the highest combined 3-team weight for the tournament. Each school should identify their top three teams during registration.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Eudy at (864) 355-0042 or meudy@greenville.k12.sc.us. The day of the tournament, I can be contacted by cell phone @ 864-238-9395.

Tournament Rules

The following rules are designed to promote sportsmanship among the anglers and to provide a fair competition. Failure to comply with any rules may result in a weight penalty or disqualification from the tournament.

1: **All SC DNR fishing rules and regulations apply during the tournament, including fishing license and boating regulations.** All anglers 16 and over must show proof of their license before competing.

2: **All school rules apply during fishing tournaments. No tobacco, no alcohol, no profanity.**

3: Anglers must be age 12-18 and be a registered member of their respective school's club/team.

4: Take-off times will be determined at the boat ramp the morning of the tournament.

5: Safety is the number one concern for these tournaments. All boats must be operated safely at all times. Only captains may drive the boat. Anglers may operate electric motors. **Coast Guard approved PFD's must be worn at all times while the combustion motor is in use.** All boats 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.

6: Boats should meet the following requirements: be at least 16 feet in length, have rear & bow casting decks, have console steering mounts (no tiller steering), have an aerated live-well, and current boat registration.

7: **One Captain over the age of 21 is required to be on each team's boat at all times during the tournament.** Captain should advise anglers on boat safety and sportsmanship. Captains may give advice but anglers make decisions on where to fish, how to fish, and what lures to fish. Captains may net fish, but are not permitted to fish during the tournament (may not tie on lures, remove lures from fish, hold rods, set hooks, or cast lines)

8: Club tournaments will have a **5 fish per boat limit.** All fish must be largemouth, spotted, redeye, or smallmouth bass that are **at least 12" in length.** Teams should not possess more than 5 fish at any time during the tournament. Extra fish must be culled immediately.

9: All fish must be caught on artificial lures, and anglers may only use one rod at a time. Trolling is not permitted.

10: Every effort should be made to keep fish alive until they are released after weigh-in. Dead fish should never be culled. If a fish is foul hooked or accidentally killed, the fish must be kept and brought to weigh-in as part of the fish limit. **A ½ lb. penalty will be assessed for each dead fish.**

11: Boats that are **late to weigh-in will be assessed a penalty of 1 pound per minute** after the designated weigh-in time.

12: Tournament rankings will be based on the total team weight. Ties will be broken based on number of fish, biggest fish, occurrence of penalty, or coin flip.

13: If an emergency occurs, the captain or an angler should **call 911 first**, and then notify **Michael Eudy (864)238-9395.**

14. Inclement weather policy: If lightening /thunderstorms move into the area (within 10 miles of the boat landing), teams will be called and expected to go to the nearest shoreline to await notification of when they may return to fishing. Judgements on if/when to call the tournament will be made the day of the on-site by the tournament facilitator.