

KBN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TRAIL

Bassmaster High School Series Rules are to be followed at all events. This can be found at:

<https://www.bassmaster.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-High-School-Rules-and-Waiver-1.pdf>

2025-2026 TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS

The KANSAS B.A.S.S. Nation (hereinafter referred to as “KBN”) presents the KBN High School (HS) Tournament Series, which is a Team versus Team format.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND DUES

Anglers participating in the KBNHS Tournament Series will be required to be a member of an affiliated High School club. If a High School does not recognize or support the High School Club, then anglers may join/start a Community Club (requires at least two (2) members to start a High School Club and six (6) members to start a Community Club). A denial letter will be required from all High Schools that do not support the High School fishing program before an angler can join a Community Club. The Community Club advisor/faculty member must collect denial letters annually and keep on file and available during the tournament year. Copies of denial letters will need to be presented upon request from B.A.S.S. and KBN.

Clubs are responsible for collecting the annual membership dues for B.A.S.S., which amounts to \$30.00 and their club dues. The Kansas State Bass dues will be collected through the Fishing Chaos App.

B.A.S.S. Nation National Dues \$30.00

Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation State Dues \$20.00

Every angler is required to pay the annual B.A.S.S. Nation National and KBN State dues as well as any dues associated with their club. Club fees may vary and may be collected in addition to the annual membership dues above. Every angler must be in good standings with their club, KBN, B.A.S.S. Nation, and B.A.S.S. to compete in the KBNHS Tournament Series. KBN State dues can be paid online via Fishing Chaos under the KBN Youth Banner. KBN will only accept the State dues from a club advisor/faculty member on the day of the tournament. Checks shall be made payable to the KANSAS B.A.S.S. Nation Youth. **No dues will be collected by the KBN on an**

individual basis from the anglers or parents. The B.A.S.S. Nation National dues can be paid online by club/faculty adviser member at B.A.S.S. Nation (bassmaster.com).

ALL DUES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE ANGLER FISHING THEIR FIRST EVENT OF THE SEASON.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Upon registering and paying for an event, tournament anglers and boat captains agree they have read all tournament rules and understand to its entirety.

All registration will be on Fishing Chaos thru Kansas Bass Youth Trail.

The entry fees for all KBN High School Tournaments will be \$60.00 per team. **Teams have until Thursday at 11:59 pm CST, prior to each event, to register. No entries will be accepted after Thursday at 11:59 pm CST prior to each event.** No registrations will be accepted the morning of the event. NO EXCEPTIONS.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All boat captains operating a boat on tournament waters during the actual competition days of an KBNHS Tournament must submit a current copy of their boat insurance policy as proof of insurance to the Tournament Officials. The policy must contain coverage of at least \$300,000 combined limited liability boating insurance, specifically name the boater as an “insured user” and have the expiration date printed on the policy. If entering more than one tournament, a copy of the valid insurance policy must be on file with the KBN. Tournament officials at any time may randomly request a copy of a boater’s insurance policy during the tournament. Failure to produce an active policy could result in a loss of that day’s weight.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The KBNHS Tournament Series will include Six (6) tournament days during the school year. There will be a minimum of 3 tournament days in the Fall and Spring. You can fish up to 4 tournament days for the year.

POINTS SYSTEM

The following points system will be used to determine the High School Statewide Teams of the Year and qualifying for State Championship. The points system will start with the first- place finisher in each tournament receiving 100 -points and will reduce in increments of 2-point through the 6th place finisher. Then 7th place down will reduce in increments of 1-point. The table below lists the points a team can expect to receive in the place they finish. A team must fish on the tournament day to receive points.

1 st place 100 points	13 th place 83 points	25 th place 71 points	37 th place 59 points
2 nd place 98 points	14 th place 82 points	26 th place 70 points	38 th place 58 points
3 rd place 96 points	15 th place 81 points	27 th place 69 points	39 th place 57 points
4 th place 94 points	16 th place 80 points	28 th place 68 points	40 th place 56 points

5 th place 92 points	17 th place 79 points	29 th place 67 points	41 st place 55 points
6 th place 90 points	18 th place 78 points	30 th place 66 points	42 nd place 54 points
7 th place 89 points	19 th place 77 points	31 st place 65 points	43 rd place 53 points
8 th place 88 points	20 th place 76 points	32 nd place 64 points	44 th place 52 points
9 th place 87 points	21 st place 75 points	33 rd place 63 points	45 th place 51 points
10 th place 86 points	22 nd place 74 points	34 th place 62 points	46 th place 50 points
11 th place 85 points	23 rd place 73 points	35 th place 61 points	47 th place 49 points
12 th place 84 points	24 th place 72 points	36 th place 60 points	48 th place 48 points

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Every team participating in an KBN tournament will receive 25-participation points for fishing a tournament, regardless if the team weighs-in a fish or not. Teams must fish the tournament day to receive participation points.

If a tie should occur between two or more teams, the tie breaker will be the team with the largest number of legal fish weighed in during the tournament. Should a tie remain, then the team with the largest number of legal LIVE fish weighed in during the tournament will prevail. In the event a tie still exists, both teams will receive the same points for the tied position.

BIG FISH

At each tournament during the season, a big fish prize will be awarded to the Team with the largest fish of the day.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Using the point system above, the Statewide Trail will determine Team of the Year, which will be awarded to a team that has fished 4 tournaments during the season and has the highest points of the 4 tournaments.

If a partner cannot fish an event because of a scheduling conflict, the other partner can fish it solo and points will be awarded as a team. You must fish two events with a partner. If you change partners during the season, you will lose points and start over.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

The KBN will conduct a two-day State Championship Tournament after all Qualifiers are complete. The location and date of the State Championship Tournament will be established by the Tournament Director. To Qualifying for the State Championship, you will need to be in the Top 40% of teams in the Team of the Year standings for the high school. The points are accumulated over the 4 tournaments that each team fishes.

B.A.S.S. High School Coaches Rules

During Official Practice* coaches MAY:

1. Coach
2. Give advice
3. Teach by example
4. Fish
5. Run the trolling motor
6. Land fish with or without a net

During Competition Coaches MAY:

1. Coach
2. Give advice (send in plays)
3. Verbally explain techniques, how to.....

Coaches MAY NOT:

1. Fish
2. Teach by example
3. Tie knots
4. Land fish with or without a net
5. Run the trolling motor

Competition, anytime the combustion engine is running, coaches **MUST** be seated in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. No angler is allowed to fish while the combustion engine is running.

ADDITIONAL RULES

1. If you fish two different state team trails, you can only fish one state championship.
2. You must have a partner to fish the KBN High School Team Trail.
3. Only two anglers and one boat captain are allowed on the boat during competition days.
4. No angler can be up on the front or back deck of the boat while the combustion motor is running.
5. Life jackets are to be worn by everyone on the boat (boat captain and anglers) when the combustion engine is running. Anyone age 12 and younger are required to always wear a life jacket while on board of a boat.
6. During a qualifying event, a late departure must be approved prior to the event by the tournament director. **State Championship, there will be no late departures.**

