

Official Volunteer Boater Confirmation and Regulations – Agreement
TBF/FLW Washington State Bass Federation – 2017

1. Introduction: The young bass anglers of Washington State appreciate and value your willingness to volunteer your time and equipment to the Junior Bass Anglers TBF/FLW State Championship. As a boater, you are fulfilling a valuable element necessary for your club to enter 2 junior anglers into the tournament. **Each club is allowed to send as many juniors as they want as long as there is one volunteer boater and boat for every 2 anglers.**

2. Boat and Motor: Generally speaking boats must be “modern bass boat style.” All boats must be equipped with some type of operable ignition kill switch. This kill device must be attached to the driver’s body anytime the combustion engine is operating. When the combustion engine is operating the Boat Captain must be in the driver’s seat in full control of the boat. Fishing boats may be used that are 16 feet in length or longer. Any raised platforms or decks cannot be higher than the gunnels of the boat. A small electric trolling motor will be used for slow maneuvering, however trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. All bladder tanks and 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 an authorized dealer are legal. Boats that do not have factory installed gas tanks are restricted to a maximum of 18 gallons of gasoline in tanks that meet US Coast Guard regs. Gas tanks must be properly secured or strapped in a boat. Under no circumstances shall the boater tote additional gas on the bank or anywhere else for use in a tournament boat. No barges or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. No boat with stick steering shall be permitted to be used during the tournament. Every boat must have all the required Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition the boat must have 2 functioning live well spaces properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive a limit (5) of bass by both fishermen using the boat. Aerators, live wells, trolling and combustion engine will be inspected by tournament officials prior to the tournament day. Horsepower for all outboard motors used in the tournament competition must not exceed 250 HP or exceed the rating specified on the US Coast Guard rating plate, which must be attached to the boat by the manufacturer.

3. Boat Captain: Must be 21 years of age or older. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any boater during the tournament or during the weigh in is prohibited. Behavior such as this may be reason for disqualification of the Boat Captain from future adult tournaments conducted by the Federation nation of Washington State. Boaters will not have chemical substance addition, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship fair competition and compliance with tournament rules. Boat Captains may not fish. They are there to provide only transportation and assist the junior anglers in emergency.

4. Operation: The Boat Captain is the only one to operate the combustion engine during the day of the tournament. Junior anglers must allow each other equal time during the day to fish selected waters and operate the electric motor unless one chooses not to operate the electric. The boat captain will not operate the electric accept in case of an emergency. The junior anglers must be capable of operating the electric. If not. they are ineligible to fish the tournament. Any contestant, who in the judgment of the Boat Captain operates in such a

manner as to unfairly handicap his/her partner, will be reported to the tournament director. After a discovery period, the tournament director will determine if the angler should indeed be disqualified from the tournament.

5. **Cell phone:** During the competition the Boat Captain is to have in his or her possession a working and fully charged cell phone, which number will be provided on this form for use by the tournament director. The purpose of this device is to insure the safety of competitors, the boater and in the event of a breakdown call tournament director for a back up boat.

6. **Sportsmanship:** the Boat Captain will observe and be allowed to intervene if the conduct of either of the contestants does not meet with the highest of sportsman-like conduct as described in the rule for competition.

7. **Expense:** The Boat Captain and the junior anglers must have a full discussion regarding boat operation for the day. Junior anglers may, but are not required to offer cash to help defray the expense of operating the boat.

8. **Insurance:** Boat Captain certifies that the boat is in good working condition and that he/she maintains updated boating liability insurance not less than \$300,000. A copy of which must be attached to this consent form showing effective start and expiration dates covering the full range of tournament events.

9. **Fishing Instruction:** The Boat Captain will not at anytime during the tournament give advice, suggest fishing spots or techniques, tie lines, net fish or assist the junior anglers to catch or locate fish in any way during the tournament.

10. **Release of Liability:** Consent for Medical Treatment & Assumption of Risk: Having studied the above rules I have completed this application, and submitted it to the Tournament Director. In signing this application I agree to be bound by and comply with all Boater and Tournament rules and regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the Tournament and I hereby release, hold harmless and forever discharge and hold harmless the Washington State Bass Federation, TBF, FLW, the event host, all sponsors, volunteers and tournament officials (herein releases). I hereby grant TBF/FLW the unconditional right to use my voice photographic likeness and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with any video production and or articles and press releases. I shall not be entitled to receive an royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Director reserves the right to reject this application for any reason. All decisions by the Tournament Director are final and uncontestable. The Tournament Director may seek advice from other officials of the Washington State Bass Federation prior to rendering a final decision regarding any issues within or outside of these written rules. I agree to follow all safety requirements at all times and report any violations if I witness such taking place. I hereby consent to and authorize tournament officials to apply, secure or authorize emergency medical treatment on my behalf in the case of injury or emergency. I agree to assume full responsibility for payment of any and all fees incurred as a result of such medical treatment.

As Boat Captain I have read and fully understand the above information, the release of liability, consent for medical treatment and assumption of risk agreement as well as all the

tournament rules (published for my review in the Official Rules 2016 Junior Bass Angler State Championship” and on the Washington State Bass Federation Website.) I fully understand them, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing them and agree to be bound by them. I sign this freely and voluntarily and without any inducement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone To Be Available During Event:

(____) _____ - _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Boat Make: _____

Motor Brand & HP: _____

Hull Numbers: _____

Insured with: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please provide proof of insurance. Please detach this page, copy for your records and mail to the following address with your proof of insurance with \$300,000 in liability no later than **May 10th 2016.**

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