



**2026 – 2027 Sunshine State Tournament Series, Inc. d.b.a. Florida BASS
Nation Junior / High School Tournament Series**

Effective: September 1, 2026

**ANGLER / BOAT CAPTAIN PARTICIPATION
AGREEMENT P1. COMPLIANCE**

This Angler / Boat Captain Participation Agreement and the 2025 - 2026 Sunshine State BASS Nation Tournament Series, Inc. d.b.a. Florida BASS Nation Junior / High School Tournament Series (herein after referred to as "FBN"), Tournament Rules, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, (the Participation Agreement and Official Rules collectively referred to herein as the "Agreement") sets forth the terms and conditions upon which I will be permitted to participate in any or all FBN Junior / High School Tournament Series Tournament Events (the "Tournament Series") during the 2026 - 2027 calendar year. By signing this Agreement, the undersigned (referred to as "I" or "Angler" "Competitor" or "Boat Captain"), hereby agree to be bound by and comply with the provisions thereof. I also agree to abide by and comply with the FBN and B.A.S.S. Angler Code of Conduct, and all other guidelines, regulations, payment schedules and instructions communicated to me in writing by FBN. I affirm that I am a member in good standing with FBN and B.A.S.S., I am physically fit and that there are no health-related

reasons or problems which preclude my participation in the Tournament Series.

P2. RELEASE OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION

2.1 I expressly assume all risks associated with my participation in the Tournament Series and for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, I hereby waive, release and discharge FBN and B.A.S.S., LLC, its agents, employees, owners, its affiliates and subsidiaries (collectively FBN and B.A.S.S.), the hosts, sponsors, and Tournament Series (collectively "Released Parties") from any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses (including without limitation, attorney's fees and related costs), of any kind (hereinafter "Claims") arising out of or in connection with my participation in the Tournament Series, including but not limited to Claims involving, death, disability, personal injury and / or property damage. I hereby INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the Released Parties for any and all Claims arising as a result of my participation in this Tournament Series, whether brought by me or my agents / legal representatives or by third parties, relating to my participation in this Tournament Series. I acknowledge that this Tournament Series may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury, illness and/or possible exposure to COVID-19 or other communicable diseases and personal loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by water conditions, temperature, weather, equipment, actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, and spectators. This release of liability shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

2.2 I shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties against all Claims, whether or not a lawsuit or other proceeding is filed, to the extent that they arise out of : (1) my breach of the terms of this Agreement, (2) gross negligence, or willful misconduct by me, my agents or those acting on my behalf; (3) my violation of any applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation, including but not limited to all rules and guidelines applicable to Tournament Series events; (4) breach of any warranty provided by me to Released Parties hereunder. I shall provide FBN and B.A.S.S. with prompt notice of any claim and give complete control of its defense and settlement to FBN and B.A.S.S. I shall also cooperate in all reasonable respects with FBN and B.A.S.S. its insurance company, the Released Parties (as applicable) and their legal counsel in the defense of such claim. If I fail to promptly indemnify and defend a covered claim, the Released Parties shall have the right to defend themselves, and in such case, I shall promptly reimburse the Released Parties, for all of their associated costs and expenses.

P3. GRANT OF RIGHTS

3.1 For good and valuable consideration, including but not limited to FBN and

B.A.S.S. allowing the angler participation in the Tournament Series, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby irrevocably grant permission to FBN and B.A.S.S., the successors and assigns of each of the foregoing, and each of their respective agents, licensees, designees, and assigns and those other parties acting under such parties' permission or upon their authority (collectively, with FBN and B.A.S.S., the "Licensees"), in perpetuity, a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, fully paid-up license and non-revocable right to reproduce, display, exhibit, publish, broadcast, distribute, and otherwise use, and permit others to use, my name, image, nickname, initials, symbols, likeness, signature, photograph, voice, statements, performances, actions, biographical material, and any and all attributes of my personality and appearance (collectively, my "Identity") in materials created in connection with my participation in the Tournament Series and related events and activities of FBN and B.A.S.S. (collectively, the "Materials"), alone or in combination with any other materials, in connection with any FBN and B.A.S.S.-authorized production, collectibles, merchandise or publication, including, but not limited to, in connection with the promotion of FBN and B.A.S.S., the Tournament Series and any other events or programs staged by FBN and B.A.S.S., in any and all manner and media now known or hereafter devised, including without limitation, in print, within television programs, motion pictures, websites, social media channels, including without limitation, physical or digital trading cards or other collectible merchandise, public relations materials and for any other lawful purpose in FBN and B.A.S.S.'s sole discretion. For clarity, the foregoing shall also include the right to use my Identity in connection with the publicity, advertising, promotion, exhibition or other exploitation of the Materials, including, but not limited to, my appearance at and / or performance during the Tournament Series and related events and activities and my inclusion within any of the Materials. I agree to promptly and fully comply with all filming, camera location and other rules, guidelines and instructions of FBN and B.A.S.S. during each Tournament Series.

3.2. I hereby represent and warrant that I have the right to grant these rights and that my granting these rights will not infringe upon the rights of any third party. I represent and warrant that I have or shall obtain all necessary rights and permissions from all applicable third parties (i.e., those sponsoring or affiliated with me or my team and boat) to effectuate the grant of rights set forth in this paragraph 3 (collectively, the "Third Party Rights"). I will ensure that these Third Party Rights grant (or otherwise authorize or permit) FBN and B.A.S.S. and the other Licensees the right to utilize such third-party logos, insignia, trade dress or other intellectual property (collectively "Third Party IP") shown in any Materials featuring me, or otherwise in connection with FBN and B.A.S.S.'s use of my Identity as set forth in paragraph 3.1 (for example, on apparel worn by me or on items used by me), and neither FBN and B.A.S.S. nor any other Licensee shall be required to seek approvals from such Third Parties for such uses of the Third-Party IP. I agree to defend, hold harmless and indemnify FBN and B.A.S.S. and each of the Licensees from and against, any and all third-party claims, damages, costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of claims alleging that I do not have the right to grant the foregoing license and permission with respect to Third Party IP.

3.3. I acknowledge that the Licensees have no obligation to use any or all of the Materials or my Identity. I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve any finished product or the use to which it is applied and I agree no further approval is required for the Licensees to use any Materials or my Identity and that the Licensees will not be liable to me for any distortion or illusionary effect resulting from the exhibition, publication or broadcast of the Materials or my Identity. I acknowledge and agree that no further payment or consideration will be due to me for any of the Licensees' use of the Materials or my Identity as authorized herein.

3.4. I acknowledge that all right, title, and interest in and to the Materials, including without limitation all copyrights and trademark rights, shall be the sole and exclusive property of FBN and B.A.S.S. and that FBN and B.A.S.S. has the unlimited right in perpetuity and throughout the universe to edit, modify, distribute and otherwise use such Materials. With regard to the Licensees' exploitation of the rights granted hereunder, I, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby irrevocably (a) release, discharge and waive all claims, demands, losses and liabilities of any nature against the Licensees that I, my personal representatives, agents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns had, now have, or hereafter may have, including, but not limited to, claims in the nature of copyright or other intellectual property infringement, defamation, disparagement, slander, false light, violation of the right of privacy or publicity, or the like, and (b) covenant not to make any claims against any of the Licensees with respect to the rights granted hereunder.

3.5. During the Tournament Series, and subject to compliance with FBN and B.A.S.S. guidelines, FBN and B.A.S.S. hereby grants to the undersigned Angler / Boat Captain the right to create, use and publish Angler created materials ("Angler Materials") such as still photos and video shot by Angler, solely on Angler's website and social media channels. Angler may also live stream during a tournament, except when Bassmaster LIVE has a camera in Angler's boat. B.A.S.S. reserves the right to revoke this permission at any time if FBN and B.A.S.S. in its discretion believes the content is inappropriate or in any way violates any FBN and B.A.S.S. rules or any applicable law. In such event, Angler shall promptly cease from live streaming and/or remove any related content from all applicable accounts and platforms (and in any event, no later than within two (2) hours of notification).

P4. INSURANCE

4.1 I represent and warrant that I now have or will obtain prior to the Tournament Series,

boat owners liability insurance (including coverage for third party property damage and bodily injury) with no “tournament exclusion,” having a minimum limit of \$300,000 per occurrence. The insurance should list FBN and B.A.S.S. as primary and noncontributory to any insurance procured by FBN and B.A.S.S. Additionally, the insurance must be issued by a reputable insurer rated A or better by A.M. Best and Company. Policy must include international waters, or a separate policy for international waters must be obtained if I choose to fish international waters during applicable FBN and B.A.S.S. events. I shall provide FBN and B.A.S.S. with satisfactory evidence of that insurance prior to my participation in any Tournament Series event or at any time requested by B.A.S.S.

P5. MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 Contingency Programs. Contingency programs are sponsor-funded programs developed to reward Anglers based on a predefined set of criteria. Participation in contingency programs is at the Angler’s discretion.

5.2 Other Events. If Angler or Boat Captain elects to participate in other FBN and B.A.S.S. sanctioned tournaments, Angler will be required to execute a Participation Agreement containing the applicable rules and regulations, code of conduct and Tournament Series specific content such as wrapped boat and jersey guidelines.

5.3 Additional Requirements. Angler / Boat Captain agrees to participate in programs recommended or developed by FBN and B.A.S.S. that promote the growth of the sport and to fully support programs intended to raise awareness of my individual angler brand and identity.

6. LEGAL

6.1 Credibility assessment administered via Polygraph. By registering and signing the Participation Agreement, Angler and/or Boat Captain agrees to submit to a credibility assessment at any time during the Tournament series and abide by its conclusion and hereby waives any expectation of privacy relation to his participation in the Tournament series.

6.2 Communication. Angler / Boat Captain must provide FBN and B.A.S.S. with a current e-mail address. Angler agrees that delivery of any notice, communication, guideline or instruction to Angler via email shall constitute notice to Angler and shall comply with any notice requirements set forth herein. Angler must also provide a United States provider personal cell number capable of receiving text messages from FBN and B.A.S.S.

6.3 Governing Law, Venue, and Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in all respects in accordance with the substantive laws of the state of Alabama, without regard to its choice of law and / or conflicts of law principles.

- 6.4 Miscellaneous.** If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision herein. This Agreement, along with the Code of Ethics, Official Rules, etc. sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous oral and / or written representations, discussions, negotiations, understandings, and/or agreements relating to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may not be modified except by an instrument in writing signed by both parties. In signing this document, I am not relying on any promises, representations or other statements that are not contained in this Agreement.
- 6.5 Electronic Signature.** The execution of this document by electronic mail or by any other electronic or digital means shall be deemed to constitute effective execution of this document. Any signature transmitted by facsimile, email or other electronic or digital means shall be deemed an original signature for all purposes.
- 6.6 Arbitration.** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach, invalidity, enforceability, arbitrability, or interpretation thereof, shall be settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules, and judgment on the award, which shall be rendered by a single arbitrator, may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. FBN and B.A.S.S. and the Angler agree that no arbitrator shall have authority to conduct a class or collective proceeding, or to join or consolidate any claim with the claim of another person. To the extent permitted by applicable law, all claims must be brought solely in FBN and B.A.S.S.'s or the Angler's individual capacity, and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class or collective proceeding. All mediations arising under this provision shall take place in Birmingham, Alabama, and the Angler consents to that forum and waives all objections to the propriety or convenience of that arbitration forum.
- 6.7 Requirement for Consent of Parent or Guardian.** If I am under the age of majority in the state in which I reside, I understand that I must have the consent of my parent or guardian to participate in the tournament series. I agree to provide accurate and complete information to FBN and B.A.S.S. to facilitate B.A.S.S.'s efforts to secure such consent. I acknowledge that my failure to provide accurate information or secure consent from my parent or guardian may result in my disqualification from the Tournament Series.

Content Usage Guidelines

FBN and B.A.S.S. holds the content rights to the tournaments it owns and operates. However, B.A.S.S. grants certain exceptions, including the following content rights, to tournament participants:

Anglers may use video or still images, shot by the angler during a tournament, for promotional or marketing purposes on the Angler's owned website and social media channels. You may also live stream during a tournament, except when Bassmaster has a camera in your boat for livestreaming or other Bassmaster content purposes. During tournaments FBN and B.A.S.S. may ask to mount a POV streaming camera in a competitor's boat (the footage may be used in FBN and B.A.S.S.'s web or TV coverage). FBN and B.A.S.S. may also request the non-boater or a Partner operate these, or other (POV, smartphone or other) cameras. A competitor is required to comply, even if he already has a personal camera mounted in his boat. Refusing to comply may result in a penalty.

If a competitor has a personal camera person or crew following him on the water, that person or team must not get in the way of FBN and Bassmaster photographers or videographers who are covering the tournament. Off the water, they must follow the general guidelines of any media covering the tournament as set forth by FBN and B.A.S.S. Communications.

FBN and B.A.S.S. also encourages anglers to send photos, videos and updates to update@bassmaster.com for exposure on Bassmaster.com and our social media pages.

In social media, you may use our hashtag #bassmaster or tag @bass_nation on Instagram to amplify and spread your post to our millions of fans. FBN and B.A.S.S. also encourages anglers to tag FBN and B.A.S.S. in relevant content so that we are able to share (where applicable). For an updated list of FBN and B.A.S.S. social visit: bassmaster.com/social

FBN and B.A.S.S. reserves the right to revoke these exceptions, and the angler must remove the tournament- related content, if FBN and B.A.S.S. in its discretion believes the content is inappropriate or in any way violates other B.A.S.S. rules.

FBN and B.A.S.S. wants to help promote both your brand and the sport of professional bass fishing through its multimedia assets. If there are stories written about you or by you appearing on Floridabassnation.com or Bassmaster.com FBN and B.A.S.S. grants permission to link to these stories, and any others on our website, from your website or social media pages. You may also grab photos from Bassmaster.com to promote yourself. Please do credit Bassmaster.com.

I UNDERSTAND I MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT. MY REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL FBN ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND ALL

OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY MY PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT SERIES OR ANY COMPONENT THEREOF FOR ANY REASON AND, UPON SUCH DENIAL, TO REFUND THE DEPOSIT OR ENTRY FEE.

I ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ AND HAVE UNDERSTOOD THIS THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH CONTAINS LIABILITY AND OTHER RELEASE LANGUAGE, I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE TERMS CONTAINED HEREIN. I REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT I AM AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, FULLY COMPETENT, AND HAVE THE FULL RIGHT, POWER, AND AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT. I HAVE VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Date: _____