2026-2027 Texas High School Bass Association

The Texas High School Bass Association, Board of Directors and Team Advisors expect strict adherence to the following rules by all Student Anglers and Boat Captains. In case of an emergency, please call 911 first, and then notify the tournament director.

1. **INTERPRETATION & ENFORCEMENT** • These rules will remain unchanged during 2026-2027 season. ALL LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS MUST BE FOLLOWED, INCLUDING BOATING LAWS. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to the tournament director. Decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. Each student angler, boat captain, and team advisor agree to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a tournament rule will result in a disqualification from the entire tournament and/or, in an extreme circumstance, ineligibility to participate in future high school fishing tournaments. Protests are to be made in writing within 30 minutes of the check-in time.

2. **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY** • Participation is open to student teams in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade providing that the 12th grade student does not turn 19 before September 1st of their senior year. If the angler graduates during an active THSBA season, the angler can finish out the active THSBA season, unless the angler is fishing with a college team. THSBA is open to all public schools, private schools, and homeschooled students in the state of Texas. Homeschooled anglers can form their own team or join a local school team; it would be up to this school to allow the angler to join. Student anglers can only fish with one THSBA affiliated team per year. If the school you attend currently has a team that competes within the THSBA, you must fish for that team. However, if two students have fished together for a minimum of 2 years in the THSBA and one angler moves to another school, even if the students' new school has a team that fishes in the THSBA, those two anglers may continue to partner at their original school. THSBA season membership is $65 per student. The entry fee for all THSBA open tournaments is $85 per team represented, with no more than two student anglers. If a membership or tournament fee is paid by credit card, a surcharge fee will be applied to the transaction for the same amount charged to the THSBA by the Credit Card Company. Each student angler must be a THSBA member that is affiliated with a THSBA club. Student anglers must have in their possession a valid fishing license for the waters they fish, if required. Each team will consist of one or two eligible student anglers and a boat captain. Teams cannot be made up of an out-of-division angler and an in-division angler. ONLY student anglers, a boat captain and one Observer (if required by the SafeSport Act) are allowed in the boat during tournament times, unless approved by the tournament director, with a max of three (3) people in the boat (unless assisting another team as outlined in rule 14). Tournament officials reserve the right to reject any application to fish for any reason whatsoever. Student angler teams can be represented by 1 angler in the event the other angler cannot participate**. Under the SafeSport Act, in the event a team is represented by a single angler where the parent of the student angler is not the boat captain, individual schools must place an Official Observer in the boat appointed by the individual school's team advisor.**
Declared teams entered in their respective divisional event will be awarded the appropriate points based on where they finish in that event. Teams switching, adding, or removing partners will be declared a new team, and points earned will be awarded to and remain with that new team.

3. POINTS • Points will be awarded in the following manner: 1st – 500, 2nd – 499, 3rd – 498, etc. Teams that fail to weigh-in fish in any given event and turn in their wrist bands will receive 25 points less than the last place team that weighs in fish. **Teams failing to weigh in fish and fail to return their wrist bands will be awarded zero (0) points for that event and will not be permitted to fish in their next divisional tournament.** Points are only awarded to teams fishing in their respective division. Teams fishing in events not in their division, will not be awarded points based on their finish Once AOY & TOY points from a tournament have been posted to the website, teams or team advisors must notify the CEO of Tournament Operations by email (bass@THSBA.net) to report any inaccuracies. This must be done PRIOR TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED TOURNAMENT FOR THAT DIVISION. Once the next event has begun, all prior points are locked in place. The Wednesday following the final regular season tournament, all AOY points are final for advancement to each respective Regional Tournament. Tournament buy-ins are not allowed. Tournament buy-ins are receiving points for the tournament without competing in the tournament.

4. PURCHASING OF INFORMATION • Boat captains, team advisors, parents, official observers and/or participating student anglers may not solicit, purchase, barter or intentionally receive information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters from anyone other than another competitor in the tournament, including GPS way points, Monday-Friday prior to any THSBA tournament, and including tournament day. In the event of a postponement due to weather or other circumstances out of the control of the THSBA, the 5 days immediately preceding the new scheduled tournament day will be included in the "No Information" rule. NO EXCEPTIONS. In addition, during the 5 days "no information" span, competitors (boat captains and students) will NOT be permitted to practice with or gain assistance from anyone for the purpose of locating or catching fish, except for an immediate family member (parent, stepparent, sibling, or court-appointed guardian) of the student angler entered into the tournament, the team advisor, or the boat captain. **Boat captains, team advisors, parents and/or participating student anglers are prohibited from hiring any form of a guide 30 days prior to ANY event on tournament waters.** Violation of these rules will result in disqualification. This rule will be presented as a question on polygraph.

5. OFF-LIMITS, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION • For all THSBA tournaments, competitors must be off the tournament lake by 6pm on the Friday prior to the event. Other than that, there is no off-limits other than the "5 day no information" as stated in Rule #4. This includes all student anglers, boat captains, parents, and team advisors. All bank fishing, dock fishing, and/or placement of underwater fishing cover is also prohibited during the off-limits period. Student anglers and/or boat captains may not enter tournament waters after the 6pm cut off on that Friday. Testing equipment on tournament waters after the cut off period is permitted only with prior approval from the tournament director. On competition day, student anglers and boat captains may not use electronic communication devices for the purpose of sharing fishing information during the tournament. Anglers may not use cell phones at all during competition hours except for emergency circumstances. Captains may use cell phones for personal business, communication with parents, or in case of an emergency. On competition day no fishing information, including pictures, is to be sent out via cell phones during the event. Pictures can be shared at the conclusion of tournament hours. Drones may not be operated by anyone in competitors' boat during competition hours. On competition day, teams may launch boats but cannot leave the ramp area until 5 am. On competition day, teams may not place underwater lights in an attempt

to attract fish. On competition day, teams may not solicit/receive information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters from anyone except student anglers, boat captains and team advisors confirmed in that tournament via face-to-face contact only. On competition day, teams may not follow a non-contestant's boat or participate in the placing of markers by non-contestants or the practice of "hole sitting" by anyone. **Boat captains can fish during regular season tournaments ONLY but cannot contribute to the team's creel. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification, the boat captain and student anglers will be banned from any and all THSBA events and all teams violating this rule will be turned over to the local authorities.** Student anglers must cast, reel and set their own hook. The boat captain can help cull fish, net fish and remove the hooks, if needed.

6. REGISTRATION • Registrations must be completed online or via the THSBA APP and the deadline will be 11:59pm on the Sunday night (6 days) prior to each event. Late entries will be accepted up until11:59pm on Thursday night two (2) days prior to the event. A late entry is subject to a late fee of $20/team. Late fees are collected at tournament check in. The entry fee for all THSBA open tournaments is $85, if paid by cash or check, per team represented with no more than two student anglers. If the tournament fee is paid by credit card, a surcharge fee will be applied to the transaction for the same amount charged to the THSBA by the Credit Card Company. The entry fees not paid online are due in the THSBA office before the start of that particular event. NO EXCEPTIONS. No rollovers will be allowed. If a team enters a tournament(s) but fails to fish for any reason whatsoever, either by choice or by any other scheduling conflict, that team will forfeit their entry fee for that particular tournament. **Tournament Buy-ins are not allowed**. Club or School Admin is responsible for having a signed parent release form by all anglers. This form is located on the THSBA website. It is required to be completed before the angler's first event. Forms will stay with the admin. THSBA may request the form at anytime. Failure to produce the form within 24 hours of being requested. This will result in the removal of the club and all its anglers from prior and future events during the active season.

7. TOURNAMENT AWARDS • The number of places awarded will be based on the THSBA payout structure. Trophies and or plaques for 1st-5th place along, with big bass will be awarded at each tournament. Along with overall School plaque and or trophy for 1st place. Prizes awarded must be claimed at the conclusion of the day's tournament or arrangements should be made for someone to pick up your prizes on your behalf. Any prizes not claimed prior to the next scheduled tournament for that division will be forfeited. Contact your tournament director if you need to make other plans.

8. SAFETY • Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each student angler, boat captain and official observer is required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved and state approved personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation from boat launch until weigh-in each day of the tournament. THIS WILL BE HEAVILY MONITORED AND ENFORCED. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation. All persons in a tournament boat shall remain seated in a manufacturer recommended on-plane seating location when the combustion engine is in operation. Sitting on pedestal seats while the combustion engine is in operation is not permitted. Sitting on the front or back decks while the combustion motor is in operation is not permitted. Any team with a student(s) and/or the official observer that

is observed sitting in any area of the boat besides the manufacturer's recommended seating areas while the combustion motor is in operation will be subject to disqualification immediately. THIS WILL BE HEAVILY MONITORED AND ENFORCED. Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by student anglers, boat captains and official observers. Boat captains and official observers must remain in the boat, at all times, with the students while fishing. At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions.

9. WEATHER/MOVING EVENTS • Tournament directors will monitor weather forecasts leading up to tournament dates. Any weather deemed extreme will be grounds for cancellation or postponement of an event. Decisions will be made on the Thursday, two (2) days prior to the event. The tournament directors reserve the right to cancel an event for other reasons. Boat captains and parents are still responsible for keeping the safety of the student anglers and themselves at the forefront.

10. THSBA LOGO USE/SPORTSMANSHIP • THSBA logo use is by Copyright License Agreement only. Contact bass@thsba.net for a License Agreement. THSBA will only release use of its logo for active THSBA sponsor use, team banners, and tournament jerseys. All student anglers, boat captains, team advisors and parents are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation, and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, the THSBA, our sponsors, the school the team is representing, the sport of fishing, and the THSBA's efforts to promote the sport. Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following:

a. Violation of, and/or failure to comply with any of the rules.
b. Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages and/or any kind of mind-altering substance during registration, the pre-tournament meeting or during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure.
c. Abuse of, and/or addiction to, mind-altering substances.
d. Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months.
e. Suspension/disqualification, probation or ban from any tournament or fishing organization.
f. Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon the THSBA's efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules, and/or which fail to comply with the standards set forth by THSBA. In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, tournament officials have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete and/or to disqualify a contestant.

11. Boat Operation and Regulations • The THSBA does not supply boats. Boat captains are the ONLY ones permitted to drive boats for their teams. Students can assist in loading and unloading ONLY if they have a Boaters Safety Certification. The students may operate the trolling motor. All boats must be propeller-driven and a minimum of 16 feet in length. Air cooled/surface drive mud motors, jet drives and any tiller handle motors are not allowed. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment: **Working Fire Extinguisher, Throw Cushion, Life Vest to cover all occupants, current registration, current insurance reflecting $300,000**

liability, working navigational lights, working kill switch, and working live well. Boats must contain a properly aerated live well space able to maintain alive a limit of bass. Maximum horsepower for all outboards must not exceed the recommended horsepower capacity set forth on the "Maximum Capacities" placard described below. Each boat must have a clearly legible "Maximum Capacities" (or comparably titled) placard that includes a maximum horsepower rating affixed to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the maximum horsepower capacity specified on this placard. The maximum speed of boat operation shall not exceed 60 MPH during any competition day. By signing the entry form, student anglers and boat captains agree to submit their boat and/or motor to an inspection by tournament officials. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating placard will be cause for disqualification from the tournament and/or may result in ineligibility to compete in future high school fishing tournaments. Fishing platforms must be factory installed equipment. No portable platforms may be used in tournament competition. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks or auxiliary fuel tanks that are securely strapped or otherwise fastened to the boat. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public and pumped through a hose with a nozzle.

12. **PERMITTED FISHING METHODS** • Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the lure in the water. All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Only artificial lures may be used, with the exception of pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits. Only ONE fishing rod per contestant may be used at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is strictly prohibited. All bass caught while sight-fishing must be hooked inside the mouth and immediately shown to your boat captain for verification. Alabama Rigs, A-Rigs, and Umbrella Rigs ARE allowed for use.

13. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS AND BOUNDARIES** • Teams may fish anywhere on tournament waters within the boundaries defined by the tournament director that is available to the public and accessible by boat from the main lake as defined by the tournament director, except areas designated as "off-limits," "no boats," "keep out," "restricted," "no trespassing" or "no fishing" (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by tournament officials, local, state or federal officials; or within 50 yards of a contestant's boat that was first anchored. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight or by a Power-Pole or similar shallow water anchor with the trolling motor in the up position. Teams must maintain a 25-yard distance between boats unless agreed upon by both parties. All fishing must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a student angler leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a boat into fishing waters is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the tournament. **ALL THSBA open tournaments will be trailering tournaments**. In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there are three permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by both student anglers remaining in their boat and being towed by water, (2) by one student angler entering the boat of another team or (3) both student anglers entering a rescue boat so designated by the tournament director. Under these three conditions, the team's catch may be counted without a penalty (except for late penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules). Teams that elect to return to the check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day's catch to that point in time of the tournament

day. Any team returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition under the supervision of the tournament director or his designated tournament official. It is the sole responsibility of the team to locate the tournament director to request a restart. Teams must remain together at all times and within sight of their boat captain until check-in. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks is permitted. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification.

14. CHECKPOINTS • All Wristbands must be picked up at the listed pick-up times. Those times can be found on the tournament information page. Wrist bands are required to be physically worn at every event. Wristbands must be turned in at the end of the tournament, there will be one designated check-in point. **For safety purposes, all teams must check-in even if they have zero (0) fish to weigh. Teams that do not check-in/weigh-in will receive a score of zero (0) for that particular tournament and will not be permitted to fish their next divisional tournament.** A school representative will be responsible for signing off that all their school's teams are off the water and safe. The school representative will need to do this at every THSBA tournament unless the tournament director makes an exception for a tournament. We need to know everyone is off the water and safe after the completion of the tournament. All fishing must cease upon CHECK-IN.

15. LATE PENALTY • Teams must check in and be in line with their fish and/or in line waiting for a sponsor provided weigh-in bag by the time listed on the itinerary for that event. If a team does not make it by the cutoff time, the team will not be allowed to weigh-in their catch.

16. LIVE FISH • Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated live well. 0.50 pounds will be deducted from the total weight for each dead bass presented for weigh-in. No culling of dead fish. Once fish are presented to the "Bump Official" they are property of the THSBA. If they are alive when he/she receives them, they will be counted alive. **Fish must ONLY be brought to the weigh-in line in THSBA bags.** DO NOT BRING UP FISH IN YOUR OWN BAG. YOU WILL BE SENT BACK TO WAIT. We will place 25 bags ONLY out at each event. Keep fish in LIVE WELLS until you have a bag from the THSBA.

17. SHORT FISH • The official minimum length for all species of bass will be posted in the tournament itinerary on the THSBA website for each event. Any short fish which does not meet length regulations (per lake) will not be weighed and a one-pound penalty will be assessed to the contestant's total weight. The official board for the THSBA will be boards manufactured by Pro Rule (https://www.prorule.com). There will be a courtesy board at all events. Once fish are presented to the "Bump Official" they are property of the THSBA and are being presented as a team's intended creel for weigh-in. Tournament director has final say pertaining to the legal size of a fish.

18. SCORING • Scoring is determined by the final weight of each team's catch during tournament day. Only largemouth, spotted, Guadalupe or smallmouth bass are accepted species. The tournament limit of bass will be listed on the tournament itinerary for each event. No Team may have more than five (5) fish in their livewell at any time during official Tournament Hours. Teams possessing more than the tournament limit will be assessed a 5-pound penalty. Both anglers are required to stop fishing until culling is complete. The winning team is determined by the day's heaviest weight.

19 TIES • In the case of a tie, the teams tied will be awarded the scholarships (if applicable) for 2 places, divided equally between all students involved in a tie. This will also include any additional prizes for those places. For example, if two (2) teams tie for 5th place, they will be awarded 5th and 6th place scholarships (if applicable), divided equally between the student anglers and the next team in line will be awarded the 7th place prize and/or scholarships. ***If a tie occurs where there are also plaques and/or trophies for that place (i.e. plaques end with 5th place), the THSBA will provide plaques and/or trophies, available for pick-up at the next scheduled event in that division. In the event of a tie, the teams involved in a tie will receive the exact same points for the place in which the tie occurred, which will count towards those team's AOY points totals, providing the teams involved are participating in their correct division.

20 LOGO DISPLAY AND TELEVISION COVERAGE • Student anglers and boat captains may wear their own shirts or jerseys during THSBA events. Tournament officials reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to prohibit any student angler, boat captain, team advisor, or parent shirt or jersey found to be offensive. All decisions are at the tournament director's sole discretion.

21 ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO • During days of competition, any and all alcohol and tobacco logos are prohibited and may not be worn or displayed. Student anglers may not smoke or use tobacco products during tournament hours, including weigh-in, at any event.

22 TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST • Student anglers, boat captains, and team advisors agree to submit to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination, by signing the release of liability electronically, and to abide by its conclusion. Failure to pass an examination will result in disqualification from the tournament. Truth verification tests will be used at the sole discretion of tournament officials, and the determination of the meaning of the results will be made solely by tournament officials. Randomly selected participants will be subject to testing.

23 INSURANCE • Liability insurance with coverage of $300,000 is required on all boats used in high school fishing tournaments. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in the boat. Random checks will be conducted. Failure to provide proof of insurance when requested by the tournament director will result in disqualification.

24 CAPTIONS • Captions at the beginning of each paragraph are intended to facilitate convenience in referring to the various rules. The captions are not part of the substance of the paragraph and should not be used in construction of any paragraph or of this overall set of rules.

25 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY • Student anglers must be passing all subjects for which they are enrolled in, to enter a tournament. By completing a tournament registration, the student angler (or the person completing the entry on the student's behalf) is certifying that they are academically eligible to compete in the tournament, meeting all their schools' requirements and eligibility. The THSBA may ask for proof of eligibility any time throughout the year. If a student is found to have fished and was ineligible, the whole school club can be disqualified from the Divisional and THSBA Championship and be banned from future THSBA participation. The THSBA strongly supports the "NO PASS, NO FISH" rule.

26 REGIONAL and THSBA CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATION • The THSBA is divided into 9 divisions: Northeast, East, North, Central, Metroplex, West, Houston, Bayou City and Hill Country. Teams may fish any/all divisions if they want to; however, a student must fish a minimum of three (3) open events from their respective assigned division to be eligible for all Regional and Championship consideration. Eligible student angler teams can qualify by the following criteria:

a. Regional Tournaments Qualifications and Off-limits

a. Top 45% of their division in the Angler of the Year points will advance to their respective Regional Tournament.
b. Win a tournament in your respective division and fish at least three (3) events in your respective division and you will qualify for your respective Regional Tournament.
c. **Off-limits** for this event will be Monday – Thursday before the tournament date. Practice will open on the Friday before the tournament. A full listing of dates, details, and requirements will be posted with the tournament information page.

b. THSBA State Championship Qualifications and Off-limits

a. Top 30% of all teams that compete in their respective Regional Tournament will advance to the THSBA State Championship. ***
b. **Off-limits** for this event will be Monday – Thursday before the tournament date. Practice will open on the Friday before the tournament. A full listing of dates, details, and requirements will be posted with the tournament information page.

c. Angler of the Year Championship Qualifications and Off-limits

a. This event is for the top 10 Angler of the Year teams, based on regular season points and placing. If there is a tie in 10th place both teams will be invited.
b. Ten (10) teams from each division will attend the tournament. If a top ten team cannot make the tournament, the spot will be filled by the next available, qualified AOY team in order of placement.
c. This event will not have adjusted off-limits.

***In the event of a tie for the last place qualifiers, teams that are tied at the cutoff will be invited. In the event not enough anglers' weigh in fish at regionals to qualify for the Championship, only the anglers that weighed in at their respective regional event will advance.

27 BOAT CAPTAINS • All boat captains must comply with these rules:

a. Cannot have been hired as a guide on the lake to which they are a boat captain within 30 days prior to the tournament. A Guide refers to a person that takes ANY form of compensation. For providing information about locating or catching fish.

b. The only exception to Rule 27(a) is, if the guide is the parent, stepparent, Grandparent or legal guardian of the angler on the competing boat.

c. Cannot have competed in the Bassmaster Elite Series, Major League Fishing (MLF) Bass Pro Tour, and/or National Professional Fishing League (NPFL) in the last year. Tournament directors will assess captain qualifications prior to each event.

d. The only exception to Rule 27(c) is if it is an immediate family member: parent, stepparent, Grandparent or legal guardian.

e. For a boat captain to be eligible for a THSBA Regional or Championship, he/she must have captained in at least one open tournament in any THSBA division for the current school year.

f. Boat Captains can compete in the Captain's Side Pot for entry of twenty dollars. Registration and payment are done at the tournament check in. Pot will be split 50/50 between the captain with the largest fish and a scholarship at that tournament.

g. **Boat captains <u>CANNOT</u> fish in ANY Regional and/or State Championship event**. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team.

h. Boat captains must be in the boat with the students at all times. If a boat captain needs to use the bathroom, take a break for health reasons, or needs to be absent from the boat for any reason whatsoever, all fishing by the student anglers must cease. Student anglers are prohibited from fishing and/or running the trolling motor while the boat captain is not in the boat.

i. The services of any boat captain may be refused by the THSBA for any reason whatsoever. If a boat captain is deemed ineligible by the THSBA, a letter explaining the reasons of refusal will be submitted to the team advisor by the THSBA.

j. Boat captains must be 21 years of age.

k. Boat captains **CANNOT** contribute to the team's creel. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team; **and** boat captain and student anglers will be banned from all THSBA events.

l. Must be SafeSport Act certified. Certifications are valid for two years from the date on the certificate.

28 **<u>OFFICIAL OBSERVERS</u>** • All Official Observers must comply with these rules:

a. Must be 21 years of age.
b. Must be SafeSport certified. Certifications are valid for two years from the date on the certificate.
c. May not fish during the competition.
d. Cannot give any information of any kind, including fishing locations and GPS locations.
e. Cannot give any information of any kind, including what baits/lures to use.
f. Cannot assist in any way of netting any fish, removing hooks from fish or culling of fish.
g. Official Observers are there to observe ONLY, nothing else.
h. Official Observers are subject to a polygraph examination.

29 **<u>SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS</u>** • A scholarship by the THSBA and its affiliated sponsors will be presented to winning students after they have enrolled in an institution of higher learning. They must submit a receipt and a list of hours from the registrar of the college, university, accredited trade school or dual credit classes to the THSBA office. THSBA scholarships are to be used only for educational expenses for dual credit classes, trade, community, junior, and major universities. Scholarship winners have one year from their high school graduation date to enroll in a college or trade school. If a student who has won scholarship money, who enlists in the military within the time frames of this rule, will receive full payment of scholarships awarded to them with

proof of enlistment. Students may use scholarship money over several semesters. If the student is actively sending in student bills, receipts, etc., then the money will be disbursed until all scholarships have been paid.

Unused Scholarships will be returned to the general THSBA fund for any of these reasons.

a. Scholarships are not claimed within the allotted time frame of this rule.
b. Scholarship money is revoked due to the student receiving a full scholarship from other sources.
c. Student has scholarship money remaining in his/her account, but seeks full time employment without being enrolled in classes.
d. If a payment(s) is made and there is no activity on the account for over 1 year, the student is no longer eligible for the remaining scholarship money.

30 <u>SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS</u> • All scholarship amounts are to be split evenly between the two anglers. Unless won by a solo entry in the tournament. Big Bass Scholarships are given to the angler that caught the winning bass.

a. Memorial Scholarships are awarded as follows:
    1) **Clayton Winkles Award** - This award is handed out to one angler each tournament season. The winner is picked by the THSBA Board of directors. The scholarship amount is $750.00
    2) **Kale Robinson 8lb. Bass Scholarship** - This will be awarded to one angler at the completion of the tournament season. An angler that catches a bass weighing exactly 8 pounds or is closest to 8 pounds will be awarded $1000.00.
b. Regular Season tournament scholarships are awarded as follows for all 45 tournaments:

    First Place - $2000.00
    Second Place - $1000.00
    Third Place - $500.00
    Fourth Place - The boat captain's scholarship is half of the captain's side pot. This amount is determined at the tournament before weigh in starts.
    Big Bass Scholarship - presented by Gilchrist Automotive, is $500.

c. Regional and State Championship Scholarship amounts are released in the Spring each season, after the spring THSBA Board Members meeting. Publications of amounts and details will be posted on our website and social media platforms following the meeting.
d. Angler of the Year Scholarships, based on regular season points placement are as follows for each division:
    1. $3000.00
    2. $2000.00
    3. $1000.00