



## High School Fishing FAQ'S

**Q: How many students do we need to start a team?** A: We encourage 6 member teams; but we understand you've got to start somewhere! Any two person team can register for our SAF State Championships!

**Q: How does the insurance work?** A: Our insurance coverage is very comprehensive. Each club has \$1 million per occurrence (unlimited) in third party General Liability coverage. This covers the club, officers, members and any volunteers for actions on behalf of the club relating to an official club event. It also provides \$1 million in Child Abuse allegations coverage, \$25,000 in excess medical coverage, and \$25,000 in emergency child recovery/alert coverage. The policy covers YOUR club events. When teams are on the water the boat captain's boat owners insurance is the first line of coverage as they are in control at that moment. Our rules state boat owners must have water craft liability coverage.

**Q: Do we have to qualify for the SAF State Championship?** A: No, we invite all active SAF members to attend with no entry fee, but you must attend school in that championship's state.

**Q: Where do we get boats for our events?** A: Most boat captains are friends and family from members of the club or volunteers from adult fishing clubs or organizations that want to get involved with high school fishing. Also, you can talk to local boat dealers who might know customers that'd be interested in helping with your events. You can also hold tournaments on local ponds; no boats needed there!

**Q: Does it need to be a "bass boat"?** A: Nope! The boat simply has to be 16' long with a working livewell and engine disconnect switch. Anglers who don't fish for bass (walleye, crappie, catfish anglers, etc) make terrific boat captains too as they aren't typically involved in bass fishing tournaments themselves.

**Q: Is there a club member limit?** A: No, there's not; bigger the better! Larger teams often have the ability to hold bigger club tournaments, foster plenty of competition, and some even have point systems to determine a club champion and/or "Angler or Team of the Year".

**Q: Is there a point system for clubs to track their members?** A: That's your clubs decision! Some have point systems that of course involve catching fish but also factors such as attendance, grades, community service, etc.

**Q: Does SAF run all events for us to fish in?** A: The SAF is a national organization. We hold state championships, five National Open events and the High School Fishing World Finals. All of which, are no entry fee events for SAF members. Our qualifying events are the five Regional Conference Championships and the High School National Championship. Anglers must advance through the state championships or SAF Opens to participate in those events.

Some states have established four or five event, "Trails" for SAF members, and several schools across the nation hold tournaments as fundraisers for their clubs. We encourage any club to hold events and we can help you get started!

**Q: How much does it cost the school?** A: There's no cost to the school. Some schools require faculty advisors they pay stipends to, others have students, teachers or parents as advisors. We do have fundraisers to help teams raise money to put on or travel to events, buy jerseys or equipment, etc. We have both polarized sunglasses to sell and rod building programs that are highly successful. It's the student's program; let them share in the responsibility of making it successful!