

BUFORD BASS FISHING

2023-24 Season

INTRODUCTION

Buford High School is proud to announce it will begin its 8th year of competitive bass fishing. Tournaments are held on Saturday or Sunday depending on the trail that we are fishing. GHSA tournaments are on Saturdays and GHSF tournaments are on Sundays. It is also expected that the student/fisherman possess adequate fishing skills, have some knowledge of the species of bass they will be targeting, an idea of how a bass tournament operates, and of course some boating experience.

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Team Requirements

- Open to all BHS students who are academically eligible and in good standing in grades 9-10-11-12
- Must fish **at least 4 of the 6** GHSF tournaments on Sundays. Encouraged to participate in GHSA events on Saturdays.
- Schedules will be posted on the website and emailed as soon as they are available.
- Boat Captains and fishermen must notify Coach 5-7 days in advance of each tournament date of their availability for fishing. We NEED to do a better job with this.
- **Must fish in pairs with a Boat Captain** who is at least 21 years old.
 - **Captain must be fingerprinted.
 - ****Coach is not responsible for securing a boat captain for the fishermen.**
 - **New rule from NFHS is to have 3 people in the boat.

Team Requirements

- Teams must fish practice dates with their boat captain between tournament dates and document with Coach Laws
- Anglers can earn varsity letters as well as a state championship for their school
- Anglers are under Athletic Code of Conduct
- Anglers must have on file a current BHS physical and concussion form and create a Dragonfly account
- Anglers must have their own equipment: rod and reels, tackle, PFD, etc.
- Participation fee- \$150 (covers membership, tournament fees, team jersey, and other gear)

Sponsors

This is a **huge** source of income. This would not be possible without their support

- I will send a list via email of those who have sponsored in the past, so we don't double book and can possibly expand.
- If a student raises \$1,000 in sponsorships, they will receive their fishing gear free and not pay the \$150 fee.
- Please be sure to tell me who has collected a sponsor when you turn these in to me.
(sheets are on the table for sign-up)
- The quicker we secure sponsors, the quicker I can order gear and jerseys.
- Estimated Budget: \$20,000 (Ex. 10 teams = 20 anglers @ \$1,000 per angler= \$20,000)
- Deadline for securing a Sponsorship: September 5th (3 Weeks)

GHSA

1. GHSA uses TBF/SAF to run the tournaments
2. All anglers will be SAF members
3. The TBF website is at <https://highschoolfishing.org/> to look at scheduled events and tournament locations
4. Members can fish all open events for free upon registration

Yes, Tournament Bass Fishing is a sanctioned sport by the GHSA. There is an expectation that each of our teams will work to compete within the GHSA, and as such, will compete for a state championship.

GHSF (Georgia High School Fishing)

- 1. All anglers will be registered with the GHSF (sanctioned by the SAF)**
- 2. Coach Laws will register each angler once the roster is finalized and pay all fees**
 - a. \$65 per student (\$40 to the GHSF membership and \$25 for SAF)**
- 3. Coach Laws will pay the tournament fees for each tournament per number of boats**
 - a. \$75 per tournament**
- 4. Schedule is on the handout**

DragonFly Max

Very Important

The DragonFly app will be used to account for all required forms and physicals

Each student will have their own account that parents must set up

No more keeping up with signed papers!

As we move forward, I will send out more information

Required to participate in the 2023-2024 season

Fundraiser

We have been approved to do a raffle style drawing to help raise money for the rising cost in memberships, gear, and tournament fees

We will need help from parents to make this work. I did not get a great response last year when I sent this out in an email

2-3 items to raffle over a 3-4 week time period

We have an electronic system in place that helps streamline the raffle process (no more raffle tickets to lose)

More information to come

\$50 Athletic Fee

- The athletic department is always more than generous when it comes to helping out all of our different programs with funds
- With the rising cost of athletic materials such as tape and other athletic supplies, this fee will help offset some of the inflation that our training room has dealt with.
- All athletes are **required** to pay and all athletes have access to our trainers.
- Directions: Go to <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome> and pay your fee. Download the receipt page and upload that to your Dragon Fly account.