

Georgia TBF Bass Federation Affiliation Requirements

It is exciting to have your Club consider joining the Georgia TBF Bass Federation.

Here is a quick overview of what is involved and requirements for each year.

1. All members must be FLW members; they can join at the same time as the Roster is completed. We now do our rosters online and it can give you what each member will pay. If your Club decides to join, then you just need to send me a roster of each member (Name, Phone, Address, FLW # (if they have one) The Cost to Be Members of TBF and FLW is \$50 per member each year, which is \$15 TBF Dues (Club Insurance for members) and \$35 for FLW Membership. This system was put in place to allow all GBF, TBF, and FLW memberships to renew at the same time each Year. This is the most efficient way to keep everyone up-to-date on memberships.

2. The Club must also be affiliated with the Georgia TBF in order to Fish the State Championship "Top Six" Tournament, The Georgia Federation States dues are \$90 for the whole Club (no matter how many members) per year.

3. The Georgia TBF Federation have requirements in order to stay affiliated each year. These are in the GBF Handbook on page 4 which is on the GBF website www.gabassfed.org

- **A.** Complete a project or event involving 6 or more Youth and fill out the Youth Project form and turn it in each year. This Form is available on the website.
- **B.** Fill out Creel Census reports from our website www.gabassfed.org for each Tournament fished by the Club, within 30 days of the Tournament.
- **C.** Hold a minimum of 10 members (in order to fish the State Championship) (See GBF handbook for State Championship info) Page 24-29
- **D.** Fill out a Club Officer Administration Form from the website www.gabassfed.org each year or after any officer change. (This is how we get the Club Contact info so we can send out messages and information to the right people in the Club, so you know what is going on in the Federation.
- **E.** The Club will be assigned a GBF Area Director, this is someone that will help you with anything you have concerns about or need help, and this person will forward you any messages I send out.

If your Club decides to join, let me know and I will need to reserve your Clubs name and get you a password. The GBF also has one person who is available to walk you thru the "on-line" Roster System if you have any problems. I will enter the First Roster sent to me and you will be able to make updates and add people yourself anytime during the Year.

TBF (The Bass Federation), this entity consist of all the States Federation Clubs; this is the National Organization for the Federations. The web address www.bassfederation.com Please see Next pages for History and Member Benefits of the TBF.

Let me know if you have any other questions, I will be glad to help you anyway I can to get set up as a Georgia TBF Federated Club.

WELCOME THE "THE GEORGIA TBF BASS FEDERATION"

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TBF Bass Federation

Mission

“Owned by those we serve, dedicated to the sport of fishing.”

Since 1968, the independent state bass Federations have worked together to support the grassroots growth of fishing and the growth of the entire sport fishing/outdoors industry in their states. Simply put, The Bass Federation, Inc. (TBF) and the Federations do not work for any one organization in particular, although we do have several long-term relationships and partnerships in the industry. TBF is proudly partnered in fishing with FLW Outdoors. www.flwoutdoors.com

The main focus of the TBF Federation is to work for:

- Our members
- The member State Federations
- The industry as a whole
- Youth, by establishing activities for them that foster their learning and skill levels pertaining to the sport of fishing
- Conservation, by joining together to demand clean waters, to protect anglers rights and by making additional funds available to the member states through our partners, sponsors and other avenues to assist with conservation projects
- Fishing, by providing a means for our members to compete in the majority of the most prestigious tournaments in the world
- While our name contains the word “bass” and would imply we are bass fishermen only. That is not the case. “Our mission is to support fishing and support the industry. We are “about fishing.”

Accomplishments

“The Federation,” or “TBF” as we are commonly known, is the oldest broad-based, independent, grassroots organization in bass fishing, and truly is the backbone of the entire sport. The success of the Federation in improving and furthering the sport of fishing has been monumental and continues to be felt worldwide. While our members’ accomplishments are far too numerous to list, many of them boil down to two key areas: youth and conservation.

Youth : In the youth area, we have focused our efforts on the sport’s number one priority: get kids fishing. That includes just getting a fishing rod in their hands, as well as getting families outdoors. These efforts are key when it comes to facilitating the recruitment of young anglers and introducing them to the values and ethics of fishing and the outdoors.

Conservation : It is a widely known fact among sportsmen and women that outdoors enthusiasts have done far more to protect and enhance (to conserve) natural habitats (“the environment”) than environmental groups. Among that elite crowd, no group of people has done more than TBF Federation members.

Our efforts in conservation have included everything from habitat projects, to fighting polluters, to working with fish and game departments, to weighing-in on local, state and federal legislation and much more. These efforts and accomplishments are unmatched in fishing.

The Future and Fun: The ongoing and future health of the sport of fishing, and the clean family values associated with it, are our only goals, along with providing fun and fraternal experiences for our members.

TBF Formation

In an effort to continue the Federation’s independent membership’s support and growth of the industry over the coming decades, as well as to provide broader opportunities for TBF Federation members, the individual state Federations formally joined together as a company called The Bass Federation Inc. (TBF) in 2003.

TBF’s focus is the individual state Federations and the tens of thousands of members that make up those TBF-affiliated Federations at the local level, and harnessing those collective synergies and buying power to benefit individual members (i.e., the product-buying consumers).

This gives us a stronger foundation – in part so we can better-support our industry partners like FLW Outdoors and Ranger Boats – and will ensure the success of the grassroots support of this entire industry well into the future.

TBF Member Benefits

- \$1 million in general liability insurance for your club.
- \$25,000 excess medical coverage!
- \$10,000 AD&D event coverage for every TBF member.
- Free member newsletter delivered directly to your email inbox via the TBF eNews .
- Great discounts UP TO 50% OFF on all products and services within the TBF Members-Only Online Store – <http://store.bassfederation.com>
- TBF exclusive Fundraisers for YOUR club.
- Special product discounts and TBF member rewards from many of our sponsor\partners, including:
 - Ranger Boats
 - Evinrude
 - Berkley
 - Solar Bat
 - And more
- A chance to advance through competition to fish in major bass tournaments: MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TBF MEMBERS
- Forrest Wood Cup (1 TBF pro angler, 1 TBF co-angler)
- [Federation National Championship](#)
- 7 [TBF divisions](#) to cut down on drive time
- BFL All-American (7 TBF boaters, 7 TBF co-anglers)
- Twice the number of TBF Anglers (2 from each state vs 1 as in the past) progress to the [Federation National Championship](#), Presented by the National Guard.
- ["Living the Dream"](#) contract for the winner of the Federation Championship.
- Fully-paid entry fees as a PRO into the winner's choice of the FLW Tour events, or fully-paid entry fees into the FLW Series events.
- The use of a wrapped "Living the Dream" branded Ranger boat powered by an Evinrude or a Yamaha Outboard.
- The use of a wrapped, "Living the Dream" branded Chevy Truck.
- FLW will reserve guaranteed berths in the FLW American Fishing Series for TBF state champions, provided that such champions enter one (1) FLW American Fishing Series division and compete in all four (4) FLW American Fishing Series events in that division. The champion must also pay entry fees for all four (4) FLW American Fishing Series events in that division to be guaranteed the berth.
- FLW will provide priority registration to TBF boaters and co-anglers into the Bass Fishing League (BFL) events if they enter by the priority entry deadline with a counterpart (boater with a co-angler or co-angler with a boater). FLW will provide priority registration dates to TBF co-anglers who are dual members into the FLW American Fishing Series ("FLW American Fishing"), the Wal-Mart FLW Tour ("FLW Tour") and Wal-Mart FLW Series ("FLW Series"). The early registration time period shall be available to dual members after the early registration for Ranger, Stratos and Champion boat owners and prior to registration for the general public.
- Funds to state Federations from sponsor promotions.
- \$42,000 in cash awards at the [TBF National Guard Junior Anglers World Championship](#), 2 Children from each TBF state progress..
- Funds to your state's youth program, you decide where to spend it.
- Funding and equipment for youth programs Such as the TBF ["Reel Kids"](#) casting program.
- [High School](#) and [College fishing teams](#).
- Funds to your states conservation program, you decide where to spend it.
- 4 Full pages (Minimum) in FLW Outdoors magazine for federation stories about you! Federation coverage like never before.(we want your stories...[contact us!](#))

FLW Membership Benefits

Magazine and Subscriber Benefits – Receive the magazine during the time your membership is active (may not be eight issues if your membership is less than a year) and all listed subscriber benefits as an active competitor member, PLUS:

Tournament Eligibility – Competitor membership provides eligibility to compete in FLW Outdoors' over 200 freshwater tournaments across the country for anglers of all skill levels. Fish against weekend warriors in the Bass Fishing League or compete alongside the pros up at the highest level. You don't even need a boat to compete.

FLW Partner Discounts – Save big on leading brands in cell phones, travel and entertainment, hospitality, insurance, automotive, consumer electronics and much more.

Free Players Advantage – You'll get a FREE Player's Advantage membership with access to all the stats, tools and professional advice needed to pick [Fantasy Fishing](#) teams that win. A \$10 value – free with your competitor membership.

For more information, visit FLWOutdoors.com

