



HOW TO START A B.A.S.S. HIGH SCHOOL CLUB

WHAT YOU NEED:

1. A desire and commitment to encourage youth fishing
2. A minimum of two (2) interested students grades 9-12, and a club advisor, 100 percent of all your members must be affiliated with B.A.S.S. whether they are competing or not.

WHAT TO DO NEXT...

1. Contact your school administration to let them know your intention.
2. Complete your school's requirement to become an official organization on campus.
3. Have a faculty advisor or faculty member assigned to your club.
4. Each member of your club must first join B.A.S.S. and the fee is \$10. They can join B.A.S.S. by clicking this link.
 - a. <https://secure.palmcoastd.com/pcd/eSv?iMagId=57000&i6Ky=COLLEG&iOrderType=ORD&iMemberType=H&iPromo=I31BCS01>
5. Go to the Bassmaster website at the following link to register your team and enter your roster.
 - a. <https://www.bassmaster.com/news/high-school-registration>
 - b. Once the form is filled out, scroll to the bottom of the page and hit "Submit". You will be able to add members later.
6. You must then affiliate with a State Nation. Once you sign up with B.A.S.S., then B.A.S.S. will forward your information to our state youth director.
7. Contact Tommy Abbott at (504) 722-6638 or e-mail him at louisianahsbngmail.com to let him know that you are starting a club.
8. B.A.S.S. will notify your club advisor for membership once your High School or Junior Bassmaster Club roster has been processed.
9. Each angler must also have a B.A.S.S. Nation membership and the cost is \$10. This will be paid after the club roster is established in the roster portal and club has been processed by B.A.S.S.
10. If you need additional assistance in setting up your club, just give B.A.S.S. a call at 205-313-0900 or email the B.A.S.S. Tournament Department at bn@bassmaster.com or Hank Weldon at hweldon@bassmaster.com. You can also contact our state youth director, Tommy Abbott for assistance.

Now... If your school will not allow a fishing team...

1. If your school will not allow you to form an official team, then click this link:
 - a. https://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/bassmaster2011/imce/official_denial_letter.pdf .
 - b. This will direct you to the denial letter.
2. You may start a "Community" Club as a last resort, in the event your high school does not allow a fishing team. The process is the same except you do not need a school advisor and you will need four anglers to start the club
3. Contact Tommy Abbott or B.A.S.S. at the provided contact info above if you need help to get a community club started.

Other links:

- **B.A.S.S. High School 2020 Rules:**
https://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/2020_hs_rules.pdf
- **How to start and run a high school club:**
https://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/bassmaster2011/imce/suggestions_for_a_hs_club_revised_3-1-13.pdf
- **Club Roster Portal. Where you update your members and club info.:**
<https://ssl.palmcoastd.com/pcd/rms/index.cfm?action=login>
- **Louisiana High School B.A.S.S. Nation website:**
<https://www.louisianahighschoolbassnation.com/>
- **Louisiana High School B.A.S.S. Nation Facebook Page:**
<https://www.facebook.com/Louisiana-High-School-Bass-Fishing-748903088453284>