



TEAM TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Team Number

(Blank on First Event)

Anglers

School Name _____

Angler _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ SSN _____

Email _____

Boat Brand _____ Year _____

Engine Brand _____ Year _____

Staff Only

Date: _____

Process:

- Entry form signed
- Waiver signed
- Tournament Package
- Boat Number Verified

Staff Initial: _____

Co-Angler _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ SSN _____

Email _____

High School teams must provide boat captain information

Boat Captain

Boat Captain _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ SSN _____

Email _____

Signatures

Angler - Signature _____

Co-Angler- Signature _____

Boat Captain- Signature _____

Mail Entry Forms To:
 Zebco Brands
 ATTN: Joe Davis
 6101 E. Apache Street
 Tulsa, Ok 74115
 Email: jdavis@zebco.com
 Tournament Director: Joe Davis



PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY

READ BEFORE SIGNING

IN CONSIDERATION for permission to voluntarily participate in the Q NEXT GENERATION Tournament (“**Tournament**”), its related events, programs, and activities, I acknowledge, understand, consent and agree to the following:

I have been advised and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this Participant Release of Liability (the “**Release**”); **AND**

I understand the risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant— INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR PERMANENT PARALYSIS AND DEATH. Furthermore, although particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risk of serious injury does exist; **AND**

I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO IN THIS RELEASE, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE TOURNAMENT HOST(S) AND THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS, AND/OR EMPLOYEES; TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS; OTHER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS, TOURNAMENT SPONSORING AGENCIES; TOURNAMENT SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS, AND THEIR PARENT AND AFFILIAITE COMPANIES; TOURNAMENT VENDORS; OTHER TOURNAMENT-RELATED PARTIES; AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND/OR LESSORS OF PREMISES AND PROPERTY USED TO CONDUCT THE TOURNAMENT (all collectively referred to hereafter as the “**Releasees**”), AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION; **AND**

I have read, understand and accept all rules, term and conditions for participation in the Tournament (collectively the “**Rules**”), and I willingly agree to comply with these Rules. If, however, I observe any unusual, significant hazard during my presence or participation in the Tournament, I will remove myself from participation and bring such hazard to the immediate attention of the nearest Tournament official; **AND**

I, INDIVIDUALLY, AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ISSUE, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, NEXT OF KIN, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS RELEASEES (AS DEFINED ABOVE), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, AS WELL AS TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, DAMAGES, ACTIONS, SUITS, PROCEDURES, COSTS, EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES), DAMAGES AND LIABILITIES, THAT OCCUR, THAT I SUFFER OR THAT I AM FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL CONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW. IN CASE OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING AGAINST THE RELEASEES BY A THIRD-PARTY BY REASON OF ANY SUCH CLAIMS, ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS AS LISTED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, I COVENANT TO DEFEND SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING WITH COUNSEL REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO RELEASES; **AND**

I hereby consent and grant permission to the Releasees (as defined above) the right to publicize, capture video, capture photographs, and broadcast my full name, biographical information, likeness, character, voice, the fact that I was a participant and/or prize winner in the Tournament, any fishing tips and instructions, and all matters incidental to my registration, presence and participation in the Tournament (hereafter, “**Participant Characteristics**”). Such rights to my Participant Characteristics are given regardless of the means or media employed by the Releasees to publicize, capture video, capture photographs or broadcast my Participant Characteristics. Further, I hereby waive any and all rights to privacy and publicity I have with regard to the unconditional use of my Participant Characteristics. I further agree that I am not entitled to receive any editorial control of such use, notice of such use, nor am I entitled to royalties or other compensation in connection with use of my Participant Characteristics; **AND**

By signing this Release, I agree to submit, to a polygraph examination and/or voice stress analysis examination (collectively the “**Truth Verification Exam**”), administered at the sole discretion of Tournament officials, for any purpose in relation to my presence at and/or participation in the Tournament, and to abide by the conclusion(s) of such examination. Truth Verification Exam(s) will be administered by Tournament Hosts or agents thereof, in their sole discretion. I understand that failure to pass the Truth Verification Exam as determined by Tournament officials will result in disqualification from the Tournament; **AND**

I understand that it is my sole responsibility to acquire all necessary licenses, titles and insurance in order to legally participate in the Tournament. If I am using a boat or other watercraft during the official practice or the Tournament, I certify that I now have, or will obtain prior to the Tournament, property damage/watercraft liability insurance having a reasonable limit, issued by a reputable insurer rated A or better from Fitch Ratings, Moody’s Investor Service, Inc. or Standard & Poors. Said insurance must cover injury and/or damage incurred in connection with the event. Upon request, I will provide satisfactory evidence of said insurance. Furthermore, I understand and acknowledge that if I receive any prize from my participation in the Tournament, I am solely responsible for paying all local, state and federal taxes for such prize; **AND**

I understand and agree that any and all lawsuits or legal claims brought by me or on my behalf against Releasees, arising from my presence at and/or participation in the Tournament will be brought in the state or federal courts of the State of Oklahoma. Furthermore, I acknowledge that, should it become necessary to enforce any portion of this Release, I agree to pay the reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs thereby expended; **AND**

Notwithstanding anything set forth in this Release to the contrary, I hereby waive any and all subrogation claims by any insurer against Releasees, their respective agents, officers and employees, for any and all injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property, as well as to any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees), damages and liabilities, or any other cause, to the extent such loss or damage could be insured against under the terms of any applicable insurance policy or policies, or to the extent which I or another party may be reimbursed as a result of other insurance coverage affecting any loss suffered by myself or by Releasees, regardless of cause or origin, including the acts, omissions, or negligence of Releasees, or their respective agents, officers, contractors and employees. Provided, however, that such release of liability and waiver of the right of subrogation shall not be operative in any case where the effect thereof is to invalidate such insurance coverage or increase the cost thereof (provided that in the case of increased cost, the other party shall have the right, within thirty (30) days following written notice, to pay such increased cost thereupon keeping such release and waiver in full force and effect); **AND**

If I am signing this Release as a parent or guardian with legal responsibility for a participant who is my child or ward, I understand and acknowledge that all references herein to "I," "my," "myself," and any other first-person references shall include the child or ward for whom I sign. Furthermore, I understand I must also agree to and sign the terms and conditions below designated "For Parents/Guardians of Participants Less Than 18 Years of Age at Time of Registration" in order for my minor child or ward to be considered for participation in the Tournament.

Having fully acquainted myself with the Tournament Rules, I have completed this Release of my own free will and submit it contemporaneously and in conjunction with my application for entry in the Tournament. By signing this Release, and evidenced by my presence at the Tournament, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with the terms of this Release; all local, federal, state law, rules and regulations; and all Tournament Rules. I expressly assume all risks associated with my participation in the Tournament. I further understand and agree that the Tournament officials may reject my application for any reason whatsoever.

By signing below, the Participant(s) signify that they have carefully read and understand all of the foregoing provisions, that the Participant(s) signed by their own free will, that Participant(s) understand that this Release is a legally binding and enforceable contract, and Participant(s) intend for their signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all rights and liability, as described herein, to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Angler A- _____
Dated _____ Age _____ Signed _____

Angler B - _____
Dated _____ Age _____ Signed _____

Boat Captain- _____
Dated _____ Age _____ Signed _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

My signature below is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for the participant(s) named on this Release who are less than eighteen (18) years of age, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided in this Release of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, issue, personal representative, next of kin, successors, and assigns, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's or ward's involvement or participation in these programs as provided in this Release, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X _____

ANGLER A - PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE:

Printed Name: _____ Date Signed _____

EMERG. PHONE NO. _____

X _____

ANGLER B - PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE:

Printed Name: _____ Date Signed _____

EMERG. PHONE NO. _____

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

- Rule Changes:** Decisions of the Tournament Director are final and are not subject to appeal. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. Protests must be made in writing prior to the official closing of the scales at each division of the tournament.
- Participation/Eligibility:** The NextGen Open is only open to members of a sanctioned High School or College Clubs.

College Division

- Must be in good academic standing
- Must be a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours), for the 2017 Fall semester, at a four-year college/ university, a community college, or an online university
- Contestants must be members of a college fishing club that is recognized by their school (proof may be requested before tournament day)
- Anyone who has fished two (2) or more FLW Tour events and/or Bass Elite events as a pro in any one season is not eligible to participate
- Any person under the age of 18 (19 in Alabama and Nebraska) must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the entry form.
- Must be 32 years of age or younger, from the day of the tournament

High School Division

- Must be in good academic standing
- Must be a full-time student for the 2017 Fall semester
- Must be 20 years of age or younger, from the day of the tournament
- Any person under the age of 18 (19 in Alabama and Nebraska) must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the entry form
- All minors must be accompanied by an adult boat captain/coach

- Pre-Tournament Practice:** All divisions of the tournament will have no off-limits period prior to the official practice days. There will be two (2) full days and a half a day of official practice prior to tournament day. Practice days are optional. The half-day practice period ends at 5pm and the lake is off-limits until the start of the tournament.
- Registration/Pre-Tournament Meeting:** Registration can be conducted via Angler-Nation.com or at the pre-tournament meeting. There will be a preregistration period. The pre-tournament meeting is mandatory; teams are responsible for arriving on time. Each participating angler or boat captain/coach must present a valid driver's license (if applicable), a current school ID for the Fall 2017 semester, appropriately signed waiver, and a valid fishing license, to the appropriate tournament officials.
- Teams:** This is a team event consisting of two (2) competing student anglers from the same representing school and one (1) adult non-fishing boat captain/coach in the same boat.
- Fees:** There are no entry fees for eligible contestants.
- Safety:** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened, U.S. Coast Guard-approved, personal flotation device anytime the boat is on plane. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device, which must be securely attached to the driver's body any time the boat is on plane. All boats must have and use navigation lights during low light conditions. Tournament day(s) may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors. The decision to shorten or cancel tournament days will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- Permitted Fishing Methods:** All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers. Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at any one time. Additional rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast or rod is used. Trolling with the combustion engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. Sharing fish with other teams or individuals will result in immediate disqualification for all parties involved. All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.
- Sportsmanship and Conduct:** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to Angler Nation Tournaments, sponsors, the sport of fishing and Angler Nation Tournament's efforts to promote that sport. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following: 1) Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any mind-altering substance during tournament hours, 2) Abuse of, or addiction to, mind-altering substances, 3) Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably on Angler Nation Tournaments or the sponsors of those tournaments, or reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules. If conduct does not comply with the standards set forth, Angler Nation Tournaments, and its director shall have the right to refuse any application, or to deny a confirmed application, by returning the previously accepted application, or disqualifying a contestant. Angler Nation Tournaments reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.
- Boat Operation:** During hours of competition, contestants may not receive assistance from non-competitors, follow a non-competitor's boat, participate in the practice of "hole sitting", or the placing of markers by non-competitors. The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is strictly prohibited.

11. **Boat and Horsepower Regulation:** Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. The boat owner will possess insurance having covering injury and/or damage incurred in connection with the tournament. Boats must contain a properly aerated live well with space to maintain alive a limit catch of bass. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition may not exceed the horsepower limitations as displayed on the manufactures rating plate. By signing the entry form, each contestant (and boat owner) agrees to submit their boat and/or motor to an inspection. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating plate will be cause for disqualification from the tournament and may result in future ineligibility to enter any Angler Nation Tournaments.
12. **Permitted Fishing Locations:** Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible by boat from the host ramp, except areas designated as "off-limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal officials or within 50 yards of a competitor's boat, or within 20 yards of a non-anchored competitor's boat unless otherwise agreed upon by the other tournament angler.
13. **Off-Limit Areas:** Will be established and announced at each pre-tournament meeting. Contestants fishing inside the established off-limits area will be immediately disqualified. Contestants' boats must remain in the tournament waters during the event.
14. **Official Checkpoints:** There will be only one official checkpoint at the weigh-in. It is the sole responsibility of each contestant to arrive at the designated check-in location on time, regardless of what they are told. It is the angler's responsibility to verify their provided flight time.
15. **Live Fish Only:** Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated live well. The use of chemical live well additives which promote the healthy return of bass to their natural habitat are recommended. NO DEAD FISH can be presented for weigh-in. This will help insure the care of bass in a team's live-well is most important. A dead fish will be determined solely by the Tournament Director which will be final with no opportunity for appeal. Culling dead fish is prohibited.
16. **Late Penalty:** Contestants who are not officially checked-in at the appointed time will be assessed a one pound-per-minute penalty from the total weight. Any contestant more than 10 minutes late will be disqualified. In the event of a mechanical breakdown, a contestant may return to the check-in location with their catch by receiving a ride from another registered contestant or tournament official only. Prior to receiving help, the contestant must contact the Tournament Director. The contestants must return to the official check-in location by their assigned check-in time to avoid late penalty.
17. **Closing of the Scales:** Scales will close 20 minutes after the last flight is due in. Due to certain weigh-in locations this time may be lengthened or shortened at the Tournament Director's sole discretion. Any change to the above stated official scale closing time policy will be announced. It is the angler's responsibility to verify the official scale closing time and to be in the weigh-in line by that time.
18. **Ties:** All ties will be decided by 1) total number of fish caught, 2) big fish, and 3) then a coin toss. All ties will be resolved by splitting that place and the next place's prize money. Every team has the option to weigh a big bass in their catch regardless of its size.
19. **Payout Definition:** All prizes will be awarded at the Award Presentation on Championship Sunday, October 22nd, after the conclusion of the tournament.
20. **Polygraph:** By signature on the Participant Release of Liability form, contestants agree to a test by a qualified polygraph examiner or equivalent test ("polygraph test"). Refusal to take or failure of the polygraph test will result in the disqualification of the refusing or failing team. Those contestants finishing in first, second, big bass, and a random top 10 team must be present at the conclusion of the weigh-in for the polygraph test. Any contestant scheduled for a polygraph test, and not present, will have their winning held until a polygraph test has been administered. Any additional polygraph tests will be at the contestant's own expense of \$250.00. Should a contestant fail multiple polygraph tests, it is in the sole discretion of the Tournament Director to ban the member from future participation. No refund will be paid to contestants that have pre-paid events should they be banned.
21. **Substitutions:** There will be no team member substitutions once a boat number has been received.
22. **Restricting, Seeding or Baiting:** No restricting bass by any method which disallows natural movement throughout the entire impoundment. Seeding bass from one impoundment to the tournament impoundment, or any coordinated effort in the use of live bait, in baiting holes for the means of attracting or maintaining bass is prohibited. The act of moving bass from one area of the lake to another confined area of the same lake is not permitted.
23. **Scoring:** The "Golden Rule" is the standard instrument for measuring length of bass weighed in by an angler.
24. **Boat Captains/Coaches:** The boat captain/coach must be an adult over the age of 18 (19 in Alabama and Nebraska) and CANNOT have been a bass guide-for-hire on the tournament waters within the last twelve (12) months, or fished two (2) or more FLW Tour events and/or Bass Elite events as a pro in any one season. Boat captains/coaches will serve as "officials" in the event and will not be allowed to fish on actual tournament days. They are to act as boat captains, mentors, coaches, and observers. The boat captains/coaches may NOT tie knots, cast lines or lures, set the hook, or play fish to the boat on tournament competition days. Boat captains/coaches will have complete control of the boat and outboard engine at all times. Student anglers may not drive the boat, except for loading and unloading and in case of an emergency. Student anglers may run the trolling motor; however, the boat captain/coaches has a duty to take control of the trolling motor at any time if safety or equipment is at risk. Boat captains/coaches are subject to the same rules as the anglers, and penalties, if any, can be applied to the team in the boat. Boat captains/coaches are subject to polygraph test, the same as the student anglers. A completed entry form and Participant Release of Liability must also be submitted for each boat captain/coach.