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Possible Club Activities and Programs

“How-to” clinics

Fishing with various lures

Making lures

Building rods & repairing rods and reels

Putting lines on various reel types

Discussing rod/reel combinations,
their advantages and uses

Maintaining fishing equipment

Guest speaker seminars

Fishing ethics

Boater safety classes

State fishing rules and regulations

Preparing for tournaments
and tournament fishing

Meet the nation's elite fishermen

Possibly earn a spot on the John Crews'
Elite or John Crews' Academic teams

Marketing fishing equipment

Obtaining business sponsorships

To get started, you need:

- an adult coach from the school or community who has the desire and commitment to encourage youth fishing, meet with the Team monthly, and coordinate fishing opportunities.
- permission from your school principal to use the school's name and logo. (*Exception: with 6 members, you could start a Community Club with a letter of denial from your principal.*)
- a minimum of two interested students, grades 9–12, with an adult boat captain/coach to form a team. Younger students (9–14 years of age), may participate on a Junior Varsity or middle school level.
- all participating members need to join B.A.S.S. Nation and B.A.S.S. Nation Virginia by paying dues of \$30.* This will provide members with B.A.S.S. liability insurance, as well as subscriptions to *Bass Times* and *Bassmasters* magazines.
- to recruit members, elect officers, and write your by-laws (or use our suggested by-laws).
- to obtain fishing rods and tackle, learn basic knots, and take a basic boater safety class.
- to develop your club tournament schedule to coincide with the state schedule.

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**Join or start a
B.A.S.S. Nation
high school fishing
club today!**



B.A.S.S. High School Nation of Virginia Inc. is an interscholastic tournament bass fishing program that helps shape the future of the sport, one high school club at a time.

Who We Are

B.A.S.S. High School Nation of Virginia is made up of middle and high school student anglers who enjoy the thrill and competitiveness of tournament bass fishing. Our youth anglers serve as positive role models for other youth and as good stewards of our natural environment and wildlife.

B.A.S.S. High School Nation membership fosters leadership, problem solving skills, and public speaking skills. B.A.S.S. High School Nation promotes environmental awareness and good citizen responsibility by engaging students not only in recreational and tournament fishing, but also conservation and public service projects.

Check out our websites:

www.vafederationnation.com

www.bassmaster.com/high-school

A coach and two anglers is considered a Team!

However, with at least six anglers, your school qualifies to have Club Teams that will fish competitively against its own members to determine the best fisherman for its six man team. Club Teams also compete against other Club Teams from other schools in local, state and national fishing tournaments.

All high school Teams and Club Teams enjoy team activities, camaraderie, and state-wide competitions. The B.A.S.S. program promotes environmental education, community service, and conservation. As part of the B.A.S.S. High School Nation, Virginia youth can compete in the three B.A.S.S. High School Nation State Tournaments and in the B.A.S.S. High School Nation National Opens and Championship.

Coaches are Team Assets

Coaches help scout out lakes and ponds for ideal bass habitats and help anglers decide on the best bait presentation for that anticipated catch of the day. Coaches may teach anglers how to read lake maps, how to comprehend boat electronics, and how to properly set up boat trolling motors. Coaches will provide and drive the bass boat. Coaches can be a family member, member of the community, or school staff. Coaches do not fish during state and national competitions.

Why Join?

You could be on a Varsity team at your high school fishing in a local, state, or national high school bass tournaments.

You could be making lasting memories traveling around the state and nation to fish competitively.

You could be meeting other youth and coaches who enjoy being outdoors, on the water, casting a line in hopes of catching that elusive bucket-mouthunker.

You could be a leader. Don't be shy...if your school doesn't have a team, become a leader and you start one! Meet with your Principal today—B.A.S.S. High School Nation Virginia can help.

Many Virginia colleges and universities have bass fishing teams that fish National NCAA tournaments for scholarships.

You don't need a bass boat to start fishing today—you can fish from the bank or simple jon boat. Virginia has many reservoirs that rent boating equipment at the site. Check out the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' website for additional information at www.dgif.virginia.gov.

