

Guardians Bass Club  
2020-2021  
Parents and Anglers  
Code of Conduct  
Acknowledgement Form

Sign and **return this page only** to [guardiansbassclub@gmail.com](mailto:guardiansbassclub@gmail.com)

By my signature below I attest that I have read and been informed of the Guardians Bass Club Code of Conduct. I also understand the consequences for any violations.

Print Angler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Angler Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Guardians Bass Club Parents and Anglers Code of Conduct and Expectations

## Message To The Parents

As a parent/guardian of a GBC angler, you also have committed yourselves to certain responsibilities and obligations, which are outlined in this Code of Conduct. Your signature, along with the signature of your angler, indicates that you understand these and agree to cooperate with club leadership in enforcing the Code of Conduct. Compliance is mandatory and essential to the success of the club. Failure to comply may lead to discipline and possible expulsion from the team.

Good sportsmanship is encouraged and expected from our parents, fans and spectators at all times during all events. Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship may result in removal from the event and/or future events.

We look forward to working with you and to supporting your son/daughter as they participate in the sport of High School Fishing.

## Message To The Anglers

Guardians Bass Club has a relatively young but distinguished history and reputation of excellence, sportsmanship and integrity in the sport of high school fishing. This reputation was not built overnight. It has taken a lot of dedication, commitment, and hard work by a countless number of people as well as the GBC anglers of past seasons. As a Guardians Bass Club member you must continue to strive to uphold this high standard of excellence. Once you become a member of the team, you have made a choice to uphold certain standards expected of our anglers.

## Philosophy:

Participation in Guardians Bass Club is a privilege, not a right, and should be treated as such. Anglers who choose to join the club accept that they are ambassadors of Guardians Bass Club in tournaments, club events and when out in the community. Any time you wear your tournament jersey, club hat, or t-shirt, you are representing yourself, your family, your club and all those who were members of GBC before you. Your behavior should be above reproach in all areas.

We require that our student anglers represent our highest standards, including our core values of responsibility, accountability, integrity and humility. These expectations include an emphasis on respect for self, others and property; loyalty to self, teammates and club leadership; and exhibiting the ideals of true sportsmanship.

1. **RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOURSELF:** The most important of these responsibilities is to develop strength of character and positive values and behaviors. You owe it to yourself to get the greatest possible benefit from your GBC experiences because your academic studies and your participation in extracurricular activities (including high school fishing) help to prepare you for

your life as an adult.

2. **RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOUR CLUB:** You assume a leadership role when you are on any type of athletic team (fishing or otherwise). The students at your school and citizens of your community know you and will judge our club by your conduct and attitudes, both on and off the water. Because of this leadership role, you can make positive contribution to school and community pride. In addition, you are a role model for younger anglers who will look up to you and hope to be in your shoes one day. Be sure the example you set is a positive one.
3. **RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS:** As a team member you also have a responsibility to your family. It is impossible for you to succeed in high school fishing without the support of your parents and family. Just as your behavior reflects on the club, it also reflects on your family. When you know that you have competed with enthusiasm, honor and to the best of your ability at all times and with the utmost sportsmanship, you can be proud of yourself and your family can be justly proud of you.

### **Sportsmanship**

It is important for both anglers and parents to help us maintain an outstanding reputation for good sportsmanship. We must all work hard to conduct ourselves in a commendable manner. Always observe the following guidelines for good sportsmanship:

1. The good name of our club is more important than any tournament won by unfair means.
2. Be supportive of all anglers, captains and officials before, during, and after all tournaments.
3. Recognize and show appreciation for the fine performance of your competition.
4. Be proud of our club's reputation and work hard to protect it.
5. Cheer for your teammates, not against the competition.
6. Don't allow others' negative sportsmanship to become an excuse to do the same.

### **RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:**

#### **I. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

- a. SAF requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 (a "C" or better) in order to fish in sanctioned tournaments. Guardians Bass Club follows the same guidelines for academic eligibility.
- b. If an angler is not maintaining a "C" or better in all classes at the time of the tournament he/she is ineligible to compete in that particular tournament.

#### **II. ANGLER STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS**

- a. **ALCOHOL, DRUGS & TOBACCO ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** The possession, use, consumption, or any other improper or unlawful involvement of any kind with illegal drugs, controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, E-Cigarettes, or Vapor Pens, is strictly prohibited.
- b. **HAZING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Because hazing is unsafe and can discourage participation as well as negatively affect a student's enjoyment in club participation, all forms of hazing are strictly prohibited. Hazing includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. Any gesture or written, verbal or physical act that a reasonable person should know will have the effect of harming a someone or cause someone to have a reasonable fear of

harm to his or her person, or damage to his or her property.

- c. GROSS MISCONDUCT. Gross misconduct is defined as cheating, fighting, or unfavorable notoriety, violation of a civil or criminal law, or any socially unacceptable behavior that brings discredit to the angler, parents, school or club. **This includes any unacceptable behavior on social media.**
- d. INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.
  - i. The use of vulgar or profane language is unacceptable anywhere and at any time.
  - ii. Unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable – whether it is directed towards your teammates or your competition.

III. **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY.** While social media and networking are fun and valuable, there are certain considerations we need to keep in mind when using these tools. Below are guidelines to follow when club members are representing Guardians Bass Club on social media, regardless of whether these are considered club or personal spaces.

- a. Use good judgement – behave in a way that will make you and others proud and reflect well on the club. Regardless of your privacy settings, assume that ANYTHING you have shared on social media is public information.
- b. Be respectful – Always treat others in a respectful, positive and considerate manner.
- c. Post images with care -
  - i. Respect brand, trademark and copyright information.
  - ii. Remember that when you are in a tournament jersey, you are also representing our sponsors.
  - iii. Understand that your actions/photos while wearing GBC gear will be closely scrutinized by others.

This Code of Conduct is not a complete list of undesirable conduct by anglers. Any student angler whose conduct is in violation of this Code or is a discredit to the angler or the club in any manner will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the GBC Leadership Team on a case-by-case basis. Disciplinary action may include a warning, exclusion from a tournament or other club activity or even expulsion from the club depending on the severity of the violation.

Please keep this Code of Conduct for your reference.