



\* NEW DATES \*

June 9-11, 2020

Pickwick Lake • Florence, Alabama

**2020 ANGLER PACKET** 



### Welcome!

We're excited to be hosting the **15**<sup>th</sup> **Annual** BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by Bass Pro Shop!

As we prepare for this Championship, we are taking steps to make this event as successful as always while following various local, state, and national guidelines. We can't wait to see you on the water!

Come prepared with the drive to win and be crowned the **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!** 







# **Tournament Format**

Each Angler must read and abide by the official <u>Championship Rules</u>.



Registration closes Monday, June 1, 2020 at 5:00pm.



Two-day, team tournament. A team consists of two-anglers fishing from the same boat.



Off-limits begins on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 12:00am local time. The first official practice day will be Saturday, June 6, 2020 at safe light.



Teams will be allowed to lock up river into Wilson Lake but not into Wheeler Lake. \*Subject to change depending on Lock Master schedule.



All school clubs qualify to register up to three (3) two-angler teams for the Championship. School clubs in the Top 25 of the School of the Year rankings may register one (1) additional team for a total of four (4) teams entered.



Permission must be granted by the Tournament Director in order for any angler to fish alone.



### Schedule of Events CHAMPIONS



### June 9 Angler Check-In

#### \*MANDATORY\*

- Location: McFarland Park
- Angler Check-in: 10 am 6 pm
- Practice of safe distancing will be mandatory.
- To-Go BBQ Meal to be provided.
- More details to be announced.



### June 10 & 11 Tournament Days

- Location: McFarland Park
- Take-off: Will begin between 5:30-6:00am
- Weigh-in: Begins 1pm
- Angler Meal during weigh-in
- National Champions & School of the Year crowned following Day 2 weigh-in!



Take-off and Weigh-in will be at McFarland Park each tournament day – June 10 & 11.

Located At: 200 James Spain Dr. Florence, AL 35630

For a free fishing packet please call Florence Tourism – 256-740-4141

A valid Alabama fishing license is required for each angler.

Purchase online at www.outdooralabama.com

Purchase locally at Perkins Outdoors - (256) 768-1000





Anglers should not participate in the tournament if they have had any of these symptoms in the past 14-days: Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature > 99.9 degrees, or Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19.

#### <u>June 9<sup>th</sup> – Angler Check-in</u>

- This year, check-in will occur at McFarland Park over a period of 8-hours in order to minimize large groups.
- "Swag Bags" will be handed out to anglers that will include snacks, waters, and products from our partners.
- To-Go Meals will be provided to anglers please drive thru McFarland Park to grab a BBQ dinner from 306 BBQ, courtesy of BoatUS.



#### June 10<sup>th</sup> & June 11<sup>th</sup> – Take-Off

- Take-off will begin at Safe Light, currently estimated to be between 5:30-6:00am, and will be live streamed.
- Anglers will not be allowed to congregate at the boat ramp or along the docks.
- Ice for fish care will be provided to the anglers at McFarland Park. Staging plans will be provided at check-in.
- Anglers will be released continuously beginning with Boat #1 on Day 1; on Day 2, the boat numbers will invert and begin with the last boat number.
- If persons are there to cheer on their favorite anglers, they must stay within their group, as well as keep a minimum of 6-feet from others.



#### June 10<sup>th</sup> & June 11<sup>th</sup> – Weigh-In

- Spectators will not be allowed to congregate at the weigh-in; weigh-in will be live streamed.
- Weigh-in will begin at 1:00pm; scales will be open by 12:00pm if any anglers prefer to weigh-in early.
- There will be 15 teams in each flight, and flights will be spaced out to minimize the number of teams on-site at a time.
- There will be one long line of weigh-in tubs to allow a minimum of 6-foot spacing between anglers.
- Face masks are encouraged while on stage.
- Anglers will place their bag of fish on the scale when directed by the Tournament Director, then step back while fish are weighed in order to maintain safe distancing.
- After weight is recorded, anglers will take fish and weigh-slip and leave the stage.
- \*All safe distancing procedures are subject to changes at the event to ensure maximum safety for all anglers, staff, and community.



## **Discount & Contingency Programs**

Want to take home extra prizes? Be in the know and be prepared before the Championship – check out the program details below. And take advantage of our partner product discounts, too!

Visit our website for all the available Discounts & Incentives















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GET REWARDED







ADVANCE TO TBF CHAMPIONSHIP





### **Never Get Stuck On The Water...**



Our partners at BoatUS will have their TowBoatUS service on-site during the 2020 Championship to help assist anglers if they experience any problems while on-the-water.

**Sign-up today for \$85 and have access to unlimited towing!** If you're not signed up and have to be towed, the cost may be up to \$500\* or more.

Visit <u>www.boatus.com/Membership</u> for more information.



\*This is just an estimate; towing costs may be much more or less, depending on tow company, location, and circumstances.

# Share Your Adventures! #wearecollegia tebass

Share your pics from your travels, to practice, and tournament days using our #WeAreCollegiateBass tag so we can keep up with you and re-post!

It pays to tag us – you never know when we feel spontaneous and give a way a prize for a post!







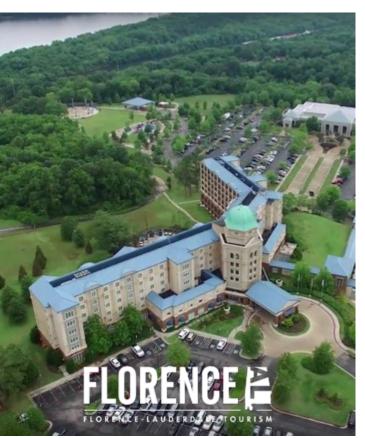






### **Lodging Information**

Book your lodging throughout Championship Week early! Below are a few recommended hotels – let them know that you are with the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series. Contact <a href="mailto:college@carecotv.com">college@carecotv.com</a> if you have any questions.



#### **MARRIOTT SHOALS HOTEL - \$129-\$179**

800 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence, AL 35630 256-246-3600

Book On-line <u>HERE</u> or Use Code "CARECO TV 2020" when calling to make reservations.

#### **RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT - \$124**

1000 Sweetwater Ave. Florence, AL 35630 256-764-9966

#### **COMFORT SUITES - 10% off**

140 Matthew Paul Court (off HWY 72) Florence, AL 35630 256-246-2300

#### **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - \$92**

180 Etta Gray Street Florence, AL 35630 256-246-2200

### HAMPTON INN MIDTOWN OF FLORENCE/LAUDERDALE TOURISM - \$85

2285 Florence Blvd. Florence, AL 35630 256-764-8888

#### **BAYMONT INN - \$79**

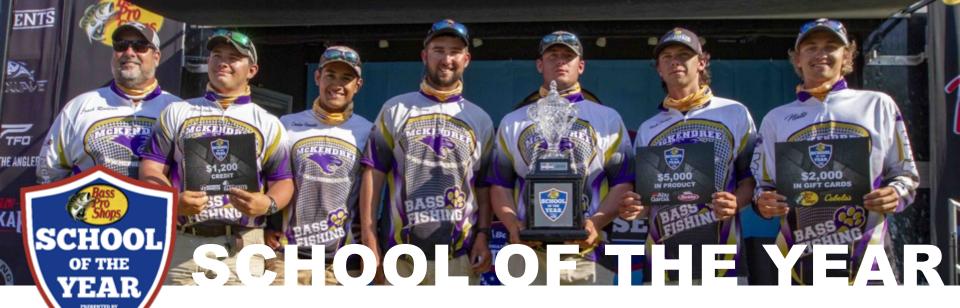
115 Ana Drive – Off Hwy 72 Florence, AL 35630 (256) 415-6574

#### **QUALITY INN - \$74**

150 Etta Gray Street Florence, AL 35630 256-740-0444

#### **KNIGHTS INN OF FLORENCE - \$52**

1915 Florence Blvd. Florence, AL 35630 256-766-2620 or 800-329-7466



Join us at Weigh-In on the final day to crown the much anticipated and sought-after 2019-2020 Bass Pro Shops School of the Year presented by Abu Garcia team!

Throughout the entire 2019-2020 season, the Association of Collegiate Anglers tracks the performance of all collegiate bass fishing teams across the three main collegiate tournament trails, including ACA, BASS, and FLW, as well as school-run events, through the Bass Pro Shops School of the Year presented by Abu Garcia race.

The culmination of this prestigious and sought-after award happens at the conclusion of the 2020 Bass Pro Shops Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by BoatUS. After points are tallied from the Championship, we announce the School of the Year and present awards! The excitement around this much anticipated announcement is one that you don't want to miss either in-person or via our live streaming!

# Nationally Televised

Send us your video footage! Be sure to document your travels to Pickwick Lake, your preparations for the 2019 BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by Bass Pro Shops, and points of interest on your campus. We'll accept all digital formats—with more television coverage than any other collegiate bass fishing trail, we may very well use your video footage in one of our shows or on-line video clips!

Please contact tournament staff for info on how to send in your footage at college@carecotv.com.



### **Live Streaming**

Events throughout Championship Week will be live streamed – we've partnered with Outdoor Action TV to provide even more platforms where you can watch all the action as it happens!

Outdoor Action TV is available via:

- iOS app
- Android App
- Roku
- Amazon Fire
- Apple TV
- Website

Tell your family and friends to download on their streaming device now and watch direct from their television. Live streaming will also be seen on the ACA's website and social media platforms.

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### **Be Ready To Be Live!**



We'll be going live with anglers, partners, coaches, and more throughout the week – from Yamaha Angler App reciation Night through final Weigh-in and Awards Presentations.

Be ready to be Live! We look forward to getting time with you in front of our cameras.



# #WEAKECOLLEGIATEBASS Podcast

The ACA's #WeAreCollegiateBass Podcast in going strong!

Throughout Championship Week, we will be sitting down with our anglers, coaches, sponsors, parents, and Pros to talk about every-thing related to this epic event — which teams are favored, predictions on how many pounds it will take to win, what it will take to catch those big bass, school rivalries, and more!

Subscribe NOW and stay tuned!

Listen to all the ACA #WeAreCollegiateBass Podcasts on iTunes, Spotify, Google Play, and Stitcher.

















Jordan Lee Talks Recent Bass Pro Tour Victory & College Fishing



Bass Pro Shops Collegiate Bass Fishing Series with Rick Emmitt & Lara Herboldsheimer



Bethel University Anglers Talk Collegiate Fishing





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