

**Cayuga High School Bass Fishing
Team
Handbook and By-Laws
2024-2025**



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Cayuga High School
17750 N. US Hwy 287 Tennessee Colony, TX 75861
Handbook & by-laws
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Note: Cayuga High School Bass Fishing Team handbook and by-laws are in addition to the Cayuga ISD Student Handbook. All policies written in the CISD student handbook must be followed.

ARTICLE I

NAME and PURPOSE

SECTION 1: Name

This club shall be called the Cayuga High School Bass Fishing Team.

SECTION 2: Purpose

To improve our skill as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass-catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other teams of the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA), embracing the principles and purposes of the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA).

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Number of Members

The Club shall begin with and maintain at least two (2) members. Anglers must be enrolled as a student at Cayuga High School as a traditional, in-person, learner.

SECTION 2: Requirement for Regular Membership

To become a club member, a person shall:

Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.

Be a member of the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA) (See **ARTICLE V** for affiliation requirements.)

Be a full-time student maintaining a GPA in accordance with Cayuga ISD policy.

Grades are monitored throughout the six weeks and will be checked on the day report cards are issued for the six weeks, if a student is not passing the six weeks, they will not be eligible to fish until grades are checked at the 3 week of the grading period. If passing at the 3 week mark, the student can fish after a 7-day grace period.

To participate in any Cayuga Bass Fishing Team activities, the student must be eligible to participate in Cayuga ISD extracurricular activities.

After the student becomes re-eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities by the Cayuga ISD, the student may be re-eligible to participate in the Cayuga Bass Fishing Team activities with the approval of the team advisor.

All Cayuga High School Bass Fishing Team members will be added to the drug testing list at the beginning of the school year, and subject to random drug testing throughout the school year.

By-Law agreement sheet signed by student and parent.

SECTION 3: Membership Dues

The membership dues for shall be set annually by the THSBA, initially payable upon being accepted into the club.

SECTION 4: Meetings of Members

The membership shall hold regular meetings at pre-established times.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES and ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1: Officers and their Duties

The officers of the chapter may consist of: (must at minimum have a President)

President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and be an ex-officio member of all committees. Supervise all club functions.

Vice President: Act as program chairman, assists the president in his/her duties and presides in absence of the president.

Treasurer: Organize fundraisers and coordinate them.

Secretary: Take notes at all meetings.

SECTION 2: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of August. Election shall be done thru Google Form with a majority vote by all members. Election for each officer shall be held separately in the order listed in **ARTICLE III, Section 1**.

SECTION 3: Eligibility of Vote

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

SECTION 4: Term of Office

The term of the office is for one year, which shall begin in August when school starts and will end on the last day of school that year.

SECTION 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office. Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA) shall be notified immediately of the change of any officers.

SECTION 6: Eligibility for Holding Officers

To be eligible for an office a member must:

Must be a sophomore or above unless the club only has freshman on the roster.

Have attended at least 75% of the club meetings and 75% of club functions during a 12-month period.

Have shown an active interest in all club functions.

Maintain current Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA) membership.

Maintain passing grades.

ARTICLE IV

REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Removal of Membership

Members may be dropped from the membership roll for the following reasons:

- Failure to pay dues.

- Any action that would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the team and/or the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA).

- Failure to attend 50% of the chapter meetings and 50% of chapter functions during a 12-month period.

- Disqualification for any reason from participating in Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA)-sponsored events, including disqualification for use of drugs and alcohol.

- Being placed in DAEP more than one time during the current school year.

- *Removal due to DAEP placement is at the discretion of the team advisor and school administration.

ARTICLE V
AFFILIATION

SECTION 1: Requirements for Affiliation

Approval of club charter by the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA).

Update the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA) with a club membership roster once each year. Annual update cycle begins as new members join.

Names and addresses of new members joining the club during the school year must be submitted to the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA) as they occur. (See **ARTICLE II, Section 3** for dues requirements.)

Maintain 100% Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA) membership.

Members can elect to join the Texas BASS Nation so they can fish that tournament trail also. This is completely optional.

ARTICLE VI
RULES

SECTION 1: Rules

All members of the Cayuga High School Bass Fishing Team will adhere to all rules and regulations set forth by the Texas High School Bass Association (THSBA). All members will receive a copy of all rules and regulations upon membership approval and must sign the electronic copy in the THSBA app at the beginning of every tournament year. Their parents must also sign it on their THSBA app.

Anglers will wear their current year's jerseys at weigh-in for every tournament and any other event the advisor states they are to be worn.

Anglers are expected to help work at fundraiser examples: concession stands and Fall Fest booth.

Each team must read all THSBA rules and follow each one. If each rule is not followed it could be ground for disqualification.

This is a TEAM tournament; each team will pay half for the entry fee per tournament. If one party is unable to attend for any reason the fee must still be paid. If an angler quits fishing during the season they understand that they must finish paying their \$32.50 tournament fee for the remainder of the season.

SECTION 2: Social Media

All CISD anglers will follow CISD policy regarding social media. Student anglers can be disciplined for social media instances deemed inappropriate. Once sent consequences designated by the fishing team advisor in conjunction with campus administration will occur. Social media is a tool to be used to keep up with friends/family and help in the recruiting process. Do not abuse or take for granted the consequences that come with social media abuse.

ARTICLE VII

SCORING and STANDINGS

SECTION 1: Scoring

Scoring is determined by the final weight of each team's catch during each tournament. The Cayuga High School Bass Fishing Team will keep track of scoring for the club's individual teams. Results will also be posted on the THSBA app the following week after the tournament.

SECTION 2: Standings

Any individual team finishing in the top 50% of our division will qualify for the Regional Tournament. Any individual team in the top 50% of the Regional Tournament will qualify for the State Tournament. To qualify for the Regional and State tournament you must participate in at least three (3) of the Texas High School Bass Association's (THSBA) scheduled open tournaments.

SECTION 3: Local awards

During the End of Season Celebration the top ranked team for the Angler of the Year (AOY) standings after the 5 regular season tournaments will be presented with the "Top Team" award. The "Big Bass" award will be presented to the individual who weighed in the largest bass during the 5 regular season tournaments. A "New Angler of the Year" will be voted on by the anglers. A "New Angler" means it is their first year to fish for the team.

SECTION 4: Letter Jacket policy

The Cayuga ISD school board has approved 'competitive fishing' as a qualification to earn a letter jacket. Anglers must complete two years of fishing and have fished in at least 4 of the 5 of the regular season tournaments each year. This can be combined with other UIL activities for example: band, sports, cheer, etc.

ARTICLE VIII SPONSORSHIPS

SECTION 1: Levels of sponsorship

\$100: company name on the banner

\$150: logo/name on the jersey sleeve and banner

\$200: logo/name on the jersey front or back and the banner

SECTION 2: Logos and jersey spots

We have to limit each angler to TWO logos/companies per front/back and sleeves. So **four** total. **(Two-front/back and two-sleeves) If you turn in more than four the first four received will be the ones on the jerseys.** Collect as many \$100 sponsors you want. But the ones who go on the jerseys will be limited to FOUR per angler.

We are not doing "In Memory of". If you want to honor someone we will put their name on the jersey or family name. For example: Ruby Bostic or Bostic Family.

We use business logos, business names or family names only.

Team advisor has final say in placement of logos, acceptable logos and names.

SECTION 3: Sponsorship money

Anglers can use the sponsorship money for the following:

- membership fees
- jerseys
- tournament entry fees
- reimbursement for any fishing related items such as hotel expenses, gas, tackle, fishing gear, etc.
- fishing gear and tackle

At the end of the angler's senior year the angler can use the remaining money for the following: order fishing related items, donate the money to a younger angler and/or team or have the money sent to the college they are attending as a scholarship.

ARTICLE IV
METHOD OF AMENDING THE BYLAWS

SECTION 1: Amending the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote.

Acknowledgement of By-Laws Received

I, _____, acknowledge that I have received, read, and agree to abide by the 2024-2025 Cayuga High School Bass Fishing Team Angler's Bylaws.

I also understand that failure to abide by these bylaws and the bylaws of the TSHBA can result in my membership being revoked.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent name _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____