

Thanks for taking the time to get started! The information below and on this website is here to help you with the formation of your very own TBF junior club. They don't fit every scenario but they are a general guide. TBF has many TBF junior clubs across the country and we are all eager to help. Just ask!!!!

Forming a TBF Junior Club

The following is a general guideline for the formation of a TBF Junior Fishing Club. Each state may vary in their individual rules, so be sure to check these guideline with your home state.

- 1.** Currently a TBF Junior Club must be "attached" to a "host" TBF adult club. Contact your state federation through the links on this website to find an adult club near you.
- 2.** A TBF Junior club must have and maintain a minimum of six members at all times. In most states any age of young anglers, both boys and girls, can join a TBF Junior club but there are two age groups that can qualify through a that club for advancement to state competitions and on to the National Guard Junior World Championship Tournament, presented by TBF and FLW Outdoors. Those age groups are 11-14 and 15-18 years old. The cutoff for these ages is August 31, 2008 each year. Any age youth can fish within a TBF junior club in most states but only these ages can qualify for the championships.
- 3.** TBF junior club members must be listed on a TBF junior club roster with their full name, address, date of birth, and date which they joined the club. That roster should then be submitted to the state federation and to National TBF Office and must be updated once each year before December 31.
- 4.** We would strongly suggest the assigning of an adult to serve as your TBF junior club advisor to help lead your club through its operation. This is usually an adult from your host TBF adult club or their assignee.
- 5.** We would also suggest the advertisement or recruitment for membership through adult club members, local schools, youth groups, and possible advertisement in the local newspaper.
- 6.** Once the minimum of six members is achieved, the first meeting of the new club should be scheduled. A copy of the following forms should be taken to your meetings and kept on file with your club. They as well as other documents are available for download from the TBF Youth download page.

A blank TBF junior club membership roster

A sample set of club bylaws

"How to run a meeting"

Emergency medical information event form (keep in your club "book" and take to all events.)

Liability wavier/parental consent form (keep in your club "book" and take to all events.)

- 7.** An election of officers should be held using the same format as the adult club. At a minimum you will need a TBF junior club President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 8.** A discussion of dues, club responsibilities, meeting times, and dates should be determined. You should go over the sample bylaws and pass revisions to them that meet your clubs needs.
- 9.** Set a date for the first "event" or workshop and let the fishing begin !!!

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Good Luck and let us know if we can be of any assistance.