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**TO: Reel Kids event organizer**

**RE: The Bass Federation's Reel Kids program kit**

Thank you all for participating in this year's event. In partnership with TBF partners and sponsors, we've included the basic items needed to help make your event a success. It is our hope that the time and effort taken to put on these events will give every child an opportunity to sample what its like to fish and get involved in the great outdoors. It is also our hope that your club will see this as an opportunity to engage these young people and hopefully steer them towards your Junior Angler program and eventually on to adult membership in the TBF. As you use this program, you may need additional copies of the angler registration forms and certificates. Feel free to copy the enclosed, or you can simply download these from the TBF website at [http://bassfederation.com/youth\\_downloads.php](http://bassfederation.com/youth_downloads.php).

**Enclosed for each Reel Kids kit you will find:**

- 3 Reel Kids targets
- 2 Shakespeare rod/reel combos
- 2 Berkley casting lures (please cut hook if present)
- Your document packet consisting of:
  - 25 certificates of achievement, 25 registration forms, follow up survey, suggested rules/guidelines

**Following your Reel Kids event you will need to:**

**Immediately complete and return the form labeled 'Event Follow Up Survey'.**

Without documentation and photos of your efforts and the number of children we reach with this program, this program **will not continue in the future.**

**Email any photos to be used for promotional purposes.** We must have photos such as: participants engaged with instructors, crowds participating, sponsor signage being properly displayed, your club members, winners, etc.

**Please return the completed registration forms.** We will compile these into our database in order to continue to reach these future TBF members. If you do a large event and use several kits for that one event, you only need to send us one summary but be sure to indicate how many kits you used for the event.

You can either e-mail these to [Mark@bassfederation.com](mailto:Mark@bassfederation.com) or mail them to:  
TBF, C/O Mark Gintert, 2300 E. Coleman Rd, Ponca City, OK. 74604

On behalf of The Bass Federation, and our sponsor partners, thanks again for taking the time and effort to make a difference in the lives of these young anglers!!

Sincerely,

*Mark Gintert*

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TBF National Youth Director

**P.S.**

**A SAMPLE SET OF TBF REEL KIDS EVENT RULES/GUIDELINES ARE WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE !**



## **TBF Reel Kids Casting Competition General Guidelines**

These guidelines are suggestions only!

TBF Reel Kids casting programs are yours to run as your state chooses!!!

These are general rules that have been used in past national casting competitions. You can tailor these to fit your event any way that you would like.

Usually clubs will establish two casting lanes that are approximately 4' wide by 30' long. Then they will give the contestants two attempts at each of the three disciplines.

**Flipping**, normally done from a distance of 10' with a closed bail. (no line comes off the reel) It is an underhanded cast/swing of the bait. The contestant gets two attempts at this discipline with the highest score being recorded.

**Pitching**, Is done from a distance of 20' with an open bail. Line may come off the reel. It is an underhanded pendulum type cast/swing of the bait. Again the contestant gets two attempts with the highest score counting.

**Casting**. Is done from a distance of 30'. Usually an overhead or sometimes sidearm type cast. Again the contestants get two attempts.

When the competition is complete the best score of the three disciplines will be totaled. The contestant with the highest score wins. If your state has an advancement program then they move on to the next scheduled event.

### **Competition Layout**

Usually the competition is laid out with casting lanes approximately 4' wide. The target is kept stationary and the contestant is moved to the three different distances which are laid out in the casting lane.

Some federations have the angler casting from the deck of a stationary Ranger boat. In that instance they would use three targets at the three different distances.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at [Bassfederation.com](http://Bassfederation.com) for more info.