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2022 Junior World Championship Heads To Kentucky Lake, Paris, TN and Henry County on July 27-29, 2022

PONCA CITY, OKLA. (5/4/2022) - The Bass Federation Inc. (TBF) announced today that the 2022 TBF Junior World Championship (JWC) is set for July 27-29 on Kentucky Lake at Paris Tennessee.

The 2022 JWC includes a two-person team format and three days of competition, launching from Paris Landing, TN. The TBF Junior program includes all anglers 8th grade and under at the time they qualified through their home state's Junior program. Only the top percentage of Junior angler teams from each state's sanctioned programs are invited to attend and compete for their share of well over \$10,000 in scholarships and prizes.



Historically, the Junior World Championship (JWC) is held in conjunction with the Federation's Annual State Leadership Conference which once again will also be hosted with the JWC in Paris, TN. The Annual TBF State Leadership Conference invites 49 TBF affiliated state federations in the US and Canada to send state official(s) to attend meetings on fishing, youth and conservation items, strategic planning, educational sessions, how to operate their local & state events safely as well as annual elections of TBF national directors.

Additionally, this year there will be a big fish event on Saturday July 30 that is open to all ages and to the general public and boasts a top prize of \$5,000 for the single biggest bass weighed in on Saturday plus 4 weigh in sessions with prizes each session.

“We welcome the TBF anglers, State Leaders and their families to Paris TN and Henry County for this week-long array of events.” Stated

Travis McLeese from the Paris Henry County Chamber of Commerce. “From the Eiffel Tower Park to Paris Landing State Park, great restaurants, eateries, shopping there is something for everyone in Henry County and we hope you enjoy your stay with us.”



“Kentucky lake is a premier fishery and while it has struggled in the past few years by all local accounts the bass fishing on Kentucky lake is rebounding nicely, and now is the time to let the best junior anglers in the world probe these waters for scholarships and prizes.” TBF President and CEO Robert Cartlidge said. “Paris, TN is centrally located in the US for our state leadership meetings which will help our state leaders who attend with the price of today’s fuel costs and there are many things to do in the area so it is a great location for us. We added a big fish event onto this event that is open to the public to give all anglers in attendance and all local anglers a chance to compete and win big. Big fish events are fun for everyone because one bite can win it all.”

Many of today’s top pro anglers started in the TBF Junior program. A few examples are; Jacob Wheeler (IN) fished the 2006 JWC; Shane Lehew (NC) won the 2007 JWC, and 2017 Forrest Wood Cup winner Justin Atkins (MS) in the 2008 JWC. More recently, 2020 TBF Federation National Champion Living The Dream angler Lance Freeman (KY) started out by fishing the TBF Kentucky Junior program.

About The Bass Federation - The Bass Federation Inc., (TBF) is a member of the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. TBF is owned by those we serve and dedicated to the sport of fishing. The Federation is the largest and oldest, organized grassroots fishing, youth, and conservation organization there is. TBF, our affiliated state federations, and their member clubs conduct more than 20,000 events each year and have provided a foundation for the entire bass fishing industry for nearly 50 years. TBF founded the Student Angler Federation and the National High School Fishing program in 2007 to promote clean family fun and education through fishing. Visit bassfederation.com or highschoolfishing.org and “LIKE US” on Facebook.

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