



B.A.S.S. High School Coaches Rules

Coaches may only fall in the following criteria:

- **Official faculty member of the student's institution**
- **Close family friend/State Nation member**
- **Parent of the student's High School B.A.S.S. Club**

**If a potential coach is a local guide, then they will be ineligible for the tournament.*

B.A.S.S. reserves the right to deny any Coach.

During Official Practice* coaches MAY:

- 1. Coach**
- 2. Give advice**
- 3. Teach by example**
- 4. Fish**
- 5. Run the trolling motor**
- 6. Land fish with or without a net**

During Competition

Only during timeouts and halftime periods Coaches MAY:

- 1. Coach**
- 2. Give advice (send in plays)**
- 3. Verbally explain techniques, how to.....**

** Each team will be given eight timeouts to be used in a day. Coaches may call the timeouts, or students can call the timeouts. Timeouts may only last 1 minute each. During the timeout period all fishing must cease. It is up to each team to police themselves on the timeouts.*

In addition each team must take a 15 minute halftime beginning at the time designated by the Tournament Director. This is designed to instruct, hydrate, and eat before beginning the second half.

Coaches **MAY NOT:**

- 1. Fish**
- 2. Teach by example**
- 3. Tie knots**
- 4. Land fish with or without a net**
- 5. Run the trolling motor**

**This is a state by state basis. Some states require a valid vessel license in order to operate the trolling motor. If this is the case and your students do not have a valid vessel license, then you will be allowed to operate the trolling motor during competition.*

During Official Practice* or Competition, anytime the combustion engine is running, coaches **MUST be seated in the driver's seat in full control of the boat.**

***official practice days only are those days immediately preceding competition days, in which B.A.S.S. has identified as the "official practice days". Not all events will have "official practice days"**