

## **GUIDING BODIES**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The first day of competition is the individual event.  
The second day of competition is the team event.

Strict adherence of all rules is expected by all competitors.

Competitors **MUST** supply their own fishing equipment suitable for the type of angling being held. Landing nets are allowed for landing the fish.

It is recommended by the WPFG to use non-piercing clips to mark fish, and a livewell is recommended to ensure the fish remain alive when released.

In case of emergency, please report it at the sport coordinator in charge.

## **EVENTS**

All events are Unisex (18+).

Individual Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the following event:

- Individual Weight (heaviest bag) and Big Fish (single heaviest fish)
- Team Weight (heaviest bag) and Big Fish (single heaviest fish)

*The Individual and Team competitions are separate events. It is not required that a person enter the individual event to participate in the team competition without registering for this specific event.*

Active competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size. Active and retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors whether police or fire. This includes across country lines.

**Entry Deadline:** June 25, 2025

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### **FACILITY**

The tournament will be conducted out of Lincoln Landing on Lake Logan Martin. Any area of the lake is open to fishing except those areas of the lake that are officially posted and any areas deemed off limits by the tournament Director.

The draw of the boat position numbers for both the individual and team competitions will be carried out by the sport coordinators/WPFG organization and will be announced at the briefing the evening before the competitions. On the competition days, the competition card with the allotted boat position number can be collected at the central location at the morning check in location. All competitors boats will be started ("blast off") by the tournament director by the assigned boat position number.

### **SCHEDULING**

A briefing will be held the day/evening before the event to explain, demonstrate and assist competitors with rule interpretation, the species of fish to be caught (Large Mouth Bass, Small Mouth Bass and Spotted Bass) and to define the fishing area and any off limits areas.

Competition to be held over a maximum 6-hour period.

The tournament hours will be 9:00 am (Blast off) until 3:00 pm (Check-in). All fishing activity will be conducted between these hours.

All competitors should arrive no later than 7:30 am to provide for ample time to launch boats, park vehicles, prepare and meet with partners. This will also provide ample time for pretournament information to be given to competitors.

#### **Competition schedule:**

7:00 am – Boat and competitor check in and boat inspection begins

8:30 am – Boat and competitor check in and boat inspection ends

9:00 am – Blastoff

3:00 pm – Tournament ends, all competitors must have checked in (or penalties apply), and weigh in begins

### **EQUIPMENT**

Form of Measuring Weight

Form of measuring Length

Marked ropes in the weighing area

Electronic scales and spare electronic scales for precise measurement

Writing board with clip

Note of Fishing score

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With carbon paper in triplicate  
Fishing score sheet  
Public broadcast system  
Calculator or computer with scoring software  
Results Bulletin Board  
Power Device

### **COMPETITORS' EQUIPMENT & TACKLE**

Competitors must supply their own fishing equipment suitable for the type of angling being held. Landing nets are allowed for landing the fish.

### **TOURNAMENT RULES – Individual Competition**

#### **Interpretation and enforcement**

Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to the tournament director. Decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. Each contestant agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations (boater or co-angler) may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a tournament rule may result in, but is not limited to, weight loss (late penalty, dead-fish penalty and short-fish penalty), the loss of weight up to a particular time in the tournament day, the loss of weight for the entire day, the loss of the heaviest bass for the day, disqualification from the entire tournament. Protests are to be made in writing within 30 minutes of the check-in time of the final flight.

#### **Participation**

Participation is open only to those individuals eligible to compete in the World Police and Fire Games. Any person's participation in the tournament is at the sole discretion of WPFG officials. Any person who, in the judgment of the tournament director, is disabled or handicapped in such a manner as to unfairly hinder his or her boater or co-angler partner or compromise his or her safety or the safety of his or her boater or co-angler partner may not be eligible to participate. All contestants must have a valid fishing license for the waters they fish.

#### **Boater and co-angler entry:**

This tournament will be limited to 200 boaters and 200 co-anglers. This number may be increased at the discretion of the WPFG tournament officials. The number of boaters and co-anglers must be equal unless otherwise determined by the WPFG tournament officials.

#### **Purchasing of information**

The purchasing of, or bartering for, information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters, including but not limited to GPS waypoints (other than through commercially available sources) is not permitted. The hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted after the opening

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ceremonies for the WCFG. The purchasing of, or bartering for, or asking for fishing locations from another contestant during the tournament hours is strictly prohibited and will be cause for both contestants to be disqualified from the entire tournament.

### **Off-limits, practice and competition**

Tournament participants may practice for the tournament or be on the tournament waters to locate fish on any day prior to the day that the tournament begins. Once competition is under way, contestants may not solicit and/or receive information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters from anyone except boaters and co-anglers confirmed in the tournament and through publicly available sources (quasi-public websites, blogs and/or social media pages set up for the specific purpose of sharing information with individuals or a small group of individuals are not publicly available sources). During competition days, boaters may not follow a non contestant's boat or participate in the placing of markers by non contestants or the practice of "hole sitting" by anyone.

### **Registration and pretournament meeting**

Each contestant must check-in, in person at the designated pretournament meeting site. Every contestant must attend the pretournament meeting to record flights, takeoff time, check-in time, off-limits areas, size and creel limits, and any other relevant tournament rule information. Every contestant must also attend the boater/co-angler pairing immediately following the pretournament meeting to receive the contestant's boat number, meet the contestant's boater or co-angler, and record the boater or co-angler's lodging information, phone number and exact location for the contestant and boater or co-angler to meet prior to takeoff.

### **Pairings**

Boaters and co-anglers will be paired by random draw and will receive notice with their boat number, flight time and boater or co-angler's name at the pretournament pairings meeting. All contestants must contact their assigned boater or co-angler at the pretournament meeting. Partners should advise each other of their respective lodging and phone numbers and establish a meeting time and place for the following morning's takeoff. The tournament director, at his sole discretion, may reassign partners prior to takeoff.

### **Safety**

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation from boat check until weigh-in on the day of the tournament. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition-shutoff device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation. A driver must be seated behind the steering wheel and in full control of the boat whenever the combustion engine is in operation and in gear. At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament day may be shortened, postponed or canceled

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due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Competitors may leave their boat and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is eminent. They must, however, stay within sight of each other.

### **Sportsmanship**

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, and to the WPF. Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the rules for the WPF tournament.
- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during registration or tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure.
- Abuse of, or addiction to, mind-altering substances.
- Use of any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules.
- Smoking is not allowed in the weigh-in line during the competition.

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, WPF shall have the right to disqualify a contestant.

### **Boat operation**

Boaters will fish from the front deck of the boat only. Co-anglers will fish from the back deck or seating area of the boat only. Boaters will have complete control of boat operation. For safety concerns in rough water or swift current, in the event of an outboard or trolling motor breakdown or during an emergency, co-anglers may operate the trolling motor or the outboard but may not fish anytime from the front deck.

Boaters may not request that the co-angler not fish. Any boater that, in the judgment of the tournament director, operates the boat in such a manner that unfairly handicaps his/her co-angler and any co-angler who unfairly handicaps his/her boater may be disqualified.

The use of mobile communication devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., during tournament hours is strictly prohibited except in an emergency (severe weather, breakdowns, etc.) or to communicate with the tournament director. Co-anglers are not allowed to record GPS waypoints or use any type of handheld GPS during any competition day.

### **Boat and horsepower regulation**

All boats must be propeller-driven, a minimum of 16 feet in length and have a rear deck (with a seat if requested). All boats must be equipped with wheel steering; no other steering device will be permitted. No barges or similarly cumbersome craft will be permitted.

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Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated livewell space to maintain alive a limit catch of bass by both contestants.

Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition will be 250 horsepower, not to exceed the horsepower capacity set forth on the “Maximum Capacities” placard described below. Each boat must have a clearly legible “Maximum Capacities” (or comparably titled) placard that includes a maximum horsepower rating affixed to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the maximum horsepower capacity specified on this placard or the 250-horsepower maximum.

By signing the entry form, contestants agree to submit their boat and/or motor to an inspection by WCFG personnel. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating placard will be cause for disqualification from the tournament.

Fishing platforms must be factory-installed equipment. No portable platforms may be used in tournament competition. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public and pumped through a hose with a nozzle. The use of generators, other than solar or wind-powered generators, is prohibited in contestant boats during tournament hours.

### **Permitted fishing methods**

Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the rod in hand. All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. All lures must adhere to state regulations. Only artificial lures may be used, with the exception of pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits. Alabama rigs and similar umbrella-type rigs are limited to a maximum of five wires with a maximum of five spinners, five lures and three hooks (single or treble) unless state regulations are more restrictive, in which case state regulations prevail. Only ONE fishing rod may be used at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is strictly prohibited. Trolling is defined as operating the combustion engine to extend a cast or lengthen a retrieve. All bass caught while sight-fishing must be hooked inside the mouth and immediately shown to your boater or co-angler for verification.

### **Permitted fishing locations**

The tournament will be conducted out of Lincoln Landing of Lake Logan Martin.

Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas posted or otherwise designated as “off-limits,” “no boats,” “keep out,” “restricted,” “no trespassing” or “no fishing” (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by WCFG and/or local, state or federal officials, or within 50 yards of a contestant’s boat that was first anchored. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight or by a Power-Pole, Talon or similar shallow water anchor with the trolling motor in the up position.

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All fishing must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.

The cutting of trees, bushes and/or logs after the start of the pretournament meeting and/or the removal of official local, state or federal barricades at any time to make an area more accessible by boat is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from the tournament. The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a boat into fishing waters is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the tournament.

Contestants must leave and return to the check-in by boat. The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. No tournament boat may be loaded on a trailer before the weigh-in except with the permission of the tournament director.

In the event of equipment failure or emergency the tournament director must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so. There are then two permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by both paired anglers remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) with permission from the tournament director, by one or both paired anglers entering the boat of another tournament contestant. Under these two conditions both contestants' catches may be counted without a penalty (except for late penalties, dead-fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules) provided that the co-angler's fish are adequately marked so as to provide clear distinction of the boater's catch and the co-angler's catch to the tournament director. Contestants who elect to return to the check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day's catch.

Abandoning a boat and leaving it adrift without proper tie-off or anchoring after a mechanical failure may result in disqualification of that day's weight.

Any contestant returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition under the supervision of the tournament director or his designated tournament official. It is the sole responsibility of contestants to locate the tournament director to request a restart. Partners must remain together at all times and within sight of each other until the weigh-in verification is signed. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks is permitted.

### **Checkpoints**

There will be only one checkpoint for boat checks in the morning and one check-in point in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat check and checkout in the morning or failure to check in at the check-in point will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon check-in.

### **Late penalty**

Contestants who are not at the check-in area at the appointed time will be penalized 1 pound per minute, deducted from the total weight, including any weight to be counted toward the Big Bass Award. Any contestant who is more than 15 minutes late will be disqualified.

### **Live fish**

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Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated livewell. Eight ounces will be deducted from the total weight for each dead bass presented for weigh-in.

### Scoring

Scoring is determined by the pounds and ounces of each contestant's catch. Only largemouth, spotted or smallmouth bass are accepted species. No regurgitated forage or other foreign matter may be placed in a bass.

The daily limit will be **three** fish for each competitor. Boaters and/or co-anglers possessing more than the tournament limit must notify the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the infraction and reduce his/her catch to the tournament limit by releasing live bass. Anglers possessing more than the tournament limit will be penalized 2 pounds for each bass over the limit.

The minimum length limit for bass will be 12 inches. Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to measure to the prescribed length limit will be penalized at the rate of 1 pound for each short bass presented and the total loss of weight for the short fish.

Each contestant's catch must be presented in an official weigh-in bag and verified by the signature of their boater or co-angler. Failure to have a verified boater or co-angler signature may result in disqualification of that day's catch.

### Ties

Ties will be resolved by; first by the total number of fish for the tournament, then by total number of live fish for the tournament. If a tie remains, then the awards will be distributed equally among the tied contestants.

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### AWARDS

Medals are awarded First through Third Place (1st – 3rd).

Medals will also be awarded for First through Third Place for the “Big Fish” (single heaviest fish).

A maximum of 4 sets of medals will be required. WPFMG will advise you of the number of sets needed based on total entries, plus a reasonable margin.

### **ATTENTION COORDINATORS**

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TO THE HOST COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The WPFMG Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport.

Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the WPFMG shall be submitted in a timely manner to this WPFMG Director.

The WPFMG Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

**PLEASE USE THE WPFMG DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.**

**TOURNAMENT RULES – Team Competition**

**Interpretation and enforcement**

Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to the tournament director. Decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. Each contestant agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations (boater or co-angler) may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a tournament rule may result in, but is not limited to, weight loss (late penalty, dead-fish penalty and short-fish penalty), the loss of weight up to a particular time in the tournament day, the loss of weight for the entire day, the loss of the heaviest bass for the day, disqualification from the entire tournament. Protests are to be made in writing within 30 minutes of the check-in time of the final flight.

**Participation**

Participation is open only to those individuals eligible to compete in the World Police and Fire Games. Any person's participation in the tournament is at the sole discretion of WPFGB officials. Any person who, in the judgment of the tournament director, is disabled or handicapped in such a manner as to unfairly hinder his or her boater or co-angler partner or compromise his or her safety or the safety of his or her boater or co-angler partner may not be eligible to participate. All contestants must have a valid fishing license for the waters they fish.

**Team entry**

This tournament will be limited to 200 teams. This number may be increased at the discretion of the WPFGB tournament officials. The team must consist of two (2) anglers fishing together from the same boat. Teams will be comprised by partners who wish to fish as a team and register as a team. Those individuals who wish to fish in the team competition and do not have a teammate may enter and have a teammate selected for them from a pool of individual entrants who do not have a teammate.

**Purchasing of information**

The purchasing of, or bartering for, information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters, including but not limited to GPS waypoints (other than through commercially available sources) is not permitted. The hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted after the opening ceremonies for the WPFGB. The purchasing of, or bartering for, or asking for fishing locations from another contestant during the tournament hours is strictly prohibited and will be cause for both contestants to be disqualified from the entire tournament.

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## **Off-limits, practice and competition**

Tournament participants may practice for the tournament or be on the tournament waters to locate fish on any day prior to the day that the tournament begins. Once competition is under way, contestants may not solicit and/or receive information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters from anyone except boaters and co-anglers confirmed in the tournament and through publicly available sources (quasi-public websites, blogs and/or social media pages set up for the specific purpose of sharing information with individuals or a small group of individuals are not publicly available sources). During competition days, boaters may not follow a noncontestant's boat or participate in the placing of markers by noncontestants or the practice of "hole sitting" by anyone.

Those entrants fishing in the team competition only may be on the tournament waters to practice and locate fish during the individual competition but must launch and land their boats at a different launch facility. This is to facilitate the launching and landing of active competitor's boats and to alleviate confusion.

## **Registration and pretournament meeting**

Each contestant must check-in, in person at the designated pretournament meeting site. Every contestant must attend the pretournament meeting to record flights, takeoff time, check-in time, off-limits areas, size and creel limits, and any other relevant tournament rule information.

Every contestant must also attend the team pairing immediately following the pretournament meeting to receive the contestant's boat number, meet the contestant's boater or co-angler, and record the boater or co-angler's lodging information, phone number and exact location for the contestant and boater or co-angler to meet prior to takeoff.

## **Pairings**

Teams that do not enter with selected teammates will be paired by the WPFG tournament committee and will receive notice with their boat number, flight time and teammates name at the pretournament pairings meeting. All contestants must contact their assigned teammate at the pretournament meeting. Teammates should advise each other of their respective lodging and phone numbers and establish a meeting time and place for the following morning's takeoff.

## **Safety**

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation from boat check until weigh-in on the day of the tournament. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition-shutoff device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation. A driver must be seated behind the steering wheel and in full control of the boat whenever the combustion engine is in operation and in gear. At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament day may be shortened, postponed or canceled

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due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Competitors may leave their boat and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is eminent. They must, however, stay within sight of each other.

### **Sportsmanship**

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- Smoking is not allowed in the weigh-in line during the competition.

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### **Boat operation**

For safety concerns in rough water or swift current, in the event of an outboard or trolling motor breakdown or during an emergency, either teammate may operate the trolling motor or the outboard at the desecration of the boat owner.

Boaters may not request that the co-angler not fish. Any boater that, in the judgment of the tournament director, operates the boat in such a manner that unfairly handicaps his/her co-angler and any co-angler who unfairly handicaps his/her boater may be disqualified.

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All fishing must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.

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The cutting of trees, bushes and/or logs after the start of the pretournament meeting and/or the removal of official local, state or federal barricades at any time to make an area more accessible by boat is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from the tournament. The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a boat into fishing waters is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the tournament.

Contestants must leave and return to the check-in by boat. The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. No tournament boat may be loaded on a trailer before the weigh-in except with the permission of the tournament director.

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Abandoning a boat and leaving it adrift without proper tie-off or anchoring after a mechanical failure may result in disqualification of that day's weight.

Any contestant returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition under the supervision of the tournament director or his designated tournament official. It is the sole responsibility of contestants to locate the tournament director to request a restart. Partners must remain together at all times and within sight of each other until the weigh-in verification is signed. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks is permitted.

### **Checkpoints**

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### **Late penalty**

Contestants who are not at the check-in area at the appointed time will be penalized 1 pound per minute, deducted from the total weight, including any weight to be counted toward the Big Bass Award. Any contestant more than 15 minutes late will be disqualified.

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### **Live fish**

Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated livewell. Eight ounces will be deducted from the total weight for each dead bass presented for weigh-in.

### **Scoring**

Scoring is determined by the pounds and ounces of each teams catch. Only largemouth, spotted or smallmouth bass are accepted species. No regurgitated forage or other foreign matter may be placed in a bass.

The daily limit will be seven fish for each team. Boaters and/or co-anglers possessing more than the tournament limit must notify the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the infraction and reduce his/her catch to the tournament limit by releasing live bass. Anglers possessing more than the tournament limit will be penalized 2 pounds for each bass over the limit.

The minimum length limit for bass will be 12 inches. Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to measure to the prescribed length limit will be penalized at the rate of 1 pound for each short bass presented and the total loss of weight for the short fish.

Each contestant's catch must be presented in an official weigh-in bag and verified by the signature of their boater or co-angler. Failure to have a verified boater or co-angler signature may result in disqualification of that day's catch.

### **Ties**

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**AWARDS**

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TO THE HOST COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The WPFGF Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the WPFGF shall be submitted in a timely manner to this WPFGF Director.

The WPFGF Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

**PLEASE USE THE WPFGF DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.**