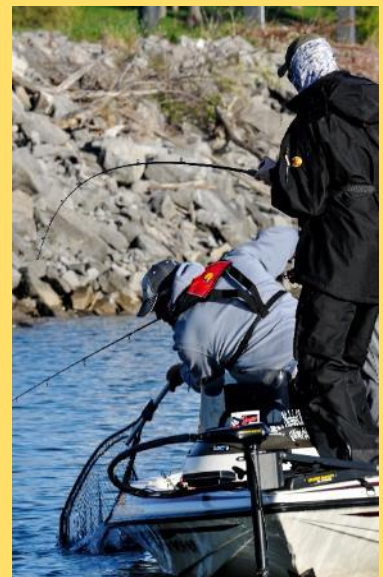




2018 Bass Fishing Regional Tournament Instructions



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REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION FOR TEAMS AND MANAGERS

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PRE-EVENT DUTIES AND INFORMATION

DUTIES SUMMARY STATEMENT

- Please refer to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Handbook which gives rules and regulations governing bass fishing tournaments
- Review each of these provisions at your meetings to ensure consistent understanding from the coaches and the management

REFERENCE TO TEAM ALIGNMENT

- If any team desires to enter competitors and that school is not listed on the current bass fishing alignment list of teams, contact the Association office prior to accepting the entry
- Only those schools on that list are eligible to enter unless approved by the KHSAA office

COMPETITION AND PRE-EVENT ORGANIZATION

ALLOWABLE COMPETITION DATES

- Regional meets will be hosted by managers in each of the four regions on Saturday, April 21, 2018
- Check-in is Friday, April 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a pre-tournament meeting immediately following check-in
- A complete list of tournament sites and managers is available on the KHSAA website
- The dates, times and locations for your regional tournament site can be found on the KHSAA website under 2018 Regional Tournament Registration
- The date of the 2018 KHSAA State Bass Fishing Tournament is May 11-12 at Kentucky Lake in Gilbertsville, KY (466 Marina Drive, Gilbertsville, KY)

PRE-TOURNAMENT MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Check-in will be Friday, April 20, 2018 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- A coaches meeting should take place before the event begins
- Flight times and boat numbers will be given to the coaches at the evening meeting
- The Tournament Official will conduct the rules portion of the meeting
- Please ask any questions you might have during this period
- Takeoff is at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018
- Weigh-in will be at 3:00 p.m.
- All regions will be scheduled for at least five hours of fishing and cannot exceed eight hours on the water
- A region competition is considered complete if half of the scheduled competition time has been fished

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOURNAMENT ENTRY

- Registration for the tournaments take place online at the link listed at the end of these instructions
- Each school can enter up to six boats in regional competition
- Please enter using your high school name, regardless of whether or not your team goes by a different name at non-KHSAA events
- Each boat may have up to four contestants assigned from the online roster to be designated as members of that boat entry, only two of which may be in the boat at any time
- No student may be on more than one boat roster
- The registration deadline is Monday, April 16, 2018

ROSTER REQUIREMENTS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- The team roster should be turned in to the regional manager before the tournament date for the team
- There is no minimum number of contests needed to be eligible to compete in the region or state competition
- These rosters shall be locked on the first day of the postseason
- An angler may be substituted on a team for only the boat for which they have been designated
- Regional entry names (four per boat) may be adjusted by the coach prior to the region entry deadline
- Substitutes for qualifying boats in the state competition are not allowed

RULES AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- To enhance the experience for KHSAA anglers fishing regionals on Cave Run Lake and Lake Cumberland, we have secured special black bass size limits from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
- The size limits in place for these events are as follows:
 - Cave Run Lake: Saturday, April 21, 2018 – KHSAA anglers are not subject to the 13-inch to 16-inch slot limit
 - Teams can weigh-in smallmouth, largemouth and spotted bass that are 12 inches long or longer
 - Lake Cumberland: Saturday, April 21, 2018 – KHSAA anglers are not subject to the 18-inch size limit on smallmouth bass or the 15-inch size limit on largemouth bass
 - Teams can weigh-in smallmouth, largemouth, and spotted bass that are 12 inches long or longer
- These special size limits are only valid during regional competition on April 21, 2018
- Each participating team will receive a blue ribbon to be placed on their trolling motor as evidence of participation in the tournament
- Teams participating in the Lake Barkley and Green River Lake regionals will follow standard Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources size limits
- The size limits in place for these events are as follows:
 - Lake Barkley: Saturday, April 21, 2018 – Teams can weigh-in smallmouth and largemouth bass that are 15 inches long or longer
 - Teams can also weigh-in spotted bass that are 12 inches long or longer
 - Green River Lake: Saturday, April 21, 2018 – Teams can weigh-in smallmouth, largemouth and spotted bass that are 12 inches long or longer
- All participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water
- Protective eyewear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the captain

- The speed limit shall be 45 miles per hour

BYLAW 22 REMINDER

- You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 22 requires a member of the faculty of the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school
- Please refer to the KHSAA Handbook if you have any questions

EVENT EXECUTION

NFHS NETWORK INFORMATION AND MEDIA RESTRICTIONS

- The Commissioner is the manager of all rounds of championship play, but in accordance with adopted Competition Rules, may designate a manager to assist at the local level
- No web streaming may be approved for any outlet without the payment of the requisite fee as mandated by the KHSAA/NFHS Network agreement, with the sole exception of a waiver for those schools participating in the School Broadcast Program of the NFHS Network
- The fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office and is available by contacting the Communications Director

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL

- The Regional Tournament Official will be assigned by Fishing League Worldwide

TROPHIES

- The KHSAA Board of Control has contracted with Rihards.com of Smiths Grove, KY to supply the official KHSAA region and state trophies/awards for the 2017-2018 tournaments
- The awards will be shipped via FedEx
- The afternoon Rihards ships the awards you will receive an email with the FedEx tracking number
- Once you receive your awards, please inspect each and every one for damage, correctness or any other issues
- If you have any issues, please call Terrena in Customer Service at Rihards (800-274-4373 or 270-563-5133) between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (CT)
- You may also email Rihards at khsaa@riherds.com
- In the email with the tracking number, you'll also have a special link to the Rihards.com website which will let you confirm with a mouse-click that you received your awards in good condition
- Trophies are to be paid for by the tournament manager on behalf of the tournament
- The total cost for regional items is \$157.68 and your package should consist of the following:
 - One region champion trophy
 - One region runner-up trophy
 - Four region champion medals
 - Four region runner-up medals
 - One largest bass medal

SECURITY

- It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to secure adequate police protection, and other security precautions as necessary
- While many schools have adequate measures in place regarding safety and security at athletic contests, all members are reminded of the importance of this provision
- The National Federation has made a strong effort in reminding all state associations of the importance of member schools understanding the necessity for adequate security
- Crowd control has become a major emphasis across the nation and though many schools have provisions in place, it is important to take every precaution to protect the athletes, fans and general public at contests
- While acknowledging the expense of security, it is noted that this should be an integral part of your athletic planning process
- Adequate security is a requirement at postseason contests

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

- The host school is responsible for securing medical coverage for the event including alerting local ambulance service to serve in an on-call status if such cannot be present at the competition site
- It is strongly recommended that the authorized medical coverage be staffed by individuals who can determine whether or not a suspected concussion has occurred per 160.445(3)(a) and the KHSAA Board of Control policies, page 18 of that document
- Any fees associated with medical coverage are to be taken from gate receipts

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN ATHLETIC TRAINERS

- Each meet manager is expected to have and maintain an emergency action plan for the regional meet
- Emergency action plans shall be practiced and referred to prior to the meet

MERCHANDISE, TRADEMARK AND MEDIA RIGHTS AND USE OF MARKS

- The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships
- No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (district, region, sub-section, section) without agreement between the schools and approval of the KHSAA Office including full compliance with the restrictions of the NFHS Network and the KHSAA participation in the network
- The fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office
- At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA
- In general, the management of those rights may be assigned to the manager at the host KHSAA member school for the district and regional competition
- At all levels of competition, including district, regional, and state competition in KHSAA sponsored tournaments and meets, managers are encouraged to make allowances for members of the television media to tape the contests at no charge to the media outlet, as long as the taping is for the sole purpose of newscast highlights
- Entities desiring to tape the contest for delayed rebroadcast shall have the permission of the event manager, and will have paid the required rights fee to the Association
- At the discretion of the event manager, and if space is available and if such taping does not violate existing, acknowledged, written copyright protection or intellectual property agreements, participating teams in KHSAA events shall be allowed space, for the purpose of recording the contest
- Such broadcast may not be re-broadcast in any form including internet and social media
- If space is deemed to be available, the tournament manager has the right to designate a specific area for the purpose of taping, and allow taping only in that area
- It shall be solely the determination of the event manager as to space availability
- If the tournament manager deems that space is available, each participating school choosing to tape or film is required to sign a waiver indicating that the Association shall be held blameless for any and all liability to those parties involved in the taping, and that the school shall make no copies of the tape or film

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

- While it would be ideal if all parties could agree on any re-scheduling of tournaments necessitated by inclement weather or other natural events, this may not be practical
- It is the duty of the tournament manager in consultation with the participating teams to make decisions with regards to re-scheduling in the event of postponement and ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified
- In accordance with the playing rules, after the contest has begun, such determination shall be made by the Tournament Official

POST REGIONAL RESULTS AND REPORTS

RESULTS

- It is the tournament manager's responsibility to post the standings and results throughout the tournament

- The manager will also report the results to the KHSAA to be posted to the Bass Fishing page of the website
- The form should be filled out electronically as soon as possible following the event and returned via email, so that we may easily post the results to the KHSAA website
- Forms filled out by hand will not be accepted
- For the sake of weigh-ins/results, each boat represents a team and not the cumulative weight of all the boats representing the same school
- Results should be posted using the school name versus any club names that may be used by teams during non-KHSAA events
- Send the results to the email address bfresults@khsaa.org

STATE MEET QUALIFIERS

- Beginning with the 2018 season, the state championship has been expanded from a maximum of 64 boats to a maximum of 80 boats
- Each regional will continue to advance a minimum of 16 boats to the state championship
- The initial intent is to add an additional boat for each region for every five competing boats at the region over a floor of 72 boats
- However, with an emphasis on safety and space logistical concerns during launch, the field will be capped with a maximum of 80 boats
- If necessary, region advancement will be prorated based on entries to ensure that the larger regions are proportionally represented, the minimum of 16 is maintained, and to cap the field at 80 boats
- Once regional entries are complete, staff will advise the managers of the number of advancing boats per region so that all competitors are fully aware on the day of the competition

WEBSITE LINKS AND FORMS

- KHSAA Bass Fishing Information - <http://khsaa.org/sports/sports-activities/bass-fishing/>
- Competition Rules for Bass Fishing - <http://khsaa.org/handbook/competitionrules/bfcompetitionrules.pdf>
- Registration – <https://khsaa.org/bassfishing/2018/2018regionalreg.pdf>
- Current Year Alignment - <http://khsaa.org/current-bass-fishing-alignment/>
- Current Year Regional Managers- <https://khsaa.org/bassfishing/2018/regionalmanagers.pdf>