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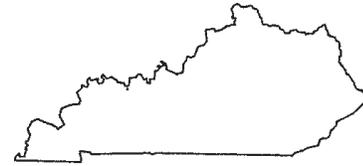


**STATE BASS FISHING
CHAMPIONSHIPS INSTRUCTIONS
FOR PARTICIPATING
TEAMS**



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BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff for advancing to the 2019 KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championships.

Refer to this manual and the important website links included at the end of the document to guide you through preparation for your participation.

KHSAA CONTACTS

The primary contact for bass fishing is Assistant Commissioner Mike Barren (mbarren@khsaa.org).

If Mr. Barren is for some reason not available, Communications Director Joe Angolia (jangolia@khsaa.org) is the backup contact.

They, along with Event Management Specialist Dan White (dwhite@khsaa.org), will be on site throughout the event to assist you as needed.

Media inquiries should be directed to Mr. Angolia (jangolia@khsaa.org).

Questions may also be directed to the KHSAA offices at (859) 299-5472 and any member of the staff should be able to refer you to the correct party.

Scott Ellison (scott.ellison@flwfishing.com) of Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) will serve as the head official for the event and can also assist with any questions you may have.

QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A minimum of 16 boats will advance to the state championships from each region.

Initially, it is planned that one (1) additional boat will advance from each region for every five (5) boats competing over the floor of 72, however that total will be prorated to maintain a maximum state tournament field of 80 boats.

COMPETITION DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

DATES AND LOCATION

The 2019 KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championships will be held on May 10-11 at the Kentucky Dam Marina in Gilbertsville.

SCHEDULE

A timetable for the championships is posted on the Bass Fishing page of the KHSAA website and included as a link at the end of these instructions.

The state event consists of two days of fishing for a maximum of eight (8) hours each day, if possible.

PRACTICE ROUND

Competition waters are open for practice until the start of team check-in at 6 p.m., local time, on Thursday, May 9.

ON-SITE RULES MEETING

There will be a pre-tournament rules meeting immediately following team check-in at 7:05 p.m., at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park Convention Center. The meeting will also include a welcome and introductions.

PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS

CONFERENCE CALL

There will be a brief web conference for coaches and athletic directors prior to the event.

Participating schools will be sent additional instructions regarding the call via email once the field is set.



The Tournament Manager and Lead Official will review the format and rules. Both will answer any questions you may have. Participants can set up from any location to join the conference.

GPS ADDRESS

Kentucky Dam Marina
466 Marina Drive, Gilbertsville, Ky., 42044

PRE-EVENT REGISTRATION AND MATERIALS

Registration for the state championships is done online at the link listed at the end of these instructions.

Coaches shall check-in and sign for their team packets at the Kentucky Dam Village Convention Center on Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m.

See KHSAA and FLW representatives at the participant check-in table.

DIRECTIONS TO VENUE

From Central Kentucky

- Take the Bluegrass Parkway West towards Elizabethtown to the Western Kentucky Parkway
- Take the Western Kentucky Parkway to I-24 West towards Paducah
- Take I-24 West to KY 453 towards Grand Rivers/Smithland
- Take KY 453 South to US-62 West/US-641 South
- Take US-641 South to Marina Drive

From Louisville

- Take I 65-South towards Elizabethtown to the Western Kentucky Parkway
- Take the Western Kentucky Parkway to I-24 West towards Paducah
- Take I-24 West to KY 453 towards Grand Rivers/Smithland
- Take KY 453 South to US-62 West/US-641 South
- Take US-641 South to Marina Drive

From Northern Kentucky

- Take I-71 South/I-75 South towards Louisville
- Take I 65-South towards Elizabethtown to the Western Kentucky Parkway
- Take the Western Kentucky Parkway to I-24 West towards Paducah
- Take I-24 West to KY 453 towards Grand Rivers/Smithland
- Take KY 453 South to US-62 West/US-641 South
- Take US-641 South to Marina Drive

From South Central Kentucky

- Take the Cumberland Parkway towards I-65 South Bowling Green
- Take the Western Kentucky Parkway towards Paducah
- Take the Western Kentucky Parkway to I-24 West towards Paducah
- Take I-24 West to KY 453 towards Grand Rivers/Smithland



- Take KY 453 South to US-62 West/US-641 South
- Take US-641 South to Marina Drive

From Eastern Kentucky

- Take I-64 West to KY-4 West New Circle Road
- Take KY-4 West New Circle Road to Bluegrass Parkway West
- Take the Bluegrass Parkway West towards Elizabethtown to the Western Kentucky Parkway
- Take the Western Kentucky Parkway to I-24 West towards Paducah
- Take I-24 West to KY 453 towards Grand Rivers/Smithland
- Take KY 453 South to US-62 West/US-641 South
- Take US-641 South to Marina Drive

PARKING

Parking at the marina is free and available on a first come, first served basis.

LODGING

The host hotel is the Kentucky Dam Village (113 Administration Drive, Gilbertsville, Ky., 42044).

Qualifying teams should make their reservations by April 24 by calling 270-362-4271 and mentioning they are involved in the KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championships.

Schools are responsible for all travel expenses, including lodging, for participation in the event.

Have your school's or Board of Education's Sales Tax Exempt Number with you at check-in to avoid sales tax from being added to the hotel bill.

BYLAW 22 - REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY

You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 22 requires a principal, coach or another approved individual with the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school.

A segment of that bylaw states:

"The principal, coach or another individual approved by the local Board of Education shall accompany the team to all contests. His or her expenses, when he or she accompanies the contestants, shall be paid in the same manner as those of the contestants. Individuals fulfilling this requirement shall adhere to the requirements of KRS 161.185."

ADMISSION INTO VENUE

TEAM ENTRY

Team introductions will begin after team check-in at 7:05 p.m. CT.

The participating team members and coaches will pick up a packet at the rules meeting.

Coaches must turn in the completed Release of Liability Form, which is located at the end of these instructions.

Each team will be supplied with a yellow flag at check-in to designate their boat as a participating member of the state championships.

TICKETS

Admission is free for the 2019 KHSAA Bass Fishing State Championships.



VENUE LOGISTICS

WHEELCHAIR/A.D.A. ACCOMMODATIONS

The KHSAA will exercise normal care and control to provide students and fans with accessible seating during the weigh-ins.

Efforts will be made to make a reasonable accommodation for those individuals who may need wheelchair access or other needs due to disabilities.

Please see Mike Barren or Joe Angolia with the KHSAA for instructions.

SIGNAGE/NOISEMAKERS

Signs/banners are not permitted to be hung or left at the marina.

Signs are required to be hand-held and to be of good taste and sportsmanship.

The covering of any corporate signage is not permitted.

Artificial noisemakers or portable sound systems of any kind are not permitted for use during the championships.

CONDUCTING THE EVENT

DRAW

A random draw for boat take-off times will be performed ahead of the event and posted on the KHSAA website.

The order will be reversed on the second day of the competition.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA to make decisions in regard to postponement, rescheduling or cancelation, including getting proper notification to all teams, media outlets and schools.

Staff will utilize the KHSAA website and Twitter to provide updates, as well as an emergency text notification system.

The safety of the public and participants will be the most important factor in any decision.

WEIGH-IN PENALTIES

There will be a one (1) pound deduction for every minute a participant is late getting back for weigh-ins up to 15 minutes.

After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for that day.

It is the participant's responsibility to notify the Tournament Manager in advance of any problems that may have occurred preventing a timely return.

RULES POINTS OF EMPHASIS/CLARIFICATIONS

ROSTERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Any boat may return to the dock during competition and exchange competitors.

However, each participant being exchanged must be listed on a team's four-person entry form completed at registration.

RULES CLARIFICATIONS

Refer to the Competition Rules, which are included as a link at the end of these instructions.

WEIGH-INS

The total weight for each of the five (5) fish limited to that boat will count for the team total of that competition.

Individual weight will also be recorded for the top fish designated by each boat.



The minimum length limit for bass is 12 inches unless the state or lake limit is more than 12 inches, in which case, the state or lake limit prevails.

Each Bass presented for weigh-in that fails to measure the minimum length will be penalized at the rate of one pound for each inch short.

There will be a five fish limit per boat. No more than five (5) fish may be in the live well at any time.

Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has five (5) fish in the live well.

All fish that are put in the live well must be kept alive. Dead fish will have a half pound deduction and cannot count as the large fish for that boat. Dead fish may not be culled.

Any transfer of fish from one live well to another boat's due to malfunction must be made in the presence of the local manager or his/her designee.

All fish will be released immediately after weigh-in.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Ties will be broken if the poundage is equal in the following manner:

- First criteria will be the largest fish.
- Second criteria will be the number of fish caught.

STATE EVENT OFFICIALS

The Head Official, Scott Ellison, shall settle any disputes about rules and scoring procedures. He shall also be available during the conference call to address any questions about rules.

Mr. Ellison and his staff of officials will be on-site to assist the KHSAA with the Bass Fishing aspects of the event.

HEALTH INFORMATION

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

The Association will provide certified athletic trainers for the 2019 KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championships.

Athletic training staff will be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the event and remain available throughout the day.

PHYSICAL EXAM FORM

Schools are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

- The Principal, Athletic Director or Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 (Physical Exam Form) for this purpose.
- The form contains appropriate emergency treatment permission and should be brought for each athlete at the competition.

VENUE SAFETY

Persons who attend KHSAA events may be injured as a result of the risks inherent in being a spectator at such events.

Please advise KHSAA or venue personnel of any situation you encounter in which you or a team member feels should be addressed to minimize risk to all involved.

Any crowd control problems or acts of violence should be brought to the attention of the event staff, which will contact the appropriate authorities.

Attendance at events is a vital family and community based activity which is encouraged.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP)

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with the athletic training staff and FLW personnel, develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for



this event and the plan will be available upon arrival from the athletic training staff.

If an athlete or fan is in need of emergency medical attention, contact the nearest KHSAA staff member, official, athletic trainer or Kentucky Dam Marina staff so emergency medical services can be reached.

An AED will be available for use on site.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The KHSAA requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules.

High school athletics emphasize positive values and all parties have worked hard to create a sense of teamwork, respect, responsibility and perspective.

We remind you that officials expect good behavior and will quickly penalize misconduct.

We encourage and appreciate your help in letting this competition reflect mutual respect among all participants and officials.

TRADEMARK, MEDIA RIGHTS, CORPORATE, TV AND RADIO

TRADITIONAL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Traditional media members (print, TV, radio, online) interested in covering KHSAA State Championship events should apply for credentials through the KHSAA's online system.

Applications should be submitted by the editor or director at each organization and a link to do so is provided at the end of these instructions.

Freelance photographers will not be granted access to KHSAA events unless the requisite media rights fee is paid.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Each school is permitted one (1) school media pass at KHSAA State Championship events, valid only for a student for the sole purpose of reporting the events and for taking non-commercial pictures for yearbooks, school publications, etc.

Outside entities such as professional photographers, videographers or parents may not utilize the school media pass.

This pass must be requested in advance of the start of the event through the online system using Form SI103 which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

MEDIA RIGHTS FEE

Freelance/commercial photographers and radio stations interested in taking photos or originating a broadcast of a KHSAA State Championship event are subject to a media rights fee.

Information regarding the fee for each event is available through the online credentialing system.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to all state championship rounds of the KHSAA postseason championships belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships.

No member school may approve or sign an agreement that includes rights to state contests (delayed or live).

The Commissioner is the manager of all State Championship play.

BROADCAST/TELECAST/WEBCAST

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA.

At the state level, all negotiations for rights to a delayed broadcast, as well as any live telecast, shall be initiated with the Communications Director, and shall be approved by the Commissioner of the KHSAA.



All rights to state events belong to the KHSAA, as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.

The KHSAA, through its agreement with the NFHS Network, is the only entity permitted to produce live video from State Championship events.

No other entity will be permitted to produce video, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during state level events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live and Periscope (via Twitter®).

FILMING

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

Spectators may film any portion of this competition from the confines of their defined spectator area, but may not in any manner transmit live video through any resource, including personal social media accounts. Violators are subject to removal.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online post event.

TeamIP is the exclusive vendor of championship apparel, please look for their display at the competition to purchase memorabilia.

No outside merchandise representative of the event may be produced by any other entity and sold or distributed inside the championship venue.

POST EVENT

RESULTS

Results will be posted and announced at the competition venue and on the KHSAA website.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The KHSAA will present awards for the following:

- Trophies and individual medals will be presented to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth.
- A medal will be awarded to the angler who catches the biggest Bass on either day of the tournament.

OFFICIAL KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS

Official championship photos of the event will be available for purchase through the KHSAA's online photo gallery within 72 hours of the completion of the event.

Coaches and/or parents WILL NOT be permitted inside the awards area to take pictures during the ceremonies.

FINANCES AND EXPENSES

There is no school travel reimbursement for this event.

Member schools are responsible for all expenses incurred for participation.

The KHSAA underwrites the expenses of facility rental, security, first aid, officials and event workers.



IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

[KHSAA Bass Fishing Website](#)

[Competition Rules](#)

[Online Registration](#)

[Tournament Schedule](#)

[Release of Liability](#)

[Media Credential Request Form](#)

[School Media Credential Request Form](#)

[School Broadcast Radio](#)

[Venue and Lake Boundary Map](#)

[Official KHSAA Championship Photos](#)