



BASS FISHING

**2021 REGIONAL
TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS
FOR MANAGERS, PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND FANS**

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COVID-19 GUIDANCE

REMINDER - Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 or failing the required temperature check shall not be admitted.

Guidance is categorized into three areas:

- **REQUIRED**- These standards are required at all sanctioned contests.
- **RECOMMENDED**- These standards are best practices during all contests during the pandemic and are therefore recommended for all contests.
- **CONSIDER**- While these items are also best practices during this time, local site discretion should be exercised to determine if these items are practical and feasible for use at the contest.

MASKS, FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE

Public Health Standards and General Areas of Consideration for Both Practices and Contests by Students, Staff and all Involved

BASIC MASK/FACE COVERING INFORMATION

All individuals entering a venue before, during, and after a contest shall wear a mask/face covering. (REQUIRED)

All administrators, spectators, workers, coaches and non-competitors, including substitutes, shall wear a mask/face covering at all times. (REQUIRED)

A mask/face covering is required for anglers and coaches at takeoff and at weigh-in. (REQUIRED)

A "gaiter" with multiple layers of cloth complies with this requirement provided it is properly worn covering the nose and mouth when the player is not participating and can easily slip down around the neck during participation. (RECOMMENDED)

Anyone who is not engaged in strenuous physical activity is to be wearing a mask/face covering. (REQUIRED)

All spectators and non-competitors in the contest at that moment must wear masks unless they are eating or drinking at the moment. (REQUIRED)

- If individuals move or are moving to another venue location, they are to wear masks when moving. (REQUIRED)

At all practices and contests, it is expected that these standards for universal masking be applied (with the exception of the participating athletes and contest officials during actual play) at all facilities and that patrons should be escorted out of the event if they refuse to comply. (RECOMMENDED)

Being more than six-feet away from other individuals does NOT waive the requirement to wear a mask.

MASK/FACE COVERINGS DURING WORKOUTS, PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS BY ATHLETES

A mask/face covering is permitted for all participants at any time.

Masks must be worn by all student-athletes and coaches during takeoff and weigh-ins.

If a mask becomes saturated with moisture from breathing or sweat, a coach or athlete should change into a dry mask as a wet mask is less efficient at filtering bacteria and viruses.

Masks should only be worn once during practice, workouts, or competition and then replaced with a fresh mask.

All reusable cloth masks should be cleaned, ideally in a washer with hot water and soap, and then dried before the next use.

Ironing a cloth on the highest setting possible for the material can also assist with disinfection after washing and drying.

There are now multiple commercial reusable mask options available for use during exercise.

SOCIAL DISTANCING (ALL REQUIRED WHERE PRACTICAL AND FEASIBLE)

Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained at all times, where feasible for all involved in the contests, but required for spectators at all times.

No hugging, high fives, shaking hands, or fist bumps for support/encouragement.

Behavior shall be modeled by adults, who must insist on compliance by students.

Social distancing shall be maintained during the National Anthem.



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Be mindful as we teach the students, it won't be like this forever!

MLF BIG5 TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

As an outdoor sport conducted on thousands of acres of water, tournament fishing allows for physical distancing more than any other sport.

In addition to KHSAA participation guidelines, participants must follow the MLF BIG5 guidelines outlined here:

- Pre-tournament meetings will be conducted in-person outdoors with social distancing in place, as well as via Zoom.
- All rules and guidance will be communicated electronically to participants prior to the tournament.
- Do not participate in the tournament if you have had any of the following symptoms within the last 14 days:
 - o Fever of 100.4 degrees fahrenheit or higher
 - o Shortness of breath
 - o Chills
 - o Dry cough
 - o Running nose
 - o Muscle pain
 - o Sore throat
 - o Diminished sense of taste or smell
- Also, do not participate if you have been in close contact (defined as six (6) feet or less for a duration of 15 minutes or more) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or with anyone that has had the above symptoms in the last 14 days.
- A cloth mask and/or face covering is required at takeoff and weigh-in and while seated in the boat. Masks may be removed while fishing on the front and rear deck of the boat.
- Flights will be spaced with adequate time to allow for physical distancing at the weigh-in.
- Weigh-in bag lines will be clearly marked with cones to maintain a minimum 6-foot spacing between anglers.
- A limited number of weigh-in bags will be distributed to provide for adequate physical distancing at the weigh-in tubs. Tubs will be spaced so that anglers waiting to weigh their catch will always be at least six (6) feet apart.
- MLF staff working the weigh-in tubs will be wearing cloth masks/face coverings and face shields.
- Gloves (non-latex) will be provided to anglers and staff for handling weigh-in bags.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to anglers and staff.
- When you take the stage for weigh-in, please place your fish on the scale then step behind a 6-foot line marked on the stage while the tournament director weighs your fish. After your weight is recorded, please take your fish off the stage while the tournament director maintains a 6-foot distance. A cloth mask and/or face covering is required while crossing the stage.
- Each tournament director will use a dedicated microphone.
- A second microphone that is sanitized between uses will be provided for anglers who wish to give interviews.
- Without a second microphone, no on-stage interviews will be conducted.
- Weigh-in bag handles will be disinfected between uses.
- Spectator attendance at takeoffs and weigh-ins will be limited to anglers and coaches, their immediate family and essential staff only.

DUTIES SUMMARY STATEMENT

Refer to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Handbook rules and regulations governing bass fishing tournaments, which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

You should familiarize yourself with these provisions and review them at your meetings to ensure understanding from the coaches and the management of a smooth event.

Any required forms for your reports are included at the end of these instructions as links.



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KHSAA CONTACT LIST

The primary contact for bass fishing is Communications Director Joe Angolia (jangolia@khsaa.org).

If Mr. Angolia is for some reason not available, Event Management Specialist (dwhite@khsaa.org) is the backup contact.

REFERENCE TO TEAM ALIGNMENT

Teams are aligned into four (4) regions.

The current alignment is available on the bass fishing page of the KHSAA website and included as a link at the end of these instructions.

Only schools on the list of aligned teams are eligible to enter a postseason tournament.

If a team that isn't listed in the alignment desires to enter, contact the KHSAA office prior to accepting the entry.

ALLOWABLE COMPETITION DATES

The date for the four (4) regional bass fishing tournaments is Saturday, April 24, but is subject to change based on current events.

Tournament information for each regional site is available on the KHSAA website, and included as links at the end of these instructions.

- April 24
 - o Region 1 - Lake Barkley, Kuttawa
 - o Region 2 - Lake Cumberland, Jamestown
 - o Region 3 - Green River Lake, Campbellsville
 - o Region 4 - Cave Run Lake, Salt Lick

PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS

CONTACTING TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Schools with venue specific questions should contact their respective Tournament Director, whose contact information can be found in the tournament information links at the end of these instructions.

ON-SITE CHECK-IN

Team check-in at each regional site will take place between 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Check-in locations for each region:

- Region 1 - Kuttawa Harbor Marina, 1709 Lake Barkley Drive, Kuttawa, Ky., 42055
- Region 2 - Halcomb's Landing, East of Wolf Creek Dam on US 127, Jamestown, Ky., 42629
- Region 3 - Green River Lake State Park, 179 Park Office Road, Campbellsville, Ky., 42718
- Region 4 - Stoney Cove Recreational Area, 1969 KY-826, Salt Lick, Ky., 40371

Anglers, coaches and captains must attend.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETINGS

A pre-tournament meeting will follow immediately after check-in.

The meeting will be conducted in-person with social distancing in place, as well as via Zoom.

Information for joining the call will come from Major League Fishing.

TAKEOFF AND WEIGH-INS

Participating teams are reminded that takeoff for Regions 1 and 2 is scheduled for 6:30 a.m. and Regions 3 and 4 will takeoff at 7 a.m.

Weigh-ins are slotted for 2:30 p.m. that afternoon for Regions 1 and 2, and at 3 p.m. for Regions 3 and 4.

Spectator attendance at takeoffs and weigh-ins will be limited to anglers and coaches, their immediate family and essential staff only.



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All events will be open-air, no indoor weigh-ins or rules meetings shall be held.

CONTEST COMPLETION REMINDER

All regions will be scheduled for at least five (5) hours of fishing and cannot exceed eight (8) hours on the water.

A regional tournament is considered complete if half of the scheduled competition time has been fished in the event of inclement weather or other stoppages.

FUTURE REGIONAL SITES

If a school would like to apply to be a future host, use KHSAA Form GE59, which is available as a link at the end of these instructions, and return it to the KHSAA.

HOST SITE ADMINISTRATOR

The KHSAA requires a tournament administrator, other than the coach, at the host site.

Since the coach needs to devote full attention to the team, someone other than the coach must deal with any outside difficulties.

VENUE LOGISTICS

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The host is responsible for adherence to COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with normal home event procedures.

WATER - COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Coaches and athletes are reminded to bring their own water bottles and no community dispensers can be used.

REGISTRATION AND ROSTERS

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration for the regional tournaments takes place online at highschoolfishing.org.

- Register using your high school name, regardless of whether or not your team goes by a different name at non-KHSAA events.
- The registration deadline is 8 a.m. on Monday, April 19.

Schools can enter up to six (6) boats in regional competition.

- Each boat may have up to four (4) contestants from the online roster designated as members of that boat entry, of which only two (2) may be in the boat at one time.

No student may be on more than one (1) boat roster.

POSTSEASON ROSTERS

Postseason roster participants must be designated from the freshmen, junior varsity or varsity rosters, which are maintained through the KHSAA member school website throughout the regular season prior to the region deadline.

Schools must log into the KHSAA website and designate their postseason roster, which is separate from the regular-season varsity roster.

Only anglers appearing on the school's postseason roster as of the first date of the postseason are eligible to participate in any round.

No additional anglers may be added to the roster following that deadline, including those teams that advance to the state tournament.

The online, postseason roster may be printed from the KHSAA website as the valid listing of available anglers.

This roster information is also used for advance preparations for state qualifying teams.

SUBSTITUTIONS/LIMITATIONS

An angler may be substituted on a team for only the boat for which they have been designated.

- Individual entries (four (4) per boat) may be adjusted by the coach prior to the regional entry deadline.



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- Substitutes for qualifying boats in the state competition are not allowed.

FORMAT OF EVENT

SCORING AND TIES

Each boat is limited to bringing in its best five (5) fish, whose one-day total weight will determine the team tournament results.

Ties will be broken, if the poundage is equal, first by the largest fish caught and the second criteria will be the number of fish caught.

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

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Teams can weigh-in smallmouth, largemouth and spotted bass that are 12-inches long or longer at all four regional tournaments. Each participating team will receive a blue ribbon to be placed on their trolling motor as evidence of participation in the tournament.

All participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water.

Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the captain.

The speed limit shall be 45 miles per hour.

To enhance the experience for KHSAA anglers at regionals, the KHSAA has secured special black bass size limits from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife for all regional events.

- These special size limits are only valid during the 2021 regional competitions.

PROCEDURE FOR GETTING OFFICIALS

The tournament official will be assigned by Major League Fishing and shall be introduced at the coaches' meeting and will settle any disputes about bass fishing rules and weigh-in procedures.

BYLAW 22 REMINDER

REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM MEMBERS

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

BYLAW 22, SECTION 8

"The principal, coach or another individual approved by the local Board of Education shall accompany the team to all contests and 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."

SECURITY

It is the responsibility of the Region 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 continues to remind all state associations of the importance of member schools understanding the necessity for adequate security.

Crowd control is important and we ask schools to take every precaution to protect the athletes, fans and general public.

The Region Manager should ensure the supervision of fans, watching for inappropriate behavior.

During sportsmanship announcements, remind fans that foul language and harassment of officials is strictly prohibited.

While acknowledging the expense of security, it is noted that this shall be an integral part of your planning process and is a KHSAA requirement at postseason contests.



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MEDICAL PROVISIONS

The host school is responsible for securing medical coverage for the event, including athletic trainers and 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 10 of the document.

Any fees associated with providing medical coverage should be taken from gate receipts prior to any distribution.

There is no requirement that an ambulance be on site for all play, however the local administering agency shall be notified in advance and placed "on call" if an ambulance is not available on site.

The KHSAA has long recommended, and continues to recommend, that medical coverage be present at all athletic practices and contests.

Due to the unique skill set of Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainers it is recommended that one of these individuals be present at all practices and contests.

It is also strongly recommended that the member schools utilize only Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainers per the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, and not members of any other vocation making this claim but without this legal designation.

While acknowledging the expense of providing a Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainer, it is nonetheless noted that this shall be an integral part of your contest planning process.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Each Region Manager is expected to have and maintain an emergency action plan for their tournament which shall be practiced and referred to prior to the event.

Before the start of the tournament, the Region Manager should identify themselves and establish a designated area where they can be reached in the event of an emergency.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

STOPPAGE/POSTPONEMENT

It's the duty of the Region Manager, in consultation with the officials, participating teams and the KHSAA, to make decisions regarding re-start or re-scheduling.

In the event of stoppage or postponement, all parties must work together to ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.

While it's imperative that Region Managers adhere to the scheduled postseason dates, the safety of all parties involved is always the top priority.

MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

GENERAL MEDIA RIGHTS

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA, and as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.

In general, management of the execution of those assignments is assigned to the host KHSAA school's game manager.

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

No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (district, region, section, semi-state, quarterfinal) without agreement between the schools and approval from the KHSAA, including full compliance with NFHS Network restrictions and the KHSAA's participation within that network.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, semi-state, quarterfinal and state competition, managers shall make allowances for television media to record video of the contests, without play by play, at no charge as long as the sole purpose is for newscast highlights.



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At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, semi-state, quarterfinal and state competition, managers are encouraged to make allowances for other media outlets to be admitted to the contests as long as the sole purpose is for reporting of the actions taking place at the contest and promoting the event.

Participating teams in KHSAA events shall be allowed to record the contest, for coaching purposes only, if space is available with such availability at the discretion of the tournament manager and may be required to sign a waiver indicating that the KHSAA shall be held blameless for any and all liability to those parties involved in the video recording.

Any video recording must not violate existing, acknowledged, written copyright protection or intellectual property agreements and cannot be broadcast in any form, including internet and social media.

If space is deemed available, the tournament manager has the right to designate a specific area for video recording and no video recording will be allowed outside of that area.

The determination of space availability is solely with the tournament manager and shall be equitable for all teams.

RADIO BROADCASTS

A broadcast, as used in these instructions, is a non-video, audio only, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest.

The participating teams must agree on what, if any, rights fee is to be charged to a radio station broadcast team (radio or online) or outlet (radio or online) broadcasting the event.

This fee is to be included in the gross revenue prior to distribution and is payable to the host school.

TELECAST/WEBCAST INCLUDING NFHS NETWORK RESTRICTIONS

The KHSAA is a full member of the NFHS Network and as such, restrictions exist on all postseason levels.

A telecast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest over the air.

A webcast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest distributed using the internet.

For district and region play, a fee schedule shall be approved annually by the Commissioner for any telecast/webcast and only those outlets paying such fee in advance shall be permitted to originate a telecast or webcast. The mandated, minimum fee will be published on the KHSAA website.

For district and region play in all KHSAA sports, a majority vote of the participating schools may set a higher fee than the required minimum and such vote may also recommend to the KHSAA that no broadcast be approved.

Any approved webcast (or telecast simulcast on a website) shall require the originator to provide a link to the telecast/website not less than four hours prior to the origination of the contest, and such link shall permit the Association to add the content to the NFHS Network menu of contests.

Failure of any approved webcast (or telecast simulcast on a website) to provide a link for inclusion on the NFHS Network will result in denial of approval.

The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including semi-state, quarterfinal and state rounds, and is the sole authority for approval of any other.

No entity, unless given prior approval by the KHSAA shall be permitted to produce video telecasts or broadcasts, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No host manager or school may approve live webcast or telecast of a contest, such requests shall be referred to Communications Director of the KHSAA.

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



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For all postseason play, all questions regarding live or delayed broadcast or telecast policies, including requests for approval shall be referred to the Communications Director for approval by the Commissioner.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT

KHSAA schools are reminded to adhere to all music copyright laws.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

If desired by the Region Manager, TEAM IP (Official KHSAA Merchandise Vendor) may be contacted about ordering event merchandise to be sold at the regional tournament.

Contact the KHSAA for more information or indicate accordingly on the Regional Manager Information form.

POST EVENT

REPORTING RESULTS

It is the tournament manager's responsibility to report the results immediately upon conclusion of the event.

Forms should be filled out electronically as soon as possible following the event and returned via email so the results may easily be posted 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.

Managers, please ensure alternate anglers are listed on boats.

Email the results to bfresults@khsaa.org.

TROPHIES

The KHSAA Board of Control has contracted with Rihherds.com of Smiths Grove, Ky., to supply the official KHSAA trophies/awards for the 2020-21 tournaments.

You will receive email notification on the shipping, please select the button within that email to confirm receipt.

Upon arrival, open trophy boxes immediately and inspect them. Report any breakage or missing items directly to Rihherds at 1-800-274-4373 or email at khsaa@riherds.com.

It is a local region decision regarding any trophies or awards given in addition to those contracted by the KHSAA.

The cost of the trophies is to be paid for by the Region Manager on behalf of the tournament. An invoice will be included with the trophies.

- The estimated region cost is \$166.79, not including shipping, per gender

Your region package, shipped directly to your school from Rihherds.com, 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

COVID AWARDS PRESENTATION PROTOCOL

Utilize the following protocol for distribution of trophies and medals at the regional tournaments:

- Leave trophies boxed and allow the winning and runner-up coach to pick them up one at a time, AS THEY EXIT THE FACILITY.
- Distribute medals into envelopes and have the coaches pick them up, one at a time, AS THEY EXIT THE FACILITY.
- Any presentation will need to be a socially distanced, queued line allowing coaches to get any medals due to their team members.



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- Be sure to have clear protocols in place for social distancing/masking during the awards pick-up.
- The ONLY alternative option is to mail the awards to each school post tournament.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAMS ADVANCING

Each regional will continue to advance a minimum of 16 boats to the state championship.

The number of qualifying boats from each region was based on a minimum of 16 boats from each region with the remaining 26 boats qualifying based on the ratio of boats entering the water at the regional competition to the number of total boats in all of the regions.

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.

It may become necessary due to expansion within regions, to revise this advancement formula, including minimums per region, in the future.

FINANCES

TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

All Region Managers shall submit a financial report to the KHSAA at the conclusion of the meet by filling out Form GE51 (Regional Tournament Financial Report).

The forms, included as links at the end of these instructions, must be received no later than three (3) weeks following the tournament. Forms may be emailed to jangolia@khsaa.org.

TOURNAMENT COSTS

Finances and expenses are handled by the host school within policies adopted by the member schools. As you plan for your event, be mindful of the cost of officials, trophies and medals.

The participating schools shall adopt a plan for distribution of proceeds.

If there is a dispute, contact the Commissioner's office.

IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Bass Fishing Website](#)
- [Competition Rules](#)
- [GE 59 - Application for Hosting](#)
- [Region 1 - Tournament Information](#)
- [Region 2 - Tournament Information](#)
- [Region 3 - Tournament Information](#)
- [Region 4 - Tournament Information](#)
- [Release of Liability Form](#)
- [Current Alignment of Teams](#)
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- [COVID-19 Media Guidance](#)
- [KHSAA/NFHS Network Required Postseason Rights Fee Schedule](#)
- [Current Alignment](#)
- GE51 - Regional Tournament Financial Report ([DOCX](#)) ([PDF](#))
- [GE 56 - Regional Tournament Manager Form](#)