



BASS FISHING

2023 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INSTRUCTIONS



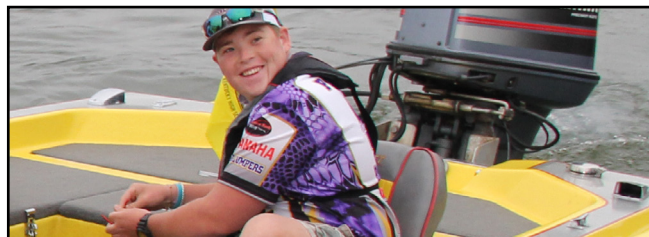


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Throughout these instructions, portions that are different from previous seasons, or changed due to COVID-19, have been highlighted yellow.



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GENERAL SPRING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SPORT AND SPORT ACTIVITIES

SUPERSEDURE NOTE

The information in these instructions supersedes any information previously distributed, including the Competition Rules.

In many cases, these rules have been revised over the last couple of years through the pandemic to the point where time has not permitted complete overhaul and revision of the competition rules

All involved should review items such as tiebreakers and procedures for competition and consider this document authoritative.

Contact the primary event contact with any additional questions.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The KHSAA's complete "Healthy at Sports, Stage 5 - Partnering for Progress, Guidance for Continued Practice and Competition during the Pandemic" document can be found at the following link: [COVID GUIDANCE](#).

In addition to specific guidance, this document includes guidance for all sports, officials and media. The information in this document should be thoroughly reviewed by all managers, participants and spectators attending a district or regional tournament.

REMINDER - Anyone attending or participating in a KHSAA regular season or postseason event should review their symptoms before arriving. Those that are ill or displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home.

Some differences in the guidance are necessitated by the differences in sports, facilities and geographic areas, which are pronounced during normal years and magnified this school year.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

Masks/Face coverings for non-competitors and the requirements surrounding these items are a matter of local jurisdiction.

At minimum, any local or specific mask-requiring ordinance should also include a requirement for managers to post signage and make regular announcements.

COMPETITORS

Due to safety concerns, competitors who are considered to be aerobically exercising should not be required to wear masks during competition.

WATER - COVID-19 GUIDANCE

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

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Each member school and event host is expected to adhere to public health standards regarding isolation and quarantine as well as the adopted Return to Play Protocol in the event of a positive test in a participant or team staff member.

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

VENUE LOGISTICS

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 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.

SIGNAGE, BALLOONS AND NOISEMAKERS

Signs/banners are permitted at the facility but must be of good taste and sportsmanship.



Signs/banners must be handheld or attached in a manner not to damage the existing structure.

Signs/banners shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate game management cues are not permitted inside the facility. These items include, but are not limited to: air horns, electronic amplifiers, portable sound systems, instruments that require additional electricity, game clock horns and whistles.

Artificial noisemakers of any kind are not permitted inside the facility per NFHS rules.

Balloons, which can block the view of other patrons, are not permitted at the event.

Only venue provided amplified music is permissible, but only during pre-competition or natural and planned breaks.

PETS

The KHSAA welcomes service dogs utilized by guests with disabilities along with the appropriate documentation or identification. This allowance does not include providing emotional support or companionship but rather specific ADA-related work or tasks.

Service dogs must be harnessed, leashed or tethered at all times, unless special circumstances exist as are defined in federal law, and will be required to rest in the seating area of the individual with a disability, rather than in the aisle.

A guest whose service dog poses a threat to the safety of other guests and employees, or whose dog is not housebroken, may be asked to escort the dog off the premises.

Any service dog that displays vicious behavior towards other guests or employees may be denied entry or removed from the facility.

All other animals are prohibited. This policy is in place regardless of any published information the venue provides on its own signage or message board materials including websites.

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.

HEALTH INFORMATION

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

The Association will use the services of UK HealthCare to provide trainers for the KHSAA state events.

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.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with the athletic training staff and venue 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, UK HealthCare trainer or venue staff so emergency medical services can be reached.

An AED will be located at the team check-in area.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA, in consultation with the host facility, to make decisions in regards



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. KHSAA officials will make every effort to learn the weather forecast prior to the start of competition as the safety of the public and participants will be the most important factor in any decision.

HEAT INDEX PROGRAM

Tournament play will adhere to the KHSAA's Heat Index Program.
Tournament administration will be responsible for tracking and implementing the program's guidelines.
Should the heat index reach 95 degrees, mandatory 10-minute water breaks will be given every 30 minutes.
At 99 degrees, play shall stop, and the heat index will be monitored every 30 minutes.

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.

VIDEOTAPING, 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.

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

Control of media access and location at all levels of postseason play is with the KHSAA.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made 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.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made 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 KHSAA 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 KHSAA 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 KHSAA and shall be equitable for all teams.

A freelance/commercial photographer is any person, including a school employee, not representing an established media outlet or a person who will capture images from the event.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Each school is permitted one (1) school media pass at KHSAA State Championship events, valid only for a student or full-time school employee, for the sole purpose of reporting the events for school internal publications.

Space permitting, school media may be granted floor access consistent with traditional media access.

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

The school media pass may not be used for taking pictures that will later be sold as these individuals need to apply for a



freelance/commercial photographer pass and pay the requisite fee.

This pass must be requested by a school administrator in advance of the start of the event at credentials.khsaa.org, which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

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. A link to the credential application is included at the end of these instructions.

The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. the day before competition begins.

Applications should be submitted by the editor or director at each organization.

Complete information should be submitted for all attendees (including unique email addresses and cell phone numbers), as the KHSAA will use these methods to communicate information surrounding the event.

Media outlets may be limited during this event.

Freelance/commercial photographers, as defined herein, will not be granted access to KHSAA events unless the requisite media rights fee is paid.

KHSAA Media policies are outlined online at - <https://khsaa.org/news-stats-pubs/media-resources/media-credentials/>

MEDIA RIGHTS FEE

Freelance/commercial photographers as defined in these instructions and radio stations interested in 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.

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.

The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including first round, second round, 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 entity, including media members, may stream live video content during postseason events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live.

The mandated minimum fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office on the KHSAA website.

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

MUSIC COPYRIGHT

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

FILMING

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

Spectators may film with a hand-held camera from the 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 at the following link - khsaa.teamip.com.

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online post event via the TeamIP link on all pages of the KHSAA website.



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

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

OFFICIAL KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS

The KHSAA pays for professional photography coverage of the event.

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



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BASS FISHING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff for advancing to the 2023 KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championship.

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 Darren Bilberry (dbilberry@khsaa.org).

If Mr. Bilberry is for some reason not available, Event Services and Social Media Director Jenny Elder (jelder@khsaa.org) is the backup contact.

They will both be on site throughout the event to assist you as needed.

Media inquiries should be directed to Media Relations and Publications Director Connor Link (clink@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@majorleaguefishing.com) of Major League Fishing (MLF) will serve as the Tournament Director for the event and can also assist with any questions you may have.

QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS/COED DIVISION

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

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 among the regions based on the number of boats entering the water at region to maintain a maximum state tournament field of 90 boats.

In order to advance, a boat must catch a minimum of one legal fish.

Entries in the coed division can be all male, all female, or a combination of both genders, including all substitutions.

Substitutes cannot be assigned to boats in both divisions.

GIRLS DIVISION

The number of qualifying boats will advance based on the ratio of female-only boats entering the water at the regional competition to the number of total boats in all of the regions.

If thirty (30) or fewer girls' division boats declare and enter the water at region, all boats catching a minimum of one legal fish shall advance to the state championship.

If more than thirty (30) girls division boats declare and enter the water at region, the entries per region will be prorated among the regions based on the number of boats entering the water at region to reach the thirty (30) boat limit for 2023.

In order to advance, a boat must catch a minimum of one legal fish.

All athletes assigned to boats in female division, including substitutes, must be female.

All boats entered in the female-only division are not eligible for the coed division.

Substitutes cannot be assigned to boats in both divisions.

COMPETITION DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

DATES

The 2023 KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championships will be held May 12-13.



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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 event consists of two (2) days of fishing for a maximum of eight (8) hours each day, if possible.

VENUE AND ADDRESS

[Kentucky Dam Marina](#)

[466 Marina Drive, Gilbertsville, Ky., 42044](#)

PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS

CONFERENCE CALL

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

Additional instructions regarding the call will be sent via email once the field is set.

Participants can set up from any location to join the conference and are encouraged to join by computer to view pertinent information, maps, etc.

PRE-EVENT REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

Registration for the state championship is done online at the link listed at the end of these instructions. The deadline for registration is May 8.

When registering, select the "Division" to indicate whether this boat is female-only or coed. There will be a separate registration form for each division.

Register using your high school name, regardless of whether or not your team goes by a different name at non-KHSAA events.

Coaches shall check-in with MLF officials at the Kentucky Dam Village on May 11 from 6-7 p.m. CT.

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

When checking in, coaches must turn in the completed Release of Liability Form, which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP, ON-SITE MEETING

There will be a pre-tournament rules meeting immediately following team check-in at 7 p.m. CT.

PRACTICE

Competition waters are open for practice until the start of team check-in at 6 p.m. CT on May 11.

LODGING

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

Qualifying teams should make their reservations 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.

PARKING

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

LOST OR STOLEN FLAGS

A lost or stolen flag will not be replaced by KHSAA or MLF officials. Instead, the member school will be invoiced \$30 for each replacement flag.

Teams or anglers wishing to buy a souvenir flag may do so at the TeamIP booth near the weigh-in stage.



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TeamIP is the KHSAA's exclusive vendor of championship apparel.

ADMISSION INTO VENUE

PARTICIPANT ENTRY

Participants were registered for their boats prior to the event through Major League Fishing.

No further registration is necessary for entry.

TEAM PARTY ENTRY/NON-PARTICIPANTS

Coaches, who must be listed on the KHSAA school page and have completed all of the Bylaw 25 coaching requirements, will check-in with MLF officials on Thursday.

Boat captains are to have been included when registering for the event with MLF.

No further on-site registration will be needed for the captains.

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.

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

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 (1) pound for each inch short.

There will be a five (5) 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.

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 at state will be broken:



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- First by total number of live bass and then by total number of bass.
- If a tie remains, the big bass will then be used to break the tie.

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

STATE EVENT OFFICIALS

The Tournament Director, Scott Ellison, will settle any disputes about rules and scoring procedures and will 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.

POST EVENT

RESULTS

Results will be announced at the competition site and posted 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 in both divisions.
- A medal will be awarded to the angler who catches the biggest bass on either day of the tournament in both divisions.

FINANCES AND EXPENSES

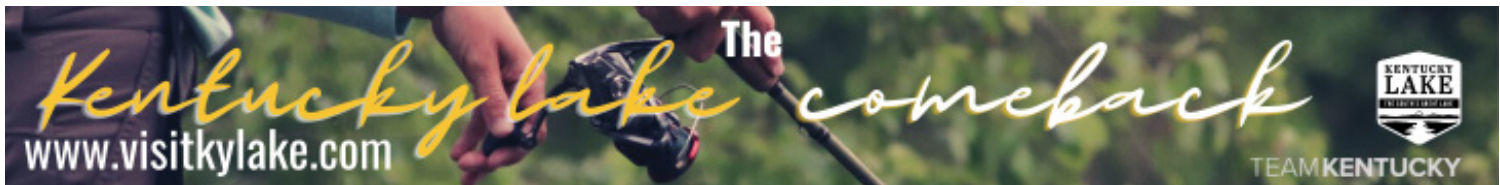
There is no school reimbursement for this event.

Member schools are responsible for all expenses incurred for participation.

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

IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Bass Fishing Website](#)
- [Competition Rules](#)
- [Release of Liability Form](#)
- [KHSAA Media Policies](#)
- [Media Rights Fees Payment](#)
- [KHSAA/NFHS Network Required Postseason Rights Fee Schedule](#)
- [Current Alignment](#)
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- [Online Championship Registration](#)
- [Championship Schedule](#)



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