

# **BASS FISHING**



## 2020-21 Bass Fishing Rules Considerations

In support of the Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities, the Federation Angler and Fishing League Worldwide offers this document as guidance on how state associations can consider modifications to their bass fishing events. The modifications outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment.

All circuits under the federation angler umbrella of companies including but not limited to; The Bass Federation, Inc (TBF), [BassFederation.com](http://BassFederation.com), The Walleye Federation, LLC, (TWF), [Walleyefederation.com](http://Walleyefederation.com), Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit (MWC), [MastersWalleyeCircuit.com](http://MastersWalleyeCircuit.com), Student Anglers Federation (SAF) High School fishing program, [HighSchoolFishing.org](http://HighSchoolFishing.org), North American Bass Challenge (NABC) [NorthAmericanBassChallenge.com](http://NorthAmericanBassChallenge.com), National Bass Anglers Association (NBAA) [NBAA-bass.com](http://NBAA-bass.com) and all other Federation Angler connected events [FederationAngler.com](http://FederationAngler.com) will operate under these special procedures until further notice.

### Return to Competition

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- **Rules Briefings/meetings:**
  - Can be live streamed on websites and social media sites.
  - Any outdoor seating will be limited and follow social distancing guidelines.
- **Morning Take offs:**
  - Closed to spectators but will be live streamed for them.
  - Livewell and safety checks will be done in a drive by fashion. Boat IDF markers can be given at that time.
  - A cloth mask and/or face covering is required anglers at takeoff and weigh-in.
- **Weigh-ins:**
  - Spectator attendance at all weigh-ins will be limited to our anglers, their immediate family and essential staff only.
  - All events will be open air events, no indoor weigh-ins or rules meeting will be held during this time frame so that people can feel comfortable spreading out as far as needed including sitting and listen to the briefings or weigh-ins from their vehicles, etc.