



BASS FISHING

**2021 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INSTRUCTIONS
FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND FANS**

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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 2021 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 Communications Director Joe Angolia (jangolia@khsaa.org).

If Mr. Angolia is for some reason not available, Event Management Specialist Dan White (dwhite@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 Mr. Angolia.

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.

Kevin Hunt (kevin.hunt@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.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

REMINDER - Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 shall not attend.

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 FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS WITH LESS THAN 1,000 ATTENDEES

All individuals entering an indoor venue before, during, and after a contest should wear a mask/face covering. (CONSIDER)

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

A mask/face covering should be worn by anglers and coaches at takeoff and at weigh-in. (CONSIDER)

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

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

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

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

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. (CONSIDER)

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

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

Masks may be worn by all student-athletes and coaches during takeoff and weigh-ins. (CONSIDER)

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.



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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.

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

MLF BIG5 TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES (ADOPTED BY KHSAA FOR THIS EVENT)

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 in case of inclement weather.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



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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 among the regions to maintain a maximum state tournament field of 90 boats.

COMPETITION DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

DATES

The 2021 KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championships will be held May 7-8.

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.

Coaches shall check-in with MLF officials at the Kentucky Dam Village on Thursday, May 6 from 6-7 p.m. local time.

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 to be conducted outside at the weigh-in stage.

A sound system will be used to allow participants to hear the meeting from their vehicles or standing socially distanced.

A virtual meeting utilizing Zoom will be conducted in its place only in the event that weather does not allow the in-person option.

PRACTICE

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

LODGING

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

Qualifying teams should make their reservations by May 4 by calling 270-362-4271 and mentioning they are involved in the KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championships.



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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.

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

BYLAW 22 - REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY

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

POSTSEASON ROSTERS, LIMITATIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

POSTSEASON ROSTERS

Schools have previously logged into the KHSAA website and designated the postseason roster, which is separate from the regular-season varsity roster.

Roster revisions had to be made before the first date of the postseason when online rosters were closed and considered final.

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

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

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.

All alternates must have been listed on the team's regional entry.

ADMISSION INTO VENUE

TICKETS

All spectators staying for the weigh-ins for the 2021 State Bass Fishing Championships will need a digital ticket.

The free tickets will be available online via GoFan, the KHSAA's official digital ticket vendor.

Fans are required to purchase their free tickets before they arrive and once arriving on site, they may validate the tickets on their phones.

There will be no paper tickets available at the venue.

Tickets will not be required for competitors and are only required for the public to create a contact tracing record in the event it is needed by local health officials.

PARTICIPANT ENTRY

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



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No further registration is necessary for entry.

TEAM PARTY ENTRY/NON-PARTICIPANTS

Like the general fans, Principals, Athletic Directors, Superintendents, bus drivers, extra coaches, managers, trainers, etc., will need to purchase a free general admission ticket through khsaatickets.org to attend weigh-ins.

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.

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.

VENUE LOGISTICS

WATER - COVID-19 GUIDANCE

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

SIGNAGE, BALLOONS AND NOISEMAKERS

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

The signs/banners must be handheld and shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate event management cues are not permitted.

These prohibited 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.

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, natural and planned breaks.

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 Joe Angolia or Dan White with the KHSAA for instructions.

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.



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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 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 Tournament Director, Kevin Hunt, will settle any disputes about rules and scoring procedures and will be available during the conference call to address any questions about rules.

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

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 provide certified athletic trainers for the State Bass Fishing Championship.

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.



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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, MLF 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, athletic 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 MLF, 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.

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.

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, semi-state, 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, semi-state, 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, who will capture images from the event and re-sell them to anyone, including team members, the families or the general public.

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.

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.



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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.

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.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, May 6 at 8 p.m. ET

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.

Due to COVID-19 attendance restrictions, media outlets will be limited to two (2) credentials.

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

Media members will follow all local/state/federal requirements when it comes to PPE, health screening, physical distancing, capacity, etc.

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

TEAM BROADCASTS

By paying the requisite fee, each school qualifying for a KHSAA State Championship event may designate one (1) radio station or website to originate an AUDIO-only broadcast of each event its affiliated school participates in.

An official representative of the participating school shall designate to the KHSAA which station/website will be permitted to broadcast its participation using SI113 (School Audio Broadcast Designation Form).

The radio station/website shall then apply for championship credentials through the KHSAA's online credentialing system.

Originating stations/websites will be subject to a media rights fee, which will be outlined through the online credentialing system.

MEDIA RIGHTS FEE

Freelance/commercial photographers 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 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 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 Communications Director for approval by the Commissioner.



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Weigh-ins will be streamed by MLF through the NFHS Network at khsaa.tv and will be available free of charge.

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 - <https://bit.ly/3sXxCjo>.

TeamIP is the exclusive vendor of championship apparel, please look for their display near the weigh-in stage to purchase memorabilia.

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

POST EVENT

RESULTS

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

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

There are to be no post-event mass gatherings to present awards.

The distribution of trophies and medals for deserving teams/individuals will be discussed during the conference call and coaches and fans should be flexible and expect the procedures to be fluid.

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.

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](#)
- [COVID-19 Media Guidance](#)
- [KHSAA Media Policies](#)
- [S1103 \(School Media Credential Request Form\)](#)
- [Media Rights Fees Payment](#)
- [KHSAA/NFHS Network Required Postseason Rights Fee Schedule](#)
- [Current Alignment](#)
- [Random Boat Entries](#)
- [Online Championship Registration](#)



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- [GE04 \(Physical Exam Form\) - \(Spanish Version\)](#)
- [GoFan Digital Event Tickets](#)
- [GoFan Ticket Training](#)