

Questions and Answers for KHSAA Bass Fishing Implementation

Q. How does a school enter the Bass Fishing Tournament?

A. Each school may enter online in the school subsystem that your school will enter a team for the bass fishing tournament. Entries should be submitted by November 1st this year to allow for planning of the Bass Fishing State Tournament.

Q. How many student(s) can a school enter?

A. A school may enter one or two boats for the Bass Fishing Tournament. One boat will consist of at least one student and no more than three students listed on that boat roster. Only two students in a boat at any one time. The boat may go back to the dock and exchange one student for another anytime during the tournament fishing hours.

Q. How does a school get a boat?

A. Many bass clubs across the state of Kentucky have offered their services to the schools. There will be a complete list of the bass clubs and the contact person listed on the KHSAA web site. The bass clubs have also offered adults to serve as the captain/pilot of the boat if a school would like to utilize their services.

Q. Does the school have to provide the boat and who can be in the boat?

A. Each school will be responsible for ensuring that there is a boat provided, with an adult driver. If the boat owner is not the coach, but desires to pilot the boat, the coach may be a second adult in the boat along with the owner.

Q. Are there restrictions on the use of the motor(s) or the speed of the boat?

A. No student will be allowed to operate the outboard motor on the boat. Either a student or the coach/adult may operate the trolling motor. An adult will be responsible for operating the outboard motor and the boat may not exceed a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or the lake limit if the speed limit is below 25 miles per hour.

Q. Can a coach net a fish for a participant during competition?

A. The Tournament Rules will allow for coaches to net a fish for participants if they are asked to do so.

Q. Can a coach fix a snagged line for one of his/her participants?

A. Other than responding to a request to net a fish, a coach may not touch a participant's rod/reel, line, or bait. If a participant gets his/her line snagged, the participant needs to remedy the situation. A coach could talk his/her participant through the situation, but the actual 'doing' needs to be done by the participant.

Q. Does a coach/sponsor have to meet the requirements of KHSAA Bylaw 27?

A. Yes.

Q. Are there requirements of students?

A. Each student must become a member of a national organization for high school aged anglers. Each membership must include liability insurance as well as school insurance purchased.

Q. When does the season start?

A. There will not be a designated season for bass fishing. A school could meet year round with their students if they wanted and could schedule a contest with another school at anytime.

- Q. When and where will the state series be held?
- A. The Regional tournament will be held in April, 2013 at designated lakes across Kentucky. The state finals will be 2013. Once the Regional and state final sites are determined, the KHSAA will post that information on the bass fishing website.
- Q. What resources are available to the member schools?
- A. The KHSAA will develop additional documents to be placed on the fishing page of the KHSAA website. There will be many links on that site that will provided many resources for the school and coach to utilize during the year with the student participants.
- Q. Who provides the fishing equipment(tackle and bait)?
- A. The students will provide all the equipment necessary to fish in the tournament, such as the rods, reel artificial bait, nets, etc.
- Q. What about insurance?
- A. The KHSAA will have catastrophic coverage for both the Regional and state final tournaments. The schools and students will be responsible for any equipment related insurance and other necessary insurance just as in any other sport or sport activity the KHSAA conducts. All member schools are reminded to take precautionary steps to ensure that all equipment and product safety risk measures are taken including insurance coverage.

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