Bass Fishing

I. Sites
   a. Qualifying: Center Harbor Public Beach – Lake Winnipesaukee
   b. Finals: Camp Spofford – Spofford Lake

II. Important Rule Updates from 2018:
   • Student athletes are allowed to use the team gear and or the gear of the captain.
   • Short Fish Rule During Weigh-Ins:
     o If the student athletes have a fish of questionable length, they may ask the weighmaster for a courteous measure. If it is determined that the fish is indeed short, the fish will not be counted and no penalty will be assessed.
     o Failure to ask for a courteous measure, on any fish deemed short will result in the loss of said fish, and a one pound deduction from the total catch.

Note per NHIAA Bass Fishing Policy and Procedure Manual: The minimum length of a legal bass is 12 inches.

III. Qualifying Tournament Layout:
   a. A Captains Meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m.
   b. 2 flights will depart
      i. **Flight 1:**
         1. Launch: 8:00 a.m.
         2. Return: 2:00 p.m.
      ii. **Flight 2:**
         1. Launch: 8:30 a.m.
         2. Return: 2:30 p.m.

      **PARKING:** (Parking memos have been included in your Captain Information Packet)
      i. **Flight 1:**
         Parking for Trucks/Trailers of **Flight 1** will be located at the Center Harbor Public Beach Parking Lot. Trucks/Trailers should park on the grass area to the right of the lot when looking at the beach (between the basketball court and the Center Harbor Inn).
      ii. **Flight 2:**
         Parking for Trucks/Trailers of **Flight 2** will be located at the Center Harbor Congregational Church Parking Lot.
   c. Rules for the tournament, for both events, are in the Policies and Procedures Manual (available on the NHIAA web site)
      i. All Angler Substitutions at the Qualifying round MUST take place at the **Center Harbor Town Docks** where boats are launched.
   d. There will be NO vendor available to provide food/drinks at the Center Harbor Public Beach. However there are restaurants available across Route 25 on the opposite side of the boat launch.
   e. Thursday, September 19, 2019
      i. All schools should secure their boat/captains. If assistance is needed, notify the NHIAA by Noon on Monday, August 19, 2019 and the NHIAA will attempt to appoint a boat/captain to you if available.
   f. You may enter up to four anglers on your tournament roster.
      ii. Rosters are due by Monday, September 16, 2019 and can be found on NHIAA website under your AD Forms.
      iii. Upon registering the day of each event, you may declare how many anglers of the four will be fishing that day.
III. Qualifying Tournament Layout (Cont.):

g. Boundary points distinguishing boundaries which are permitted to fish include (a boundary map has been provided in your Captain Information Packet):

i. Spindle Point to Hoits Point
ii. Belknap Point to Marker Buoy #47 (43 degrees 35.734 N/71 degrees 21.586’ W)
iii. North Tip of Welch Island to Marker Buoy #63 (43 degrees 38.563’N / 71 degrees 21.511’ W)
iv. Long Island Bridge

***IMPORTANT BOUNDARY NOTES***

i. It should also be noted that the Center Harbor Town Docks will be off limits for tournament fishing. The Center Harbor Town Docks will be reserved for substitute “on-shore” anglers to fish from, and will be off limit to any angler in a boat.

ii. Fishing off of the Center Harbor Public Beach will be strictly forbidden by any tournament angler, or substitute “on-shore” angler.

iii. All angler substitutions must be made at the Center Harbor Town Docks where boats are launched.

h. One third (1/3) of the schools participating at the qualifying round will move on to the championship round.

i. NOTE: Number of schools qualifying for the finals will be rounded up (i.e. 36, 35, 34 schools competing = 12 schools qualify)

IV. Championship Round

a. Saturday, September 28, 2019; 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

b. Boat departure for the Championship Round will be determined by your finish in the qualifying round.

EX: Departure for the Championship Round will be determined by the heaviest weight at qualifying.

c. Spofford Lake all open, no limit

d. Spofford Lake Boat Launch – Camp Spofford

V. Awards: determined by results of September 28th catch only

a. 1st place State Championship by total weight Championship plaque and medals

b. Runner-up State Championship, Runner-up plaque and medals

c. 3rd place weight Team

d. 4th place weight Team

e. 5th place weight Team

f. Largest Large Mouth Team

g. 2nd Place Large Mouth Team

h. Largest Small Mouth Team

i. 2nd Place Largest Small Mouth Team