



## Bass Fishing

### I. Sites

- a. **Finals:** Lee's Mills– Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonborough

### II. Important Rule Updates for 2020 – COVID-19

#### Bass Fishing Rules Considerations

- **Spectators will not be allowed**
- **Angler Equipment**
  - It is highly recommended that athletes, captains, and coaches wear face coverings whenever possible.
  - Face coverings are required for everyone while they are on shore.
  - Athletes should do their best to touch only their own equipment (lures, rods, etc.).
- **On-Shore Anglers and Roster Information**
  - Roster size will remain at four athletes.
  - In an effort to minimize onshore congregation, schools may only bring two athletes to competition day.
  - Schools that qualify for the championship event are permitted to designate any two anglers (from the up to four) that are listed on their roster regardless of participation in the qualifying round.
- **Launching Boats**
  - Assistance will be provided to those launching their boats.

#### Pre and Post Match Ceremony

- **Pretournament Captain's Meetings**
  - Participants shall remain on their boats for the Pre-tournament Captains meeting, and whenever possible.
- **Weigh-Ins**
  - All results will be posted on-line and will be announced via the NHIAA website.
  - Face Coverings are mandatory for all during weigh-ins
  - If schools have their own weigh-in bags, it is highly encouraged that they bring them. **Please confirm with the NHIAA if you cannot supply your own bag.**
  - No more than two athlete(s) from a team shall be declared to bring their catch through the weigh-in process.
  - Once all boats are checked-in, teams will be called up to the beach, five (5) at a time in launch order.
    1. Teams will bag their fish and athletes will bring their catch through the weigh-in scale.
      - a. Only one school will be allowed in the weigh-in area at a time.
      - b. Once a school's weigh-in process is complete, the athletes shall vacate the scale area and return directly to their boat to allow for the next school to enter.
    2. Teams will be required to release their own catch upon completion of their weigh-in process.
    3. Once a team has released their fish, they may return to the launch in which they dropped in at to pull their boat out of the water, and exit the facility.

### III. 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:
    - 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.
    - 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.

### IV. **Championship Round**

- a. Saturday, October 3, 2020; 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  
- a. Lee's Mills Boat Launch, Moultonborough – Lake Winnepesaukee
  
- b. A Captains Meeting for teams from both flights will be held at 7:30 a.m.
  
- c. 1 flight will depart
  - i. **Tournament Time:**
    1. Launch: 8:00 a.m.
    2. Return: 2:00 p.m.

**PARKING:** (Parking memos have been included in your Captain Information Packet)
  - ii. **Flight 1:**

Parking for Trucks/Trailers of **Flight 1** will be located at Lee's Mills Boat Ramp – Lee's Mills Road, Moultonborough, NH.
  - iii. **Launch Order:**

Will be determined based off of the results from the Qualifying Round.
  
- d. Rules for the tournament, for both events, are in the Policies and Procedures Manual (available on the NHIAA web site).
  
- e. There will be NO vendor available to provide food/drinks. Competitors should provide their own food and beverage.
  
- f. Distinguishing boundaries which are permitted to fish include (a boundary map has been provided in your Captain Information Packet):
  - i. Long Island Bridge
  - ii. East Point of Long Island to Little Bear Island
  - iii. Devens Island between Little Bear Island and Cow Island
  - iv. Marker 17 (Barber Pole)

### III. **Awards: determined by results of October 3<sup>rd</sup> catch only**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place State Championship by total weight Championship plaque and medals
- b. Runner-up State Championship, Runner-up plaque and medals
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place weight Team
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> place weight Team
- e. 5<sup>th</sup> place weight Team
- f. Largest Large Mouth Team
- g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Large Mouth Team
- h. Largest Small Mouth Team
- i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Largest Small Mouth Team

