



2020-21 Bass Fishing Rules Considerations

NHIAA Bass Fishing Committee Adopted for 2020-21 Season

In support of the Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities, the NHIAA Bass Fishing Committee offers this document for state associations to consider whether any possible rules could be altered for the 2020-21 season. The considerations 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.

Return to Competition

1. Bass Fishing Rules Considerations

○ Angler Equipment

- It is highly recommended that athletes, captains, and coaches wear face coverings whenever possible.
- Face coverings are mandatory for anyone on shore
- Athletes should do their best to touch only their own equipment (lures, rods, etc.)

○ On-Shore Anglers

- 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 designate any two anglers from the 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

2. Pre and Post Match Ceremony

a. Pretournament Captain's Meetings

- Participants shall remain on their boats for the Pre-tournament Captains meeting

b. Weigh-Ins

- All results will be posted on-line and will be announced via the NHIAA website and _____.
- Face Coverings are mandatory for all
- Only one athlete shall be declared to bring their catch through the weigh-in process, all other athletes shall remain with their boat.

- Once all boats are checked-in, boats will be called up to the beach, 5 at a time in launch order.
 1. Boats will bag their fish and one member 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 completed, the member weighing their fish shall vacate the scale area to allow for the next school to enter.
 2. While a team is weighing-in, it is recommended that said team's boat captain begins pulling their boat out of the water.
 3. At the conclusion of weighing-in, teams must exit the facility.

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