

**BY-LAW ARTICLE XV**

**Bass Fishing**

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**Sect. 1:** Bass fishing shall be administered by the NHIAA Bass Fishing Committee.

**Sect. 2: Participation**

Only individuals from NHIAA Member Schools may participate in the tournament.

**Sect. 3: General Fishing Tournament Information for Schools:**

- According to NH Fish and Game Department rules, a "Fishing tournament means an organized fishing event conducted on the freshwaters of the state in which participants, whether or not pre-registered, compete for cash awards or other prizes including but not limited to trophies, citations, ribbons, or points."
- All fishing tournaments must be permitted by the NH Fish and Game Department and a free "water event permit" must be obtained from NH Marine Patrol, Department of Safety.
- Bass are only allowed to be held alive and culled (the act of exchanging a fish for another one of the same species already in your live well) during permitted bass tournaments. Therefore, any school fishing event that does not obtain a bass tournament permit is not allowed to hold a weigh-in or to keep bass alive (i.e. all fish would have to be released immediately).
- Refer to the Bass Fishing Policy and Procedures Manual for additional information.

**Sect. 4: Divisional Alignment**

<b>Bass Fishing - One Division – 35 Schools (Alpha Order) 2024-25</b>			
Alvirne	Goffstown	Merrimack Valley	Prospect Mountain
Bedford	Hillsboro-Deering	Milford	Sanborn
Bishop Brady	Hollis-Brookline	Monadnock	Souhegan
Bishop Guertin	John Stark	Moultonborough	Spaulding
Bow	Kearsarge	Nashua North	Timberlane
Campbell	Keene	Nashua South	White Mountains
Coe-Brown	Kingswood	Newport	Windham
Fall Mountain	Lebanon	Pinkerton	Winnacunnet
Gilford	Mascoma	Portsmouth	

**Sect. 5: Tournament Roster/Selection**

Schools may enter one (1) team of up to four (4) anglers. If a school brings more than two (2) anglers, they will be required to swap athletes at whatever point they see fit during the tournament to allow all four athletes the opportunity to fish.

**Sect. 6: Awards**

- Medals (2) will be given (at the final tournament only) in the following categories to the team:
  - a. Largest by Weight Largemouth Bass – Places 1-2
  - b. Largest by Weight Smallmouth Bass – Places 1-2
  - c. Largest Team Total Weight (max 8 fish) – Places 1-5