



Bass Fishing

I. Sites

- a. **Qualifying:** Center Harbor Public Beach – Lake Winnepesaukee
- b. **Finals:** Chesterfield, NH – Lake Spofford

II. Important notes:

- In an effort to preserve the New Hampshire fisheries, the Bass Fishing Committee strongly urges the use of non-puncture cull tags whenever possible.
 - Student athletes are allowed to use the team gear and or the gear of the captain.
 - Courtesy Measure Rule:
 - If the student athletes have a fish of questionable length, they may ask the weighmaster for a courtesy 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 courtesy 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. A shuttle to the boat launch will be available after parking your truck/trailer.
- 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. Schools may enter up to four anglers on your tournament roster.
 - i. Rosters are due by Monday, September 11, 2023 and can be found on NHIAA website under your AD Forms.
 - ii. 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.):

- f. Boundary points distinguishing boundaries which are permitted to fish include (a boundary map has been provided in your Captain Information Packet):
 - i. East Point of Long Island to Little Bear Island
 - ii. Devens Island between Little Bear Island and Cow Island
 - iii. Marker 17 (Barber Pole)
 - iv. **New for 2023**, Meredith Bay will be open for tournament fishing.
 1. Weirs Beach Bridge will be the boundary line.
 2. Paugus Bay is OUT OF BOUNDS
 - v. Belknap Point to Marker Buoy #47 (43 degrees 35.734 N/ 71 degrees 21.586'W)
 - vi. North Tip of Welch Island to Marker Buoy #63 (43 degrees 38.563'N / 71 degrees 21.511' W)
- ***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.
- g. 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. 33, 32, 31 schools competing = 11 schools qualify)

IV. Championship Round

- a. Saturday, September 30, 2023; 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. Lake Spofford all open, no limit
- d. Lake Spofford Boat Launch – 24 NH-9A, Spofford, NH 03462
- e. Weigh-ins to be conducted at Lake Spofford Boat Launch – 24 NH-9A, Spofford, NH 03462

V. Awards: determined by results of September 30th 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

