



2026
POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR
BASS FISHING



NHIAA BASS FISHING COMMITTEE

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POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Please note the points of emphasis do not include all changes to the Policy and Procedures Manual. Please review the manual carefully. New policies or changes will be shaded.

Lunker

Schools should be sure to have their lunker picked out and tagged sufficiently prior to weigh-ins.

Alternate Watercraft

Kayaks, canoes, or other personal watercraft will not be permitted for use at the Qualifying Round or Championship Round. Any and all athletes on shore must remain on shore, unless entering competition onto their team's boat.

Inoperable Boat

Should a boat become inoperable due to mechanical failure during the tournament, the coach or captain shall contact the NHIAA/tournament director immediately to report their situation. At such a point in time, the tournament committee will review the situation and determine the course of action.

Uniforms

School uniforms must be worn during competitions. School uniforms must be of school colors and have the name of the school and/or the student's name on them. Any sponsorship the school has secured cannot be displayed on the uniform or the coach/driver of the boat. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director has the authority to determine whether apparel is appropriate.

Non-Puncture Cull Tags

For conservation purposes, the Bass Fishing Committee suggests utilizing non-puncture cull tags whenever possible.

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 (1) pound deduction from the total catch.

It is the hope of the Bass Fishing Committee that coaches will include anglers in as much of the "decision making" as possible including but not limited to choosing the location to fish, where and when to cast their line, which lure to use, etc.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS (Cont.)

Schools will only be allowed to enter one boat per team. The NHIAA will be a resource to **assist** in finding a boat; however the school will ultimately be responsible for securing a boat and captain.

Important Dates

- Confirmation of Boat and Captain – Monday, August 10, 2026
- First Date to Practice – Monday, August 10, 2026
- Roster Due Date – Monday, September 14, 2026
- Last Date to Play – Sunday, September 20, 2026

There must be at least one cellular phone available on all boats to be used in case of emergency.

Every boat must have an adult captain for driving purposes, and only the captain may drive the boat when the outboard motor is in use. A certificate of insurance for the boat must be presented, indicating a minimum of \$300,000 CSL liability coverage.

All boats must be a minimum of 16 feet in length with the motor trimmed down and have all of the required Marine Patrol safety equipment, functional bilge pump, and working live well(s).

A “Live Well” - Live well space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive a limit catch of bass by both fishermen using the boat.

I. Divisional Alignments

Bass Fishing shall be aligned into one coed division

Bass Fishing - One Division - 37 Schools (Alpha Order)			
Bedford	Hinsdale	Milford	Sanborn
Bishop Brady	Hollis-Brookline	Monadnock	Souhegan
Bishop Guertin	John Stark	Moultonborough	Spaulding
Bow	Kearsarge	Nashua North	Sunapee
Coe-Brown	Keene	Nashua South	Timberlane
Epping	Kingswood	Newport	Trinity
Fall Mountain	Lebanon	Pinkerton	White Mountains
Gilford	Mascoma Valley	Portsmouth	Windham
Goffstown	Merrimack Valley	Prospect Mountain	Winnacunnet
Hillsboro-Deering			

II. Regular Season

- A. The season will run from the first date to practice, August 10, 2026 and end with the last date to play, September 20, 2026.
- B. Schools can fish from the shorelines, in ponds, lakes, and/or rivers as an alternative to boats during the season.
- C. During the regular season, athletes can fish against other schools or fish as a team but in the end each school will need to identify at least two, but up to their top 4 anglers (two on the boat, and two on shore as substitutes) to go on to the NHIAA Qualifying Tournament
 - i. When fishing against other schools during the regular season, please be aware of the following:
 - a. **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."

The NH Fish and Game Department has recently made changes to their rules to make it easier for high schools to hold bass fishing tournaments. Accordingly, no permit is required for **intra**-scholastic fishing tournaments (see Table on final page). A permit is required for **inter**-scholastic fishing tournaments (for example, if two or more schools compete against each other), but the fee will be waived (see Table on final page).

Although no formal permitting process will be in place for intra-scholastic fishing tournaments, schools still must notify the NH Fish and Game Department and provide pertinent information prior to each tournament. This information is necessary in order to minimize tournament conflicts (i.e. two tournaments on the same water body at the same time) and so tournament data can be compiled.

Schools holding intra-scholastic fishing tournaments must notify and provide the NH Fish and Game Department (Vikki Leonard: fisheries@wildlife.nh.gov 603-271-2501) with the following information **at least 3 days** prior to each tournament. Schools will receive a confirmation number that should be kept on hand during the tournament:

- (1) School name;
- (2) Contact name;
- (3) Contact phone number and email address;
- (4) Tournament date;
- (5) Water body;
- (6) Maximum number of boats (if applicable);
- (7) Species targeted; and
- (8) If tournament operates under a format of catch, measure and immediate release.

Schools participating in intra-scholastic events can hold fishing "practices" without obtaining a permit, or notifying or providing the above information to the NH Fish and Game Department, but bass may not be held alive or culled (the act of exchanging a fish for another one of the same species already in your live well), there may be no weigh-in (i.e. bass must be immediately released after being caught and measured), and no prizes can be distributed, even if prizes are just "points" to determine which anglers will fish in the qualifying tournament or who wins a fishing competition.

Before sending in a fishing tournament permit application for inter-scholastic tournaments or notifying the NH Fish and Game Department of an intra-scholastic tournament, please visit the following website as with the exception of Lake Winnepesaukee, only one fishing tournament is allowed per water body in a single day.

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/documents/web-schedule.pdf>

Both intra and inter-scholastic fishing tournaments that utilize boats must obtain a free "water event permit" from NH Marine Patrol, Department of Safety. **NH Marine Patrol requests that permit applications be sent in at least two weeks prior to the tournament date.** See link and contact information on the next page.

b. Permit Information:

The fee for a fishing tournament permit for inter-scholastic tournaments has been waived.

Link to NH Fish and Game Department fishing tournament permit application:

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/documents/fish-tournament-app.pdf>

Link to NH Marine Patrol, Department of Safety, water event permit application:

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/documents/dsss57.pdf>

or you can request one at 603-293-2037 (ext 4).

c. **Reporting Requirement:**

Schools holding either intra or inter-scholastic fishing tournaments must submit a report to the NH Fish and Game Department within 30 days after the completion of the event. However, there is no reporting requirement for intra-scholastic fishing “practices” as described above.

A link to a blank bass tournament report form can be found at:

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/documents/tourn-bass-record-form.pdf>

or

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/documents/tourn-bass-record-form.doc>

A link to the general tournament record form (open-water events that DON'T solely target bass) can be found at:

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/documents/tourn-general-record-form.pdf>

Completed forms may be mailed or emailed (see top of form for addresses).

Due to the negative impacts that exotic invasive plants and animals can have on NH's aquatic communities, it is imperative that all anglers check their boats and trailers for aquatic invasive species prior to launching **and** when leaving a waterbody. This includes checking boats and trailers for aquatic plants as well as making sure that live wells and other equipment is completely dry after use. Not only is it illegal to transport exotic plants and animals in New Hampshire, increasing instances of boats arriving at launches with exotic species on them will only make access at boat access facilities more difficult in the future. Additionally, exotic invasive plants have the potential to lead to impacts to native plant communities and the fish that depend on them.

The NH Fish and Game Department is very excited that NH high school students now have the opportunity to participate in fishing as a sanctioned High School Sport and fully supports this endeavor. Have a safe and productive tournament season.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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15 Ash Brook Court
Keene, NH 03431
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Please use the following table/decision chart to determine if your school needs to notify NH Fish and Game, obtain a tournament permit from NH Fish and Game, report on tournament results to NH Fish and Game, and/or obtain a water event permit from NH Department of Safety for your particular event. First, select the applicable row from below based on your school type and your answers to columns 2-4. Next, examine answers for columns 5-8 to determine the requirements for your particular event. Please remember that a NH Department of Safety water event permit is only required if anglers are fishing from boats.

1) School Type	2) Is school competing for points, school team ranking, trophies, etc?	3) Is school practicing catch, measure + immediate release?	4) Is school holding a weigh-in?	5) NH Fish + Game Notification Required (will receive Confirmation Number) NO FEE	6) NH Fish + Game Permit Required NO FEE	7) NH Fish + Game Reporting Required	8) NH Dept. of Safety "Water Event Permit" required if using boats
Intra-scholastic	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Intra-scholastic	Yes	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Inter-scholastic	Yes	Yes or No	Yes or No	No	Yes (No fee if catch, measure and immediate release)	Yes	Yes

III. Tournaments

A. Tournament Dates:

- i. **Qualifying** on Thursday, September 24, 2026 @ Lake Winnepesaukee, Center Harbor, Meredith, NH.

(Note: Qualifying tournament waters off-limits from Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. prior to the qualifying tournament until the tournament date)

- ii. **Finals** on Saturday, October 3, 2026 @ Connecticut River, Hinsdale

(Note: Championship tournament waters off-limits from Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. prior to the championship tournament until the tournament date)

IV. Entries, Withdrawal Procedures, and Eligibility:

- A. Participation: Only individuals from NHIAA Member Schools may participate in the tournament.
- B. Tournament Rosters: All participating member schools must submit rosters to the NHIAA by **Monday, September 14, 2026**. Roster forms can be accessed under AD forms on the NHIAA Administrative website.
- C. Roster Changes: Any changes to a roster must be in accordance with By-Law Article I, Sect. 11: Tournament Rosters.
- D. Eligibility: All participants must meet all requirements found in NHIAA By-Law Article II, Eligibility, as in any sport. This includes having a physical examination as required by the NHIAA or the local district; whichever is most stringent.

V. Tournament Structure and Schedule:

- A. Qualifying Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026 @ Lake Winnepesaukee, **Center Harbor, Meredith, NH.**
- B. Rain Date: None; the tournament will be held rain or shine if safe and possible.
- C. Launch order will be randomized for the Qualifying Round.
- D. Schools will be divided into two (2) flights as needed. The NHIAA shall notify all schools of what flight they will be in, as well as the order in which they will launch boats.
- E. One third (1/3) of the schools participating at the qualifying round will move on to the championship round. Numbers will be rounded up (i.e. 36, 35, 34 schools competing = 12 schools qualify).
- F. Championship Round Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026 @ **Connecticut River, Hinsdale**
- G. Launch order for the championship round will be based off of the qualifying round results. Weight will be re-set to zero after qualifying round
- H. Volunteers will be meeting at 6:00 a.m. Schools cannot arrive with their boats until after 6:30 a.m. no exceptions.

Flight Itinerary – When two flights are needed / Qualifiers

<u>Flight 1</u> 6:30-7:30 a.m. Safety checks for boats will be done on a first come first serve basis. They will be checked for invasive plants and other species. 7:45 a.m. Mandatory pre-tournament meeting on shore for all boat captains & coaches. 8:00 a.m. Tournament begins 2:00 p.m. Participants must be docked 2:00 p.m. Weigh-in begins	<u>Flight 2</u> 7:00-7:45 a.m. Safety checks for boats will be done on a first come first serve basis. They will be checked for invasive plants and other species. 7:45 a.m. Mandatory pre-tournament meeting on shore for all boat captains & coaches. 8:30 a.m. Tournament begins 2:30 p.m. Participants must be docked 2:30 p.m. Weigh-in begins
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Awards shall be presented following the final weigh in.

VI. Tournament Regulations:

- A. The tournament will be set for at least six (6) hours of fishing. This may be adjusted due to weather. The tournament shall be considered complete if half of the minimum scheduled time has been fulfilled; approximately three (3) hours.
- B. All participants must have a current and valid New Hampshire Fishing License on their person the day of the tournament if they are age 16 or older.
- C. All participants must be back in for the weigh-in by 2:00 p.m. / 2:30 p.m. (depending on the flight). This will vary only if a weather alert has been issued, which might shorten the tournament. It is the participant's responsibility to ensure their boat is back to the dock by 2:00 p.m.
- D. Permitted fishing locations and off-limit areas shall be established by the tournament director and will be covered during the pre-tournament meeting of captains and coaches.
- E. There will be a one (1) pound deduction for every minute a participant is late getting back for the weigh-in up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for that day. It is the participant's responsibility to notify the tournament director in advance of the 2:00 p.m./ 2:30 p.m. (depending on the flight) deadline of any problems that may have occurred.
- F. There will be an eight (8) fish per boat limit. The minimum length of a legal bass is 12 inches. Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has eight (8) fish in the live well. No more than eight (8) fish can be in the live well at any one time. Participants exceeding the fish limit will be disqualified.
- G. 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 (1) pound deduction from the total catch.
- H. **Inoperable Boat**
Should a boat become inoperable due to mechanical failure during the tournament, the coach or captain shall contact the NHIAA/tournament director immediately to report their situation. At such a point in time, the tournament committee will review the situation and determine the course of action.
- I. **Non-Puncture Cull Tags**
For conservation purposes, the Bass Fishing Committee suggests utilizing non-puncture cull tags whenever possible.

- J. All participants must wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. If they do not, disqualification will occur. It is highly recommended that participants have available, a full (jacket/pant) rain suit in case of inclement weather.
- K. There must be at least one cellular phone available on all boats to be used in case of emergency.
- I. Student athletes are allowed to use the team gear and or the gear of the captain.
- L. Every boat must have an adult captain for driving purposes, and only the captain may drive the boat when the outboard motor is in use. A certificate of insurance for the boat must be presented, indicating a minimum of \$300,000 CSL liability coverage.
- M. Coaching: The captain/coach of the boat may make suggestions, but may not fish in any respect. This includes but is not limited to tying lures, netting fish, handling fish, or gear. The captain/coach or team participant may operate the electric motor. If the team has only one participant on the boat, the captain/coach may net the fish if asked by the participant.
- N. All fish will be released immediately after the weigh-in. All fish put in the live well must be kept alive. Dead fish will have a ½ pound deduction and cannot count for the largest fish for the boat. Dead fish may not be culled.
- O. There will be a speed limit of 45 MPH enforced.
 - Any school in violation of New Hampshire Fish and Game or Marine Patrol Laws shall be reported to the NHIAA Representative on site as well as the Tournament Committee to be discussed for potential penalty – up to and including disqualification.
- P. Schools may enter one (1) team of up to four (4) anglers. Schools will only be allowed to enter one boat per team. The NHIAA will be a resource to assist in finding a boat; however, the school will ultimately be responsible for securing a boat and captain.
 - Only two anglers, one coach, and one captain will be permitted on the boat at any time (see tournament info).
- Q. All boats must be a minimum of 16 feet in length with the motor trimmed down and have all of the required NH Marine Patrol safety equipment, functional bilge pump, and working live well(s).
- R. The total weight of the eight (8) fish limited to a boat would count for the team total for the tournament. Individual weight will also be recorded for the top fish designated by each boat. The heaviest fish award will be given to each participant of the boat that weighs in the heaviest Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass of the Championship Round.

- S. Ties will be broken, if the poundage is equal, in the following manner;
- First tie breaker shall be the number of fish caught.
 - Second tie breaker shall be the largest fish by weight.
- T. No live bait or trolling is allowed at the tournament; artificial lures only. Only one casting, spin-cast, or spinning rod, eight (8) foot maximum, and reel may be used at any one time.
- U. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional manner. Anyone guilty of catching a fish by means of “snagging” will be disqualified. All spawning bass must be hooked inside the mouth and must be certified by the boat captain to be counted as a legal fish.
- V. Participants must stay in the boat unless they are using a rest room facility or due to some other emergency or malfunction. If an emergency or other malfunction should occur, the boat must contact the tournament director or his/her designee prior to leaving the boat.
- All angler substitutions must take place at a designated area to be selected by the committee, and disseminated with the captain’s information prior to the tournament.
- W. Any transfer of fish from one live well to another live well in another boat due to malfunction must be made in the presence of **another tournament boat.**
- X. Participants may not obtain fishing patterns or locations from a non-competitor’s boat, follow a non-competitor’s boat or participate in the practice of “hole-sitting”; a practice wherein a non-competitor sits on the fishing spot, holding it for a contestant. In addition, non-participants may not place markers for a school. **All of these acts are prohibited and will result in the immediate disqualification of the boat**
- Y. School uniforms must be worn during competitions. School uniforms must be of school colors and have the name of the school and/or the student’s name on them. Any sponsorship the school has secured cannot be displayed on the uniform or the coach/driver of the boat. **In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director has the authority to determine whether apparel is appropriate.**
- Z. Each tournament director shall appoint (in addition to him/herself) a Tournament Committee of at least three (3) participating coaches or school administrators. The decision(s) of the Tournament Committee shall be final in matters pertaining to the NHIAA Bass Fishing Terms and Conditions listed.
- AA. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:
- All participants must adhere to NHIAA By-Law Article IX, Sportsmanship. Any participant, coach and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct shall be disqualified.
- BB. One line may be in the water per student angler, no coach nor captain will be permitted to fish at any time of the tournament.

VII. Tournament Policies:

A. Damage to Property or Equipment:

If contestants or others from any school entered in the tournament are found guilty of maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host site, the school shall be held responsible for costs incurred by replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

B. Media:

- All media must adhere to broadcasting regulations found in NHIAA By-Law Article I Policy.
- Drone usage is strictly prohibited at all bass fishing events.

C. Tobacco Products:

- i. NHIAA By-law Article III, Sports Medicine; Sect. 6: Prohibited Use of Tobacco Products

No coach, game official, athletic team member or player of an NHIAA member school shall use or smoke any tobacco product (smokeless or otherwise) at any NHIAA sponsored or sanctioned event in which the coach, game official, team member or player is involved.

D. Use of Inhalers:

- i. A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an NHIAA competition while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self administration in the NH School Code.

E. Alcohol Beverages and the NHIAA State Events:

- i. The possession, distribution, or sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any NHIAA state contests.

F. Officials:

- i. Official weigh-in supervisors will be assigned by the NHIAA for the tournament.

G. Awards:

- i. Medals (2) will be given (at the final tournament only) in the following categories to the team:
 - Largest by Weight Largemouth Bass – Places 1-2
 - Largest by Weight Smallmouth Bass – Places 1-2
 - Largest Team Total Weight (max 8 fish) – Places 1-5
- ii. Spectator Boats: Spectator boats are allowed on the lake the day of the tournament. Spectator boats must stay a reasonable distance from competitors and may not fish or help competitors in any way. Any spectator wishing to launch a boat from the tournament launch site must wait for all participants to launch.

VIII. Outdoor Environmental Safety:

Lightning:

Lightning is the most consistent and significant weather hazard that may affect outdoor athletics. Within the United States, the National Severe Storm Laboratory (NSSL) estimates that 100 fatalities and 400-500 injuries requiring medical treatment occur from lightning strikes every year. The existence of blue sky and the absence of rain are not protection from lightning. Lightning can, and does, strike as far as 10 miles away from the rain shaft. It does not have to be raining for lightning to strike. Additionally, thunder always accompanies lightning, even though its audible range can be diminished due to background noise in the immediate environment, and its distance from the observer.

The following guidelines are mandatory:

- A. All athletic staff and game personnel are to monitor threatening weather. Establish a chain of command as to who makes the decision to remove a team or individual from athletic sites or events (athletic/site/event director, game officials/umpires, sports medicine staff?). An emergency plan should include planned instructions for participants as well as spectators.
- B. Be aware of potential thunderstorms that may form during scheduled athletic events or practices. Included here should include National Weather Service – issued (NWS) thunderstorm “watches” and “warnings” as well as signs of thunderstorms developing nearby. A “watch” means conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a “warning” means that severe weather has been reported in an area and for everyone to take proper precautions.
- C. Know where the closest “safe structure or location” is to the field or playing area, and know how long it takes to get to that safe structure or location.
Safe structure or location is defined as:
 - i. Any building normally occupied or frequently used by people, i.e., a building with plumbing and /or electrical wiring that acts to electrically ground the structure. Avoid using shower facilities for safe shelter and **do not use** the showers or plumbing facilities during a thunderstorm.
 - ii. In the absence of a sturdy, frequently inhabited building, any vehicle with a hard metal roof (not a convertible or golf cart) and rolled up windows can provide a measure of safety. A vehicle is certainly better than remaining outdoors. It is not the rubber tires that make a vehicle safe shelter, but the hard metal roof which dissipates the lightning strike around the vehicle. **DO NOT TOUCH THE SIDES OF THE VEHICLE!**
- D. WHEN YOU FIRST HEAR THUNDER OR SEE LIGHTING, SUSPEND ACTIVITIES AND GO TO A SAFE SHELTER OR LOCATION. **“IF YOU CAN SEE IT (LIGHTNING), FLEE IT (TAKE SHELTER). IF YOU CAN HEAR IT (THUNDER) CLEAR IT (SUSPEND ACTIVITIES).”** WAIT UNTIL 30 MINUTES AFTER THE LAST OBSERVED LIGHTNING OR THUNDER BEFORE RESUMING ACTIVITIES.

- E. If no safe structure or location is within a reasonable distance, find a thick grove of small trees surrounded by taller trees or a dry ditch. Assume a crouched position on the ground with only the balls of the feet touching the ground, wrap your arms around your knees and lower your head. Minimize contact with the ground, because lightning current often enters a victim through the ground rather than by a direct overhead strike. **MINIMIZE YOUR BODY'S SURFACE AREA, AND MINIMIZE CONTACT WITH THE GROUND! DO NOT LIE FLAT!** Stay away from the tallest trees or objects (such as light poles or flag poles), metal objects (such as bleachers or fences), individual trees, standing pools of water, and open fields. Avoid being the highest object in a field. Do not take shelter under a single, tall tree.
- F. All anglers/coaches must leave the water and go to the nearest bus or secure building.

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 Phone 603-228-8671

2026 CONFIRMATION OF BOAT/CAPTAIN

DUE VIA EMAIL TO NHIAA by Monday, August 10, 2026

School: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Principal: _____

- Schools will only be allowed to enter one boat per team. The NHIAA will be a resource to assist in finding a boat; however the school will ultimately be responsible for securing a boat and captain.
- Every boat must have an adult captain for driving purposes, and only the captain may drive the boat when the outboard motor is in use. A certificate of insurance for the boat must be presented, indicating a minimum of \$300,000 CSL liability coverage.
- All boats must be a minimum of 16 feet in length and have all of the required US Coast Guard safety equipment, functional bilge pump, and working live well(s).
- A "Live Well" - Live well space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive a limit catch of bass by both fishermen using the boat.

SAMPLE FORM

To access this form, log in to the NHIAA website,
and download it from the AD Forms page.

	NAME	Cell Phone Number	Captain?
Head Coach			
Asst. Coach			

Boat and Captain Status:

	Yes	No
Do you have a Boat?		
Do you have a Captain?		

Boat Captain Information:

NAME	Cell Phone Number
	Email Address

Is your Captain available for both dates?

Date	Yes	No
Thursday, September 24, 2026		
Saturday, October 3, 2026		

Please provide a copy of the boat insurance with this form

This form MUST be emailed submitted to the NHIAA Google Drive using the link below:
[Bass Fishing Form Submission](#)

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 Concord, N.H. 03301-8432
 Phone 603-228-8671

2026 BASS FISHING ROSTER

DUE VIA EMAIL TO NHIAA by Monday, September 14, 2026

School: _____
 Athletic Director: _____
 Principal: _____

SAMPLE FORM

To access this form, log in to the NHIAA website,
 and download it from the AD Forms page.

- **Student Information**

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>GRADE</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

- All participants must have a current and valid New Hampshire Fishing License on their person the day of the tournament if they are age 16 or older.
- Schools shall not arrive with their boats until after 6:30 a.m. no exception.
- Safety checks for boats will be done on a first come first serve basis. They will be checked for invasive plants and other species.
- A mandatory pre-tournament meeting will be held on shore for all boat captains & coaches.
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Any changes to a roster must be in accordance with;
 By-Law Article I, Sect. 11: Tournament Rosters

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