

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

Bass Fishing - One Division – 36 Schools (Alpha Order)

2026-27

Bedford	Hillsboro-Deering	Milford	Sanborn
Bishop Brady	Hinsdale	Monadnock	Souhegan
Bishop Guertin	Hollis-Brookline	Moultonborough	Spaulding
Bow	John Stark	Nashua North	Sunapee
Coe-Brown	Kearsarge	Nashua South	Timberlane
Epping	Keene	Newport	Trinity
Fall Mountain	Kingswood	Pinkerton	White Mountains
Gilford	Lebanon	Portsmouth	Windham
Goffstown	Mascoma	Prospect Mountain	Winnacunnet

Sect. 5: Tournament Roster/Selection

Schools may enter one (1) team of up to four (4) anglers.

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