



## Bass Fishing

### I. Sites

- a. **Qualifying:** Center Harbor Public Beach – Lake Winnepesaukee
- b. **Finals:** Lake Sunapee State Park Beach – Lake Sunapee

### II. Important Rule Updates for 2018:

- Student athletes are allowed to use the team gear and or the gear of the captain.
  - 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 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.
- 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. Thursday, September 20, 2018
    - i. All schools should secure their boat/captains. If assistance is needed, notify the NHIAA by Noon on Monday, August 13, 2018 and the NHIAA will attempt to appoint a boat/captain to you if available.
  - f. You may enter up to four anglers on your tournament roster.
    - ii. Rosters are due by Monday, September 17, 2018 and can be found on NHIAA website under your AD Forms.
    - iii. 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.):

- g. Boundary points distinguishing boundaries which are permitted to fish include (a boundary map has been provided in your Captain Information Packet):
  - i. Spindle Point to Hoits Point
  - ii. Belknap Point to Marker Buoy #47 (43 degrees 35.734 N/ 71 degrees 21.586'W)
  - iii. North Tip of Welch Island to Marker Buoy #63 (43 degrees 38.563'N / 71 degrees 21.511' W)
  - iv. Long Island Bridge

#### \*\*\*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.
- h. 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. 36, 35, 34 schools competing = 12 schools qualify)

### IV. Championship Round

- a. Saturday, September 29, 2017; 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 Sunapee all open, no limit
- d. Lake Sunapee State Park Beach Boat Launch

### V. Awards: determined by results of September 29<sup>th</sup> catch only

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place State Championship by total weight Championship plaque and medals
- b. Runner-up State Championship, Runner-up plaque and medals
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place weight Team
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> place weight Team
- e. 5<sup>th</sup> place weight Team
- f. Largest Large Mouth Team
- g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Large Mouth Team
- h. Largest Small Mouth Team
- i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Largest Small Mouth Team