

2021 IHSA BASS FISHING STATE TOURNAMENT

Sectional Tournament Information Sheet

- Site of tournament:** Clinton Lake
- Tournament Manager:** Phil Applebee, phil.applebee@mfschools.net
Work 217-794-3463 x1105 Cell 217-519-3089
- Date:** May 6, 2021. If weather causes this tournament site to be postponed the rescheduled date will be Monday, May 10, 2021.
- Schools entered:** Argenta (A.-Oreana), Bismarck (B.-Henning-Rossville-Alvin), Broadlands (Heritage), Clinton, Farmer City (Blue Ridge) [Coop], Fithian (Oakwood), Mahomet (M.-Seymour), Maroa (M.-Forsyth), Rantoul, St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden), Tolono (Unity), Warrensburg (W.-Latham)
- Check in time/location:** 5:30 a.m.
- Fishing times:** 6:30 a.m. (or safe light) – 2:00 p.m. All sectionals will be set for at least five (5) hours of fishing and cannot exceed eight (8) hours on the water. They might have to be varied because of weather. It is considered a complete tournament if 2 ½ hours of fishing occurred at the sectional tournament. If the tournament is postponed until the next Monday, no fish caught on the original date (Thursday) will count towards the tournament weigh-in on the make-up date. All boats must be back in the designated weigh in area by the appointed end of fishing time, or a boat may be penalized according to the Terms and Conditions.
- Rosters:** Email Team Rosters to Phil Applebee (phil.applebee@mfschools.net) by Monday, May 3. To be turned in at check in – (A Team Roster Form is included the bass fishing manual downloadable on the IHSA website) Please remember, principal’s signature must be on form. If necessary, it can be faxed to Maroa-Forsyth HS at 217-794-5459 (attn. Phil Applebee). If changes are necessary after May 3, be sure they are turned in prior to takeoff.
- Safety check:** All boats must meet the safety check as designated by the State. (See attached list of what is needed to pass this safety check.)
- Equipment check:** All coaches and participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket and protective eye wear the entire time on the boat.
- Lake restrictions:** List of all lake restrictions for all sectionals is included. Please review the restrictions for your assigned lake at the bottom of this sheet. (Such as motor restrictions, no fish areas, etc.)
- Limits:** Each boat must have a bump board and no fish under 12 inches may be kept.
Only 5 fish may be in the live well at any one time in the boat. The five fish limit applies to the team on that boat. The participants may release one fish to replace it with a larger one, if they have met the 5 fish limit. All fish must be kept alive. No dead fish may be culled. Penalty will be assessed for any dead fish. (See Bass Fishing Terms and Conditions.)

- Communication:** All boats are required to have a cell phone and must provide the tournament manager the number of that cell phone in case of an emergency or bad weather conditions.
- Uniforms:** School uniforms can only have the school name and/or logo and the student's name on them. Any sponsorship the school has secured cannot be displayed on the student's uniforms or on the coach/driver of the boat. Sponsorship logos may be displayed on the boats that are in the tournament.
- License:** All participants must have a current Illinois fishing license unless they are under the age of 16.
- Pre- fish at Sectionals:** There is no limit on how many times you pre-fish a sectional lake. Please make sure you have contacted the sectional lake contact person to make any necessary arrangements. Any costs associated with pre-fishing are the responsibility of the school or angler(s).
- Awards:** The top four boats will be provided medallions and there will be medallions for the largest bass presented to the team boat that caught the largest bass.
A plaque will be presented to the winning team.
- State Finals:** The top three boats will advance to the state finals at Carlyle Lake on May 21-22, 2021. Those boats that advance can access state finals qualifying information on the IHSA Bass Fishing website.

Clinton Lake

- Boat Ramp:** Clinton Lake Marina
- Restrictions:** No motor restrictions. Hot water cooling areas will not be open to fish. There is a \$5.00 per boat launch fee. Checks should be made payable to Clinton Lake Marina. No boats are permitted inside the buoys surrounding the dam/spillway area marked "no boats."
- No casting over buoys/cables marking restricted areas (ie. hot water discharge between DeWitt Bridge and Rt 48 Bridge and area near the end of the lake by the power plant). *A decision on further "off-limits" areas will be made on tournament day and announced prior to takeoff.
- The Alabama Rig, or other multiple rig variations, is prohibited during any IHSA Bass Fishing State Series competition.
- District Fisheries Manager:** Mike Garthaus 309-784-4730
- Lake Contact Person:** Jim Capel jim.capel@illinois.gov
- Appeals:** The Tournament Committee shall act as jury of appeals. Schools wishing to make an appeal to the committee concerning a violation of the Terms and Conditions must do so in writing prior to the conclusion of the weigh in of the last fish. All appeals shall be submitted to the tournament manager or his designee. The decision(s) of the tournament committee shall be final in all matters pertaining to the IHSA Bass Fishing Terms and Conditions.