

2025 IHSA BASS FISHING STATE TOURNAMENT

Regional Tournament Information Sheet

Site of tournament:	Lake Mattoon
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Date:	May 15, 2025. If weather causes this tournament site to be postponed the rescheduled date will be Monday, May 19, 2025.
Schools entered:	Arhtur (A.-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond), Bethany (Okaw Valley), Broadlands (Heritage), Charleston, Georgetown (G.-Ridge Farm), Kansas [Coop], Neoga, Shelbyville, Sullivan, Windsor [Coop]
Check in time/location:	Boat checks will begin at 5:45 a.m. All contestants and boat captains must check in and have their "boat safety check" completed before the 6:45 meeting.
Fishing times:	7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All regionals and 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 regional/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:	To be turned in at check in – (A Team Roster Form is included in the bass fishing manual downloadable on the IHSA website). Please remember the principal's signature must be on the form.
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 regionals and 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 Regionals & Sectionals:	There is no limit on how many times you pre-fish regional/sectional lake. Please make sure you have contacted the regional or 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:	A plaque will be presented to the winning team and medallions will be presented to the team boat that caught the largest bass.
Sectional:	The top six boats will advance to the sectional at Clinton Lake on May 22, 2025.
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Boat Ramp:	Lake Mattoon Marina Boat Ramp
Restrictions:	<p>No motor restrictions. Annual Lake Mattoon sticker requirement waived starting Sunday, May 11th through the conclusion of the regionals for teams practicing for and competing in the regionals on Lake Mattoon. Teams must check in at the marina to notify them that they are there to practice for the regionals.</p> <p>The Alabama Rig, or other multiple rig variations, is prohibited during any IHSA Bass Fishing State Series competition.</p>
District Fisheries Manager:	Jim Garavaglia 217-345-2420
Lake Contact Person:	John Wurtsbaugh 217-254-6680
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.