

**REVISED**  
**2008-09 Bass Fishing Series**  
**Terms and Conditions**

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2008-09 IHSA Bass Fishing Tournament Series.

**I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION**

Competition in the IHSA Bass Fishing Tournament Series will be a one class tournament.

**II. DATES AND SITES**

**A. Individual Tournament Series Dates and Sites:**

1) Sectional ..... April, 24, 2009 Friday, Week 42 IHSA calendar  
Tournament sites and team assignments will be posted online.

**Note:** All Sectional tournaments shall be a one-day tournament, with the weather date being the next day (Sat.).

2) State Final Tournament..... May 8 and 9, 2009 Friday and Saturday, Week 44 IHSA calendar

**III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ONLINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2008-09 Entry Policies and Procedures.

**A. Online Entries**

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA Schools Center on the IHSA website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). The deadline for entry is **November 1, 2008**. The 2008-09 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.

**B. Late Entries**

Any attempt to enter a sport or activity online after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

**C. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure)**

To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from Bass Fishing prior the date the List of Participants is due.

If a school withdraws after the List of Participants due date and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

**D. Eligibility**

All member schools in good standing may enter a team. Male and female students may participate in the tournament series.

**All students must meet the eligibility requirement of passing 20 credit hours of class work per week as outlined in the IHSA by-laws.**

**IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS - TBA**

**A. Admission Fees:**

1) In the State Tournament Series, ticket prices will be established by the IHSA Board of Directors.

Rights Fees for TV and Radio:

See the IHSA web site ([www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)) for the fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA for television and cable broadcasts and radio originations.

The Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in these Terms and Conditions.

## V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

Schools will be assigned geographically to the IHSA sectional tournaments. The state finals will have between 40 and 42 boats depending on the number of sectionals needed. An equal number of qualifiers will be taken out of each sectional.

## VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

### A. Individual Tournaments

Sectional time schedules will be announced by the local tournament managers.

Time schedule for the State Final Tournaments:

State Final Schedule

**Thursday, May 7, 2009**

**11:00 a.m. Pre fishing may begin**

**6:30 p.m. Coaches meeting  
Drawing of boat release**

**Friday, May 8, 2009**

**6:00 to 6:30 a.m. Check in  
7:00 a.m. Start of tournament  
3:00 p.m. Participants must be back  
3:00 p.m. First day weigh in begins**

**Saturday, May 9, 2009**

**6:00 to 6:30 a.m. Check in  
7:00 a.m. Start of tournament  
3:00 p.m. Participants must be back  
3:00 p.m. Final day weigh in begins**

**4:30 p.m. Awards**

## VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

### A. Advancements:

1) Sectional: An equal number of team boats will advance from each sectional to the state final, not to exceed 42 boats.

## VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

- A. All sectionals will be set for at least five (5) hours of fishing and can not exceed eight (8) hours on the water. This might have to be varied because of weather. A sectional tournament is considered to be complete if half of the scheduled tournament time has been fished. If the tournament is postponed until the next day, no fish will count towards the next day weigh ins.
- B. If weather shuts down the Sectional once it has been rescheduled for Saturday, the winner will be determined by the fish caught during the time allotted for that sectional on the second day.
- C. State finals will consist of two days of fishing with a maximum of eight (8) hours of fishing each day.
- D. If weather shuts down either day of the State finals once it has started, that day's weight will be determined by the fish caught during the time allotted for that day.
- E. In the state final, if one day is completed and the other day is not able to be fished because of weather, the winner(s) will be determined by the one day weigh in.
- F. All participants must be back in for weigh in by 3:00 p.m. at the sectional and the state final. This would vary only if a weather alert has been issued which might shorten that day's tournament. It is the participant(s) responsibility to make sure the boat is back to the dock by 3:00 p.m.
- G. There will be a pound deduction for every minute a participant(s) is late getting back for weigh ins 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 manager in advance of 3:00 p.m. of any problems that may have occurred.
- H. There will be a five fish limit per boat. Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has five fish in the live well.
- I. Ties will be broken as follows if the poundage is equal. First criteria will be largest fish; second criteria will be number of fish.
- J. All participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. If they do not, disqualification will occur.

- K. Participants must only use the gear that is in the boat when the boat leaves the dock at the start of the day. They may use their own gear or the gear of the captain in the boat.
- L. Every boat must have an adult captain for driving purposes and only that captain can drive when the outboard motor is in use.
- M. Captain of the boat may make suggestions but can not fish in any respect or tie any lures on for the participants.
- N. Team participants of the boat may net the fish for that boat. If a school boat only has one participant on the boat, then the captain of the boat may net fish if asked by the participant.
- O. All fish that are put in the live well must be kept alive. Dead fish will have a ½ pound deduction and cannot count as the largest fish for that boat. All fish will be released immediately after weigh-in.
- P. There will be a speed limit applied to all sectional and state final tournaments. The speed limit will be no faster than 35 mph or the lake requirements if slower than 35 mph.
- Q. Teams of up to three participants per boat may be entered by each school. A school may enter up to two boats; only two of the three students entered for that boat may fish at any one time on that boat. The total weight for each the five fish limited to that boat will count for the team total of that tournament.
- R. Individual weight will also be recorded for the top fish designated by each boat. Largest fish award will be given at each tournament to all participants of the boat that weighs in the largest fish of that tournament.
- S. No live bait or trolling is allowed in the sectional or state final.
- T. Participants must stay completely in the boat unless they are using an authorized rest room facility or they are back at the dock switching participants.
- U. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any participant, coach and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. IHSA By-laws 2.030, 3.151, 6.011 and 6.012 give the Board of Directors complete authority to penalize a school for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the principal, the coach, athletes, or any member of the faculty or Board of Education or any other official representative of any participating school. This authority will definitely be exercised by the Board of Directors.

## IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

**A. State Final Passes:** Each school will receive passes for all qualifiers, a pass for the coach, and a captain's pass to drive the boat. Only people with passes will be allowed on boats.

**B. Damage to Property or Equipment:** If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host site, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

**C. Tobacco Products:** No coach, player or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.

**D. Use of Inhalers:** A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois School Code.

**E. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series Events:** The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

## X. AWARDS

**A.** In all Sectional Tournaments, medals will be awarded to the first, second, third and fourth place boats. A plaque will be awarded to the school winner in the Sectional Bass Fishing Tournament. Individual medallions will be given to the team participants in the boat that caught the largest fish.

**B.** In the Bass Fishing State Final Tournament, individual medallions will be given to the team participants in which that boat caught the largest fish.

**C.** First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to the school boat winners in State Final Bass Fishing Team Tournaments.

In addition, medallions will be presented to the first, second and third place team participants in each class.

**D. Awards Ceremonies:** At all tournaments when participants are receiving awards, they shall wear their school's official uniform. No extra clothing, hats, caps, signs, or other adornment shall be worn or carried at the awards ceremony. If a contestant fails to wear his official school warm-up or uniform, he shall not be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony.

## **XI. OFFICIALS**

Official weigh in supervisors will be assigned by the IHSA for all sectional tournaments and the state finals.