

# Registration Form

## 2020 Rochester Bass Fishing Tournament



The 2020 Rochester Bass Fishing Tournament will be held April 25, 2020 on Lake Springfield. Boat take-offs and weigh-in will take place at the Lake Springfield Marina (17 Waters Edge Blvd, Springfield, IL 62712). The 2020 tournament is limited to the first 30 boats to register via mail. **Entry form deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm**. Tournament Contact: Matt Cochran - [rhsbassfishing@gmail.com](mailto:rhsbassfishing@gmail.com)  
217-725-9194

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- 6:30am Boat Safety Check – Lake Springfield Marina
  - 7:30am Take-Off
  - 2:30pm All Boats off of the Water
  - Weigh-In – Lake Springfield Marina as boats return (early returns must be approved ahead of tournament date)
  - Award Presentation will follow the weigh-in
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High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Boats Participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students Participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: \$10 per participant – Total \$\_\_\_\_\_ (checks made payable to Rochester High School)

By signing this application, we acknowledge the following items:

- 1- The 2020 Rochester Bass Fishing Tournament Rules of Participation presented in this application have been read and we agree to abide by the tournament rules presented.
- 2- We hereby release all District 3A employees, school board approved boat captains, Springfield City Water Light and Power, Lake Springfield Marina, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, tournament directors, agents and sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs, or expenses relating to injury of any persons or damages to any property which we may sustain or which may cause by reason of participating in or connection with this tournament.
- 3- All boats participating in this event must have current liability insurance for the boats being used and can present proof of current boat liability insurance if asked.

Head Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed forms to: Rochester Bass Fishing Tournament, c/o RHS Athletic Office, 1 Rocket Dr, Rochester, IL 62563. Entries received after April 17 will not be processed. Our tournament is limited to the first 30 boats to register via mail.**

## Rochester Bass Fishing Tournament Rules of Participation – modified from IHSA fishing and D230 rules

<p>1. Time: All participants must be back to the weigh-in by 2:30 p.m. This would vary only if a weather alert has been issued which might shorten or lengthen (because of a delay). There will be a one pound deduction for every minute a participant is late getting back for weigh-ins up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for the day.</p> <p>2. Fishing License: All participants, if of mandated age, must have a valid Illinois Fishing License registered through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.</p> <p>3. Limit: There will be a five fish limit (smallmouth, largemouth) per boat. Keeper length is 12" (inches). Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has five fish (5) in the live well. No more than five (5) fish in the live well at any time.</p> <p>4. Dead Fish: All fish that are put in the livewell must be kept alive. Dead fish will have a 1/2 pound deduction and cannot count as the large fish for that boat. Dead fish may not be culled. All fish will be released after the weigh-in.</p> <p>5. Advice: Once competition is underway, contestants may not obtain fishing patterns or locations from non-competitors, follow a non-competitor's boat or participate in the practice of "hole-sitting," a practice wherein a non-competitor sits on a fishing spot, holding it for a contestant. In addition, non-competitors may not place markers for contestants. All of these acts are prohibited and will result in the immediate disqualification of the boat.</p> <p>6. Damage to Property or Equipment: If contestants or people from any school 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.</p> <p>7. If weather forces the tournament to be canceled once the event has begun, the weight will be determined by the fish caught during the time fished and the tournament will be final.</p>	<p>8. Ties: Ties will be broken if the poundage is equal in the following manner: first criteria will be the heaviest fish; second criteria will be the number of fish; third criteria will be a coin flip.</p> <p>9. Coaches: Every boat must have an adult captain for driving purposes, and only that captain can drive when the outboard motor is in use. The Coaches of the boat may make suggestions but cannot fish in any respect or tie on any lures for the participants. The captain or the participants can operate the electric trolling motor.</p> <p>10. Netting: Team participants of the boat are encouraged to net the fish for that boat. A captain of the boat may net fish if asked by the participant. In the interest of fish health, captains can help cull and handle fish on the boat.</p> <p>11. Team Size: Up to four participants per boat may be entered by each school. A school may enter up to two boats where only two of the four students entered for that boat may fish at any one time on that boat. This means only 2 students in the boat. The total weight for each of the five (5) fish limited to that boat will count for the team total of that tournament.</p> <p>12. Big Bass: Individual weight will also be recorded for the big bass designated by each boat. The largest fish award will be given to the participant who catches the big bass.</p> <p>13. Starting positions will be drawn at the mandatory pre-tournament check in. Boats will launch in one flight, approximately 5 to 10 seconds apart from each boat's take off.</p> <p>14. Livewell: Any transfer of fish from one live well to a different live well in another boat due to malfunction must be made in the presence of a tournament director or his designee.</p> <p>15. All no wake zones and areas are NO PASS zones unless the boat being passed is fishing, gives permission to pass, is inoperable, or multiple boat lanes permit a different route to be taken.</p> <p>16. Speed: The speed limit will be no faster than 35 mph.</p>	<p>17. Life Jacket/Eye Protection: All participants must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. If they do not, disqualification may occur. ALSO, all participants must wear eye wear for protection.</p> <p>18. Artificial Baits Only: No live bait or trolling is allowed. Only one pole per person can be used at any given time.</p> <p>19. Gear: 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. If an alternate is used in the tournament, the gear of the alternate can be secured in an off-boat area and can be added once the alternate is picked up.</p> <p>20. Location: Participants must stay completely in the boat unless they are using an authorized rest room facility, are back at the dock switching participants, or due to some other emergency or malfunction. If an emergency or malfunction occurs, the boat must contact a tournament director before leaving the boat.</p> <p>21. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Tournament directors can disqualify any participant, coach, and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. Tournament Directors have complete authority to penalize a school for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any person associated with the violating team.</p> <p>22. A tournament day lake permit will be issued to participants for Lake Springfield.</p> <p>23. Violations: Any team wishing to make a formal complaint must do so in writing to the tournament directors within 30 minutes of the end of the tournament. The tournament directors will make all final decisions regarding disqualification.</p> <p>24. Additional rules or details may be sent via e-mail as needed.</p>
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**2020 Captain and Participant Information:**

Boat #1: Boat Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student 1:	Student 2:
Student 3:	Student 4:

Boat #2: Boat Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student 1:	Student 2:
Student 3:	Student 4:

Boat #3: Boat Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student 1:	Student 2:
Student 3:	Student 4:

Boat #4: Boat Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student 1:	Student 2:
Student 3:	Student 4:

If additional boats are entered, this page can be duplicated.

## Fish Handling Guidelines

The care of fish caught during the tournament is important. Maximum survival of fish in livewells but also following release is a goal for everyone. We will utilize the following guidelines to reduce fish stress during and after the event to the extent possible.

- 1- All participants must use properly aerated live wells.
- 2- Maintain good water quality in the livewells by exchanging water in the livewell every two hours
- 3- Utilize a non-puncture culling system to limit the number of times fish are handled
- 4- Limit time fish are kept in tournament bags. Multiple fish in a tournament bag can deplete oxygen in minutes. Plan your removal time from the livewells carefully to avoid long times in the tournament bag.
- 5- Get water back on fish as quickly as possible. If you need to take a picture, give fish a few minutes in water before pulling them out again after weighing in.
- 6- Fish should be returned to lake away from boat traffic and into water 3' in depth or greater. Please use designated area for the tournament.
- 7- If necessary due to a large number of entries, flights may be employed to stagger the weigh-in times.