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10th Annual 2019 High School Fishing World Finals & National Championship DUAL event Florence, AL, June 18-22, 2019

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TBF, SAF and FLW are pleased to host the **2019 High School Fishing National Championship** in conjunction with the premier event in all of High School Fishing, the **10th annual 2019 High School Fishing World Finals**, so that qualified anglers can compete for a \$10,000 cash National Championship scholarship from FLW and High School Fishing's richest scholarships and biggest prizes in the World Finals, all at the same time. **More than \$2.78 MILLION in scholarships & prizes are offered this year at the 10th Annual High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship combined event! DO NOT MISS**

Competition Waters:

Pickwick Lake only - **Wilson Lock is broken and out of service as of June 13th**

Important reminders:

- PLEASE read the rules that govern the 2019 High School Fishing World Finals, which will also govern the concurrent National Championship on highschoolfishing.org, **there are limits to WHEN you can fish and WHO you can fish with. Youth Safe Sports Act compliant - 3 people to a boat - NO EXCEPTIONS.** [Click here to download the rules.](#)
- Everyone MUST pre-register for the 2019 High School Fishing World Finals & (if qualified) National Championship online. Any SAF members from anywhere can register and compete in the World Finals. ALL National Championship qualified teams eligible to compete in the National Championship will be pulled from the 2019 World Finals registration list. **So, everyone must register for the World Finals.** No one can register alone. Two-person teams only may register.

Practice & Off-limits:

- Competition waters are off-limits starting at 5 pm on Sunday, June 9 through safe light on Sunday, June 16.
- The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted after June 9.
- Starting with the official off-limits at 5 pm on Sunday, June 9 and continuing through the final weigh-in, competitors cannot solicit, receive or gather any information via phone, electronic device or any other means with regard to locating or catching fish on the championship waters unless that information comes from another 2019 competitor or boat captain. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Boat Operation:

Boat captains/coaches will supply and drive boats for their teams. **To qualify as a boat captain/coach, SEE RULE 22.** Teams are specifically PROHIBITED from recruiting a "local" boat captain just for this event. TBF reserves the right to reject ANY boat captain. Every team must bring their own boat and boat captain. TBF will NOT provide a boat or boat

Takeoff & Weigh-in:

- [McFarland Park](#)
200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence, AL 35630
256.740.8817

Registration & Pretournament Meeting:

- Florence Lauderdale Coliseum
702 Veterans Drive, Florence, AL 35630

Maps:

- Click [here](#) for an interactive map showing takeoff and weigh-in locations, registration, housing and boundaries.

Hosts:

- [Florence/Lauderdale Tourism](#)
200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence, AL 35630
888.356.8687

Items to Bring:

- Copy of your most recent grade card and/or proof of most recent GPA
- Photo copy of your birth certificate
- A liability release signed by both anglers and the boat captain, with parent permission where required. (Available onsite and online as part of the rules download.)
- Valid Alabama fishing license if 16 or older
- Personal floatation device
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Fishing tackle
- Rain suit
- Jersey or shirt representing your school

captain except in an onsite emergency, extreme circumstance, or only in very limited fashion if available. Student anglers CAN operate the trolling motor. The boat captain has sole discretion to veto any selected location for safety reasons.

Catch & Size Limit:

- Three bass per team, per day, minimum 15-inch smallmouth, largemouth and spotted bass.

License Requirement:

- An Alabama fishing license is required for students age 16 and older. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Housing:

- There are a number of host hotels for your lodging needs, a full list is provided on highschoolfishing.org. Be sure to let them know you are with the SAF's High School Fishing World Finals/National Championship.

Format:

- **Competition Days 1-2 (Wednesday & Thursday): High School Fishing World Finals (HSFWF) Elimination Rounds & National Championship (NC)**

NC The top 10 percent of teams from the 2018/19 SAF State Championships, TBF Challenge events and the FLW Opens, held prior to June 9, 2019, compete for the High School Fishing National Championship title.

- The top 10 teams based on heaviest two-day catch advance to the Day 3 NC Finals. All others continue on in the HSFWF.

HSFWF All teams compete for the High School Fishing World Finals title.

- The top two teams from each state based on heaviest two-day catch advance to the Day 3 Semifinals.
- All other teams based on heaviest two-day catch advance to the Day 3 Second-Chance Round.

- **Day 3 (Friday): High School Fishing World Finals, Semifinal & Second-Chance Round and National Championship Finals**

NC Top 10 National Championship teams based on heaviest two-day catch compete.

- National Championship title awarded, determined by heaviest three-day catch.
- All 10 National Championship finalists advance to Saturday's HSFWF Top 31 Title Round.

HSFWF Weights are zeroed and the top 2 teams from each state based on heaviest two-day catch continue in the HSFWF Semifinals. All others compete in Second Chance Round.

- Top 10 from the Semifinals automatically advance and the next 10 overall from both the Semifinals and Second-Chance Round standings combined advance. These 20 advance to the Top 31 Title Round.
- The final team advancing to the Top 31 Title Round is drawn at random from the full competitors list in the Lucky Dog Last Chance Wildcard drawing at the Friday night party. (Must be present to win.)

- **Day 4 (Saturday): High School Fishing World Finals Top 31 Title Round – Test of the Best**

HSFWF Weights are zeroed and the World Champion title is determined by the day's heaviest catch

Schedule:

- **Tuesday, June 18**

- 2-5:30 pm Mandatory registration at Florence Lauderdale Coliseum, 702 Veterans Drive, Florence, AL. 35630. All competitors must check in **BEFORE** 5:30 pm CST. **COME EARLY - check in leave, eat dinner, work on tackle, etc. and come back before 6 pm MANDATORY MEETING - DO NOT WAIT until 5:30 pm to show up last minute to register on-site.**

- 6-7:30 pm Mandatory rules briefing at Florence Lauderdale Coliseum all teams must attend.

- **Wednesday, June 19 Day 1 Competition, Full Field Competes – McFarland Park National Championship & HSFWF**

- 5:30 am Takeoff begins

- 1:30 pm Day 1 weigh-in begins at McFarland Park and LIVE on highschoolfishing.org

- **Thursday, June 20** **Day 2 Competition, Full Field Competes – McFarland Park National Championship & High School Fishing World Finals Cut Day**
 – 5:30 am Takeoff begins
 – 1:30 pm Day 2 weigh-in begins at McFarland Park and LIVE on highschoolfishing.org
- **Friday, June 21** **Day 3 National Championship Top 10 Finals – Champions Crowned High School Fishing World Finals – Semifinals & Second-Chance round**
 – 5:30 am Takeoff begins
 – 1:30 pm Day 3 weigh-in begins at McFarland Park and LIVE on highschoolfishing.org
 – 1:30 pm Top 10 National Championship weigh-in first – National Champions crowned – Each member of the winning team receives a \$5,000 scholarship to the school of choice.
 – 2 pm HSFWF Second-Chance weigh-in begins followed by the HSFWF Semifinals weigh-in – Top 10 from the Semifinals and the next 10 overall from the combined Semifinals and Second-Chance round standings advance to final day.
 – 6-9 pm Party/game night & Senior Night gifts for all seniors! Details TBA – Games, food, fun & prizes! Lucky Dog last chance drawing. (Must be present to win.)
- **Saturday, June 22** **Day 4 High School Fishing World Finals Top 31 Title Round – OVER \$1 Million in Scholarships and Prizes offered!**
 – 5:30 am Takeoff begins
 – 1:30 pm Day 4 High School Fishing World Finals weigh-in begins at McFarland Park and LIVE on highschoolfishing.org.

OVER \$2.8 MILLION in scholarships and prizes will be awarded in 2019 at the 10th Annual High School Fishing World Finals & National Championship, it's the richest event in High School Fishing!

Be sure to attend the final day weigh-in for your chance at MUST be present to win prizes! We hope you have a great stay and a safe trip home from Florence, Alabama.

2020 - The 11th annual World Finals & National Championship event in 2020 will be held on the Mississippi River at La Crosse, WI. Qualifying for this events National Championship portion runs from June 10, 2019, through June 15, 2020.

2021 - The 12th annual World Finals and National Championship event 2021 will be held on Lake Hartwell in South Carolina. Qualifying for this events National Championship portion runs from June 15, 2020, through June 14, 2021.

