



**FACT SHEET – 14th Annual High School Fishing World Finals & National Championship**

La Crosse, WI. – Mississippi Rvr. Pool 7, 8, 9

Wednesday-Saturday, June 21-24, 2023, On-Site Tournament Director: 580-716-4261



<p><b><u>Registration/Rules Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Onalaska Omni Center 255 Riders Club Rd Onalaska, WI 54650</p> <p><b>Date:</b> Tuesday, June 20, 2023 <b>COME EARLY to avoid crowds, then come back for the 5:30 meeting. DO NOT bring boats to the Omni Center</b></p> <p><b>Registration Times:</b> 12:00p.m. – Registration Opens 5:00p.m. – Registration Closes. <b>5:30p.m. – Mandatory briefing</b></p> <p>No Teams are allowed on the water and ALL practice MUST cease at 12 noon the day of registration, until the tournament begins.</p>	<p><b><u>Launch/Weigh-In</u></b></p> <p><u>Launch at any ramp in pool 8</u> (Multiple ramps in pool 8)</p> <p><b><u>Main Launch Location:</u></b> Veterans Freedom Park, 1 Clinton Street, La Crosse, WI 54603</p> <p><b><u>Weigh-in area (Across the bridge from Main Launch)</u></b> Copeland Park, 1218 Copeland Park Dr, La Crosse, WI 54603</p> <p>Take-off will begin at 5:30a.m or first safe light thereafter.</p> <p>Weigh-in begins daily: 1:30p.m. LIVE online at <a href="http://HighSchoolFishing.org">HighSchoolFishing.org</a></p> <p><b><u>Tournament Director</u></b> Randy Sullivan, 580-716-4261 <a href="mailto:randy@federationangler.com">randy@federationangler.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Required Items and Safety Equipment</u></b></p> <p>It is the responsibility of participants to have ALL required state and federal safety equipment on board and ALL permits, licenses, passes or stamps, required.</p> <p>At time of inspection each morning, be prepared to display 1 life jacket for each angler; 1 throwable PFD; and, demonstrate functioning kill switch.</p> <p>Inspection will be held during lineup for takeoff. Live wells must be empty.</p> <p>Anglers 16 years old or older, (over 15 in Iowa <u>only</u> waters) are required to have a valid fishing license/ permit, if applicable by law.</p>
<p><b><u>Fish Limits</u></b></p> <p>Largemouth &amp; Smallmouth bass 14" inches and over.</p> <p>Anglers are allowed to weigh a limit of three (3) fish per team unless otherwise required by law or tournament officials.</p> <p>Fish presented which fails to measure the official length limits shall accrue penalties at the rate of one (1) pound for each non-legal fish plus loss of the fish. An 8-ounce deduction will be made for each fish presented that is determined to be non-releasable.</p>	<p><b><u>Site Host</u></b></p> <p>La Crosse County CVB 410 Veterans Memorial Drive La Crosse, WI 54601 608.782.2250</p> <p><a href="http://explorelacrosse.com">explorelacrosse.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/explorelacrosse">https://www.facebook.com/explorelacrosse</a></p> <p><b>Local Area Lodging List</b> <b><u>CLICK HERE</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Boundaries</u></b></p> <p>Mississippi River pools 7, 8, 9 LOCK AT YOUR OWN RISK, Launch in pool 8.</p> <p>Any waters within these boundaries posted "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal agencies will be off limits. Any live release areas established by the Tournament Director or announced at the pre-tournament briefing will be off limits. Only that water open to all public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any waters closed to public fishing will be closed to this tournament's contestants. All local, state and federal regulations apply.</p> <p><b><u>OFF LIMITS MAP</u></b></p>
<p>CLEAN DRAIN &amp; DRY YOUR BOATS BEFORE LEAVING HOME &amp; AFTER EACH EVENT!</p> <p>HELP STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.</p> <p><b>Sign up for the FREE e-newsletter at: <a href="http://HighSchoolFishing.org">HighSchoolFishing.org</a></b></p>	<p>Each team must bring a completed &amp; signed liability release to registration. - <b><u>Liability Release Form</u></b></p> <p>Please read the Official 2023 High School Fishing World Finals &amp; National Championship rules carefully - <b><u>Rules</u></b></p>	<p>Please read the DNR rules on fishing licenses for MN, WI, IA boundary waters carefully and understand them. <b><u>click HERE for DNR RULES</u></b></p> <p>If you go outside these defined river boundaries completely into another state's waters you may need those states fishing license as well.</p>