



2025 KHSAA State Championship on Lake Cumberland **Hosted by Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission** **May 9-10, 2025**

Tournament Director:

- Scott Ellison
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High School Fishing Contacts:

- Joey Bray, National Youth Director SAF\TBF
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- Scott Ellison, MLF
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Competition Waters:

- Lake Cumberland

Lodging:

- Please contact Lake Cumberland Tourism at (270) 866-4333

Practice:

- Competition waters are open for practice until 6 p.m. May 8.
- The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services will not be permitted after April 24.

Boat Operation:

- Contestants are not permitted to drive the boat when the combustion engine is in operation during tournament hours. Each boat will be driven by a coach or volunteer driver. Contestants may operate the trolling motor. Coaches and volunteers may provide assistance, including information about locating and catching fish, but are not permitted to fish.

Catch and Size Limit:

- Five bass per team; 12" Spotted Bass, 15" Largemouth and 18" smallmouth

License Requirement:

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

Format:

- The qualifying teams from each of the four 2025 KHSAA Bass Fishing Regionals are invited to compete. Each team can weigh a maximum of five bass each day. The 2025 KHSAA Bass Fishing Champions are determined by the heaviest two-day catch. Ties will be broken first by heaviest bass from either day of competition then by total number of bass.

KHSAA Contact:

- Darren Bilberry
859.299.5472 or dbilberry@khsaa.org

Registration:

- All qualified teams must register online at HighSchoolFishing.org by 5 p.m. Central time Monday, May 5.

Mandatory Check-in:

- Thursday, May 8, 6-7 p.m.
- Russell Co Auditorium Natatorium Complex
2167 US 127 Russell Springs, KY 42642
- Anglers, coaches & captains must attend.
- Pretournament meeting immediately following check-in.

Host/Housing:

- Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission
650 S. Highway 127
Russell Springs KY 42642
lakecumberlandvacation.com

Takeoff and Weigh-in:

- Friday & Saturday, May 9-10
- Takeoff: 6:30 a.m. All-Female Division First
- Weigh-in: 2:30 p.m. All-Female Division
- Weigh-in: 2:45 p.m. Co-ed Division
- Halcomb's Landing
East of Wolf Creek Dam on US 127
Jamestown, KY 42629

Items to Bring:

- Signed [liability release](#)
- Personal floatation device
- Valid student ID
- Valid Kentucky fishing license if 16 or older
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Rods and reels
- Line cutters & needle-nose pliers
- Lures & tackle
- Rainsuit
- Jersey or shirt representing your school

Rules:

- KHSAA, the Student Angler Federation and MLF expect strict adherence to the following rules by all contestants. KHSAA, SAF and MLF also recommend the use of livewell additives to help promote the healthy release of bass. In the event of an emergency, please call 911 first and then notify the tournament director. Click [here](#) for the complete KHSAA Bass Fishing rules (pages 61-64).

Schedule:

Please note all times listed are Central time

- **Thursday, May 8**

- 6 – 7 p.m. Check-in at the Russell County Auditorium Natatorium Complex
- 7:05 – 7:45 p.m. Rules meeting in person at the Russell County Auditorium Natatorium Complex

- **Friday, May 9**

- 5:45 a.m. All teams report to Halcomb's Landing
- 6:15 a.m. All boats must be in the water and staged by the ramp at Halcomb's Landing
- 6:30 a.m. Takeoff (Boats 1-90) at Halcomb's Landing
 - All-Female Division launches first (boat # TBD)
- 2:45 p.m. Weigh-in at Halcomb's Landing
 - **Check-in at boat**
 - **2:30 p.m. All-Female Division Flight**
 - **2:45 p.m. 1st Coed Division Flight (Boats 1-30)**
 - **3 p.m. 2nd Coed Division Flight (Boats 31-60)**
 - **3:15 p.m. 3rd Coed Division Flight (Boats 61-90)**

- **Saturday, May 10**

- 5:45 a.m. All teams report to Halcomb's Landing
- 6:15 a.m. All boats must be in the water and staged by ramp at Halcomb's Landing
- 6:30 a.m. Takeoff (Boats 90-1) at Halcomb's Landing
 - All-Female Division launches first (boat # TBD)
- 2:45 p.m. Weigh-in at Halcomb's Landing
 - **Check-in at boat**
 - **2:30 p.m. All-Female Division Flight**
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