



FACT SHEET – Arkansas State Championship

Hot Springs, AR – Lake Hamilton

Saturday, May 23, 2026

On-Site Tournament Director Hotline: 580-716-4251

SAF Tournament Director Joey Bray: 580-716-4251



<u>Check-in/Rules Meeting</u> <u>Location:</u> Lake Hamilton Hatchery Ramp 350 Fish Hatchery Road Hot Springs, AR 71913 <u>Date:</u> Friday, May 22, 2026 <u>Check-in Times:</u> 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – Mandatory rules briefing begins. No teams are allowed to be on the water after the start of registration, until the tournament begins.	<u>Launch/Weigh-In</u> <u>Launch Location:</u> Lake Hamilton Hatchery Ramp 350 Fish Hatchery Road Hot Springs, AR 71913 Take-off will begin at 6:30 a.m. or first safe light thereafter. Weigh-in begins: 2:30 p.m.	<u>Required Items and Safety Equipment</u> It is the responsibility of each participant to have ALL required state and federal safety equipment on board as well as, ALL permits licenses, passes or stamps, Etc. required. At time of inspection each morning, be prepared to properly display 1 life jacket for each angler; 1 throwable PFD; and, demonstrate functioning kill switch. Inspection will be held during lineup for takeoff. Live wells must be empty. Anglers are required to have a valid Arkansas fishing license/ permit, if applicable by law.
<u>Fish Limits</u> Largemouth, Smallmouth & Spotted Bass 12" minimum Anglers are allowed to weigh a limit of five (5) fish per team unless otherwise required by law or tournament officials. 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.	<u>Tournament Director</u> Joey Bray 580-716-4251 joey@federationangler.com Hosted by: Visit Hot Springs	<u>Boundaries</u> Lake Hamilton. 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 will be off limits. That as well as any additional off limits will be announced at the pre-tournament briefing. 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.
CLEAN DRAIN & DRY YOUR BOATS BEFORE LEAVING HOME & AFTER EACH EVENT! HELP STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES. Sign up for the FREE e-newsletter at: HighSchoolFishing.org	Each team must bring a completed & signed liability waiver to the pre-tournament registration meeting. Liability Release Form Rules	Please read the Official 2025-2026 school year HSF State, Open & Challenges Rules carefully!