



FACT SHEET – Montana State Championship
 Trout Creek, MT – Noxon Reservoir
 Saturday, May 16, 2026
 On-Site Tournament Director Hotline: 406-249-1132
 SAF Tournament Director Joey Bray: 580-716-4251



<u>Check-in/Rules Meeting</u> Location: Lakeside Hotel & Resort 2955 Hwy 200 Trout Creek, MT 59874 Date: Friday, May 15, 2026 - All boats must be off the water by 3:00p.m. Check-in Times: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 7:00 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> Launch Location: Lakeside Resort Dock 2955 Hwy 200 Trout Creek, MT 59874 Take-off will begin at 6:00 a.m. or first safe light thereafter. Weigh-in begins: 3:00 p.m. <u>Out of state boats require an inspection from the Montana FWP for aquatic invasive species. Contact the Montana FWP for locations.</u>	<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 Montana fishing license/ permit, if applicable by law.
<u>Fish Limits</u> 12" minimum on Largemouth, smallmouth, spotted bass 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> Randy Siemens 406-249-1132 montanastudentanglers@gmail.com <u>Host Hotel</u> Lakeside Resort 2955 Hwy 200 Trout Creek, MT 59874 406-827-4458	<u>Boundaries</u> Noxon Reservoir. 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!