



FACT SHEET – Georgia State Championship
Hartwell, GA – Lake Hartwell
Saturday, April 4, 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> Hart County HS Fine Arts Center 59 5th Street Hartwell, GA 30643 <u>Date:</u> Friday, April 3, 2026 <u>Check-in Times:</u> 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. EST 6:30 p.m. EST – 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> Gum Branch Mega Ramp 1352 Vanna Waller Road Hartwell, GA 30643 Take-off will begin at 7:00 a.m. EST or first safe light thereafter. Weigh-in begins: 3:00 p.m. EST <u>Hosted by:</u> DISCOVER <i>Hartwell</i> GA	<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 Georgia 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 <u>Host Hotels</u> Quality Inn - \$84 per night 706-309-0499 Hampton Inn - \$159 per night 706-376-4700 Mention the Chamber at time of booking Places To Stay Discover Hartwell	<u>Boundaries</u> Lake Hartwell only. 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!