



2026 KHSAA Region 1: Barkley & Kentucky Lakes, Kuttawa, KY

April 25, 2026

Tournament Director:

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Competition Waters:

- Barkley and Kentucky Lakes. Barkley Dam south to the Highway 79 Bridge and Kentucky Dam south to the 68/80 bridge. You can fish the bridges, but not beyond them.

Practice:

- Competition waters are open for practice until 5:30 p.m. April 24.
- The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services will not be permitted after April 10.

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; minimum 15 on all bass.

License Requirement:

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

Format:

- For the co-ed competition, a minimum of 16 boats will advance to the KHSAA State Championship from each region with the remaining 26 boats qualifying based on the ratio of boats entering the water at the regional championship to the number of total boats in all of the regions.
- For the All-female Division competition, the number of qualifying boats will advance to the KHSAA State Championship based on the ratio of boats entering the water at the regional championship to the number of total boats in all of the regions.

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).

KHSAA Contact:

- Darren Bilberry
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Registration:

- All teams must register online at HighSchoolFishing.org by 5 p.m. Central time Monday, April 20.

On-site Check-in:

- Friday, April 24, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Kuttawa Harbor Marina
1709 Lake Barkley Drive
Kuttawa, KY 42055
- Anglers, coaches & captains must attend.
- Pretournament meeting immediately following check-in.

Takeoff and Weigh-in:

- Saturday, April 25
- 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
- Kuttawa Harbor Marina
1709 Lake Barkley Drive
Kuttawa, KY 42055

Host and Housing:

- [Lake Barkley Tourist Commission](#)
82 Days Inn Drive
Kuttawa, KY 42055
270.388.5300

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