



**FACT SHEET – HSFWF & National Championship**  
 Lake Cumberland, Russell Springs, KY  
 Wednesday, June 24-27, 2026  
 On-Site Tournament Director Hotline: 580-716-4251  
 TBF Senior Tournament Director Joey Bray



**Russell Springs is CENTRAL TIME ZONE, (CST) all functions & activities will be CST.**

<p><b><u>Off Limits &amp; Practice</u></b>  <b><u>READ THE RULES CAREFULLY</u></b></p> <p>Off limits begins Sunday night, June 14<sup>th</sup> until start of designated practice days which are June 21, 22 all day &amp; June 23 until noon.</p> <p>Rules such as lifejacket use, engine stop switch use and sportsmanship also apply on those designated practice days.</p> <p>If both team members choose to practice on June 21, 22 or on June 23 until the 12 noon deadline, they must do so in the same boat and with a legal Boat Captain.  <b><u>READ THE RULES CAREFULLY</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Registration/Rules Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Russell County High School        2166 US-127N        Russell Springs, KY. 42642</p> <p><b>Date:</b> Tuesday, June 23, 2026 – <b>DO NOT bring boats to registration.</b></p> <p><b>Registration Times:</b>        1:00 p.m. – Registration Opens        5:00 p.m. – Registration Closes  <b>5:30 p.m. – Mandatory rules briefing begins</b></p>	<p><b><u>Launch/Weigh -In</u></b></p> <p><b>Daily Weigh-In:</b>        Russell County Jaycees Fair Grounds        2000 Lakeway Dr., Russell Springs, KY</p> <p><b>Launch Location:</b> MULTIPLE Ramps will be assigned at registration</p> <p><b>Take off</b> will be on the water near <u>the Dam</u> and streamed live for the families.        Daily Take-off will begin at 6:00 a.m. or first safe light.        Weigh-in begins at 1:30 p.m. daily at Fair Grounds</p> <p><b>CLEAN DRAIN &amp; DRY</b>  <b>YOUR BOATS BEFORE LEAVING HOME &amp; AFTER EACH EVENT!</b>  <b>HELP STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES</b></p>
<p><b><u>Fish Limits</u></b></p> <p>Largemouth AND Spotted Bass 15” and over        Smallmouth 18” and over.</p> <p>Anglers are allowed to weigh a limit of three (3) fish per team unless otherwise required by law or tournament officials.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b><u>Site Host and Lodging</u></b></p> <p>Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission        Danielle Wilson  <a href="mailto:director@lakecumberlandvacation.com">director@lakecumberlandvacation.com</a>        650 S HWY 127,        Russell Springs, KY        (270)-566-1672  <a href="#">Lake Cumberland KY - Lake Cumberland Vacation</a>  <a href="#">Lake Cumberland Rentals - Accommodations</a></p>	<p><b><u>Required Items and Safety Equipment</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Inspection will be held during lineup for takeoff. Live wells must be empty.        Anglers are required to have a valid Kentucky fishing license/ permit, if applicable by law.</p>
<p><b>Sign up for FREE newsletter at: <a href="http://HighSchoolFishing.org">HighSchoolFishing.org</a></b></p> <p><b><u>Event Tournament Director</u></b>        Joey Bray –  <a href="mailto:joey@federationangler.com">joey@federationangler.com</a>        580-716-4251</p>	<p><b>Each team must bring a completed &amp; signed liability waiver to the pre-tournament registration meeting.</b></p> <p><b><a href="#">Liability Release Form Click Here</a></b></p> <p>Please read the official 2026 school year High School Fishing World Finals &amp; National Championship rules carefully!</p> <p><b><a href="#">Rules Click Here</a></b></p>	<p><b><u>Boundaries</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>