FACT SHEET – New York State Championship
Paradox,, NY – Paradox Lake
Saturday, September 12, 2026
On-Site Tournament Director Hotline: 845-332-2369
SAF Tournament Director Joey Bray: 580-716-4251

Check-in/Rules Meeting **Location:** Paradox Lake State Park 897 NYS Route 74 Paradox, NY 12858-1707 **Date:** Saturday, September 12, 2026 **Check-in Times:** 5:00 a.m. – 5:30 a.m. ***5:30 a.m. – Mandatory rules briefing begins.***	**Launch/Weigh-In** **Launch Location**: Paradox Lake State Park 897 NYS Route 74 Paradox, NY 12858-1707 Take-off will begin at 6:00 a.m. or first safe light thereafter. Weigh-in begins: 2:00 p.m.	**Required Items and Safety Equipment** 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 New York fishing license/ permit, if applicable by law.
Fish Limits 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.	**Tournament Director** Marc Hildenbrand 845-332-2369 nylegacyjrbass@gmail.com	**Boundaries** Paradox Lake. 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!