

Ideas for Proposed Format for State Bass Fishing Championship

- 1. School Classifications: Open classification. All schools, classes 1A through 6A compete against each other in State Sectionals and the State Championship.**
- 2. Team Selection: Individual schools will be responsible for the selection of their four team members. This can be accomplished through a casting challenge or a qualifying tournament put on by individual schools.**
- 3. Team Format: Schools will fish as a four man team. Two boats per school. Two students per boat. Total weight for all four team member's count for that school. Each member will weigh their fish separately for their team.**
- 4. Individual Honors: The team member who brings the heaviest stringer of fish to the scales will crowned the individual champion.**
- 5. Boat Operation: All boats will be operated by a school official/coach or school representative. Students will be allowed to operate trolling motors during competition days.**
- 6. Travel: All students participating in state sectional and state championship tournaments will be responsible for hotel and travel expenses. Qualifying schools and sponsors to provide funding for students at their discretion.**

Missouri State High School Bass Fishing

Responsibilities of Participating Schools

- 1. Team Selection: Each school will be responsible for selecting their four team members for their school.**

Ideas for selection:

- a. **Casting Challenge:** Any student wanting to make the team would be required to compete in a casting challenge. This could be held in your gyms. Points would be rewarded for casting accuracy at different distances.
- b. **Qualifying Tournament:** This would be a qualifying tournament organized by individual schools at a local lake, pond, or stream. Could be run through Summer School Programs.

2. **Boat Operation for Regional and State Events:**

- a. All boats used in Regional and State qualifying events will be operated during tournament hours by a school administrator, coach, or local volunteer.
- b. Students are allowed to use electric trolling motors on boats at various fishing locations throughout the day. No students are allowed to operate the big motor on boats at any time.

3. **Travel and lodging:**

- a. All costs incurred to participate in Missouri State High School Bass Fishing is the responsibility of the individual schools or participants.