

SPI West Michigan High School Bass Series 2019 Information and Rules

Entry Fee is \$50/team. Each adult "supervisor" and each student will receive a shirt. Lunch will be provided at the end of the tournament.

- 1) Grand Haven River Tournament, May 4- We will launch from the Harbon Island, Grand Haven Municipal Launch.
- 2) Gull Lake Tournament, May 11- We will launch from the Prairieville Township Launch
- 3) Muskegon Lake Tournament, May 18- We will launch from Fishermans Landing (Giddings St)
 - a. In order to fish in this tournament you need to fish in at least 1 prior tournament. This is because this is when we will be giving away the most prizes.
- 4) You must pre-register at least 3 days prior to the tournament in order to fish in the tournament.
- 5) Tournaments will be a shot-gun start based on flights drawn at registration. We will be starting each event at 8:00am which means you need to be there early enough to register and get ready by 8:00am. The tournament is done at 1:00pm which means all boats need to be at the launch area and not fishing by 1:00, any late boats will be penalized.
- 6) Teams will be made up of One adult supervisor (Official, not Guide or Coach) and up to two High School Students. The adult is an "official" not a guide or coach (this is a high school tournament, not an adult tournament). **The adult must drive the boat with combustible motor running.** The adult may NOT fish in this tournament. The official measures, weighs, and records the catch. We will allow a parent to be in the boat with his/her child.
- 7) Check-in instructions along with scales will be handed out morning of the tournament at registration.
- 8) This will be a catch and immediate release tournament. That means when you catch a bass, you immediately check to make sure it is legal size (At least 14" lying flat, mouth closed, tail pinched), then immediate put it on the digital scale. Take a picture of the fish on the scale (also record each fish's weight on the log given out), and then release them immediately. Do not lay them in the boat and **DO NOT PUT ANY BASS** in your livewell. You will then text the picture of the bass to a number given to you on the morning of the tournament.
- 9) The top five Bass legal size (Largemouth or Smallmouth) will be counted for each team, but record each legal fish caught. On the log, indicate if it is a large mouth or smallmouth (LM or SM).
- 10) Total weight determines the winning team. Awards will be given out to the top places. We also will give a trophy for the biggest bass caught by a team. A school trophy will also be given out to the school that places the heaviest weight combined by the top two teams from each school.
- 11) Participants in this tournament are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy.
- 12) All State and local regulations must be followed. This includes a fishing license for competitors 17 and older (official does not need a fishing license).
- 13) **All competitors must wear their life jackets when their combustible engine is running.**
- 14) Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco (smoking or chewing) will not be permitted or tolerated at this event and will result in automatic disqualification.
- 15) Only one rod and reel may be used at a time. **Artificial lures only** (except pork strips). **No trolling.**
- 16) No fishing will be allowed within 50 yards of an anchored competitor's boat. A boat is considered anchored if it is held in a stable position by a rope attached to an anchor or by a power pole, with the trolling motor in the up position.