

TACKLE SYSTEMS Shabbona Lake Spring Fishing Tournament

Sponsored by: Plano Tackle Systems

Who: All high schools involved in IHSA Bass Fishing and/or Illinois B.A.S.S. members

What: This fishing tournament is designed to give experience to any students/schools interested in participating in the IHSA fishing tournaments.

When: Saturday, April 30th, 2016

Where: Shabbona Lake (Meet at Boat Launch). You MUST check-in before launching.

Entry Fee: \$25 per boat (pay at ramp) \$20.00 per angler additional fee if fishing B.A.S.S. qualifying event

Awards: Trophies for the top three teams. Individual award will be given for the biggest bass. Tackle boxes will be raffled off after the Awards Ceremony, courtesy of Plano Tackle.

Schedule of Events:

Boat Check/Launch: 6:15am-6:45am Tournament: 7:00am-12:00pm

Weigh-In: 12:10pm-12:30pm (Report to the Lakeside Bait Shop boat garage for Weigh-In)

Award Ceremony: 12:30pm

Guidelines:

- Each school may enter as many teams (boats) as they want.
- Each boat may contain up to 3 students along with 1 adult observer
- Teams may have alternate students on shore, and switch during the tournament
- Students **must** wear life jackets at all times (per IHSA rule)
- Students **must** wear eye protection (per IHSA rule)
- Boats **must** observe the 10 HP limit in place at Shabbona (Larger motors may be used to power on and off the trailer.)
- Each boat may bring in up to 3 bass for weigh-in (per lake catch limits)
- Each bass must be at least 14" in length (per lake size limits)
- All fish **must** be kept in aerated livewell during the tournament
- There will be a penalty of 8 ounces per dead fish
- There will be a 1 pound deduction per minute late penalty (up to 15 minutes late). After 15 minutes, no weight will be counted.
 - Both smallmouth and largemouth bass are allowed (No Striped Bass)
 - Only artificial lures may be used
 - All fish **must** be caught from the boat during the official tournament time limit
 - Each boat **must** have an adult observer "coach"
 - The adult observer must run the outboard motor (per IHSA rule) and may give advice, but may not assist in the catching or landing of any fish to be weighed in for the tournament

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RSVP: Please RSVP either through email or phone by Thursday, April 28th with the number of boats participating, and the contact information for the boat drivers.