2026 Fishing For A Mission

Charity Benefit Open Fishing Tournament

Saturday, December 12, 2026 | Black Bayou, Hosston

BENEFITING

Wounded Warrior Foundation

Official Tournament Rules

Weigh-In Site: Black Bayou, Hosston. Exact weigh-in site to be confirmed.

Team Entry Fee: $80 per team (2 students + boat captain).

Biggest Trash Fish Side Pot: $10 (Optional) 100% Payout and trash fish is any species other than largemouth bass and spotted bass.

Participation and Eligibility: Participation is open to any 5th grade to 12th grade student for the 2026-2027 school year regardless of whether they have ever joined our NLHFL or fished a tournament with us. Any student under the age of 18 must also have the signature of their parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the Release of Liability form. Any student participant MUST be accompanied by an adult boat captain 19 years of age or older in the boat at all times that is to operate the outboard motor.

Adult Boat Captains: Adult boat captains are included in the team entry fee and may fish and contribute any or all fish to the team's 5-fish limit.

Registration: A registration meeting and brief rules meeting will take place on **Friday, December 11, 2026** at H&W Marine @ 6pm where you can turn in your entry to get registered and receive your boat number. A meal will be provided for all anglers and boat captains courtesy of a league sponsor.

Permitted Fishing Waters: Any public waters of Black Bayou in Hosston that are accessible by boat. Contestants must be able to navigate a boat into a fishing area without getting out of boat. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land a fish.

Controlled Take Off: Boat numbers will be given at the registration meeting and all boats must stage at the designated staging area (location to be confirmed) and will be called in numerical order for takeoff upon safe light and playing of the prayer and national anthem. Boats may launch at any desired launch location, but need to be at the designated staging area by 6:15 am.

Species: Only Largemouth/Black Bass or Spotted "Kentucky" Bass are accepted species.

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Fish Limit: (5 fish limit) **Size:** 12” minimum length

Livewells: All boats must contain adequate live well space for all participants on vessel and live wells must have working aerators that can provide adequate aeration to maintain fish in good condition.

Culling Tags: NON-PIERCING CULL TAGS ARE REQUIRED. The use of flesh piercing cull tags are prohibited.

Dead Fish & Penalty: Any dead fish brought to the scales will be permitted to be weighed. However, each dead fish will be assessed a ½ pound penalty from the total weight. A dead fish is not permitted to be culled from your bag limit.

Tackle and Equipment: All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner by casting, flipping or pitching of an artificial lure with a rod and reel. Live bait or the use of a combustion engine for trolling and fishing is not permitted. In no situation is the intentional snagging of a visible fish allowed.

Tournament Boating Rules: BOATS MAY NOT EXCEED 50 MPH INSIDE OF SKI AREAS AND MAY NOT EXCEED 25 MPH OUTSIDE OF SKI AREAS. BOATERS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 5 MPH WHEN WITHIN 100’ OF AN EMBANKMENT. ALL BOATING IS TO OCCUR IN A COUNTERCLOCKWISE FASHION.

Safety: Boating safety must be observed at all times. During competition hours (6:15am to 2:30pm) a US Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver must be worn and fastened at any time the combustion engine is running and in gear. The driver must have the kill switch lanyard in the proper working position on the control switch and attached to him/her anytime the combustion engine is running. Inflatable PFD’s are allowed as long as they are US Coast Guard approved and meet all US Coast Guard requirements. At any time the boat is in motion with propulsion from the combustion engine the occupants in boat are to be in a manufacture recommended seated position near the cockpit area and CAN NOT be on the front or rear decks of the boat. All boats and operation of boat must be in compliance with all state and local regulations. Failure to be in compliance with any of our above safety guidelines could result in disqualification from the tournament director.

Sportsmanship: Each participant is expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation while participating in this event.

Tournament Protection Rule: Any act or inflammatory statement by any contestant or boat captain that, in the opinion of the league or tournament board, is detrimental to the North Louisiana High School Fishing League, the operation of the tournament, damaging to organized bass fishing, or any of its sponsors may result in temporary or permanent suspension from all future North Louisiana High School Fishing League tournaments.

Insurance: A liability insurance policy with a minimum of One Hundred Thousand ($100,000) liability coverage is required of all contestants utilizing a boat in tournament. All participants must sign a waiver absolving the tournament organization, sponsors, board members and employees from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in the tournament or related activities.

Protest: All protest must be submitted to the Tournament Director in writing within 15 minutes of the final hourly weigh-in or scales closing.

Ties: If the event of any tie for any hourly or overall prize that is to receive a paid place, the prize amount for that place along with the number of following places where participants are tied will be combined and split among all tied participants.

Weigh In/Check In Times: Juniors/Middle School: 2:00 pm High School: 2:30 pm

Registration Form

TEAM # _____

☐ Middle School Division ☐ High School Division

☐ $80 per team (2 students + boat captain) ☐ $10 trash fish pot

Team Member 1

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Cell Phone _____ School Attending _____

Student's Signature _____

(If Under 18) Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Team Member 2

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Cell Phone _____ School Attending _____

Student's Signature _____

(If Under 18) Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Adult Boat Captain

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Signature _____

Acceptance: By signing this form, I agree that I have read, understand and agree to abide by rules set forth above.

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

Each participant must fill out and sign this form to participate in event.

In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in tournaments, events, programs and related activities conducted by the LAHFL, I acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I have been advised by LAHFL, and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; and,
3. I knowingly and freely assume all risks referred to above, both known and unknown, even if arising from negligence of LAHFL, their officers, officials, directors, shareholders, agents and/or employees, other participants, and sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises and property used to conduct the event ("releases") or others, and assume full responsibility for risks arising from my participation; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest official; and,
5. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless releases, with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, which I suffer or which I am found to have caused in whole or in part my negligence or intentional misconduct, whether arising from negligence of releases, or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
6. I agree to submit to a truth verification test administered by LAHFL and understand that failure to pass the examination determined by LAHFL may result in disqualification.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement and the attached rules. I fully understand the terms and understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing this release, and I sign it freely and voluntarily. **PUBLICITY:** In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in the tournaments, events, programs and related activities conducted by LAHFL, I ("Participant") hereby grant the LAHFL, their assignees and/or licenses (collectively "Sponsors" including television production companies contracted by LAHFL, the unconditional right, to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, biographical information, fishing tips and/or instructions in any medium whatsoever, including by not limited to video/audio productions, merchandising, promotions, articles and/or press releases, in connection with LAHFL tournaments, events, programs and related activities conducted by the LAHFL without restriction as to changes or alterations from time to time. I understand that I will not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. If a participant wins any event, the Participant's name, likeness and biographical information may be used in connection with advertising and promotion. The Participant specifically consents and agrees to such use without restriction as to changes or alterations from time to time, and further understands and agrees that any use will be without payment of any royalties or any additional compensation to the Participant. The Participant signifies by his/her signature below that he or she had read and understands the foregoing provisions.

For parents/guardians of participants under age 18 at the time of registration: I, as parent/guardian, do hereby certify that I have legal responsibility for the participant and I agree and consent to his/her release as provided above of all the releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's or ward's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above even if arising from the negligence of the releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Team Member #1	**Team Member #1 Signature**	**Date**
Parent/Guardian Name	**Parent/Guardian Signature**	**Date**
Team Member #2	**Team Member #2 Signature**	**Date**
Parent/Guardian Name	**Parent/Guardian Signature**	**Date**
Boat Captain Name	**Signature**	**Date**