

## 2025 Event Rules

- 1. Lake Agassiz High School Fishing league is open to student anglers who have completed grade 7 through 12 academic year in 2024-25.
- 2. Event times will be according to the official league calendar. The schedule/calendar can be found at <a href="https://www.lakeagassizfishing.org">www.lakeagassizfishing.org</a> Regular season events run 6 to 9 p.m. and the championship events from 4 to 8 p.m. Lake maps and ramp location information are available at the league website.
- 3. Open Division will divide equally between the 3 scheduled lakes. Teams will fish a different lake each event unless logistics challenges arise. JV and Varsity will allow up to 3 boats per school per event for each division.
- 4. Student Angler participation in Lake Agassiz High School Fishing League events is dependent on meeting academic standards set by your school district for the participation in extra-curricular activities.
- 5. ALL teams consist of up to three (3) student anglers and one boat captain (minimum of 18 years old and one year past high school graduation)
- 6. Boat captains will operate the boat at all times under the power of the main engine. Student anglers can control the boat under power of electric trolling motor at the discretion of the boat captain.
- 7. Student Anglers MUST wear U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device at ALL times during the event.
- 8. Boat captains must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device when the big motor is operating above trolling speed and have their kill switch attached.
- 9. Eye protection is encouraged at all times when in the boat. (Prescription glasses or sunglasses)
- 10. Boat captains must provide proof of insurance.
- 11. Launch Time: Captains will be permitted to put their boat in the designated lake at any time. Sportsmanship and courtesy are encouraged at the ramp during launch and load. Please help fellow teams if they need assistance.
- 12. In the event of bad weather please take all necessary safety precautions if on the water. Prior to the start of the event information about necessary changes to the schedule will be shared by your coach and posted on the league facebook page as per the league's weather policy.
- 13. Pre-fishing is allowed EXCEPT for the 1 hour prior to the start of the event. Teams may be on the water and are allowed to use electronics during this time. But they may NOT have a line in the water.
- 14. The use of live and artificial bait is allowed in all LAHSFL events.
- 15. Open Division events are multi-species with scoreable fish allowed in Walleye, Bass, Northern Pike/Muskie, Bluegill/Sunfish and Crappie categories. Varsity & Junior Varsity events will include Walleye, Bass and Northern Pike/Muskie categories only.
- 16. All league events are Catch-Record-Release format. Points will be awarded as a team of Student Anglers each night based on the league's size/species/points chart provided. (Boat Captains are allowed to fish but not score points for the team) A total of 5 fish can be scored each night. Scoring for 2025 events will be done through the FishDonkey app. For instructions see your coach or www.lakeagassizfishing.org
- 17. Bonus Points: If you score 1 fish from each of the 5 species you will be awarded 2 bonus points for that night's event.
- 18. All fish submissions for scoring must include pictures of the fish on the ruler with the nose and tail visible and clearly touching at the nose and the tail pinched. All measuring is the nearest ¼ inch and anything touching the line is rounded up to the next ½". Hero shot with the student angler who caught the fish must be included to qualify the fish for scoring. Hero shots without required PFD worn will be disqualified.
- 19. End Time: Fish may not be registered in the FishDonkey app after the end time of the event. Fishing is allowed up to that time when the event officially ends on the app. Please return safely and/or check in with league representative if you do not return to the launch immediately after the end of the event.
- 20. Rules are meant to promote sportsmanship and fair competition. Disputes will be resolved by the league representative at the event and/or the board of directors.
- 21. If you are caught cheating you will be DISQUALIFIED from the League.



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- 22. All current regulations in the state that the event is held must be followed.
- 23. Student anglers are required to possess a valid fishing license in the state that they are fishing if required by that state's law.
- 24. Alcohol and tobacco use at league events is strictly prohibited. The league holds a zero tolerance policy and any teams found to be using alcohol and/or tobacco during events (including boat captains) will be disqualified from that event. Student anglers caught using alcohol and/or tobacco will be reported to school administration.
- 25. Official scoring chart:

| Species     | 1 point     | 2 points       | 3 points       | 4 points      | 5 points       | 6 points |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Bluegill    | 8 - 8.5"    | 8.75 - 9"      | 9.25 - 9.5"    | 9.75 - 10"    | 10.25 - 10.5"  | 10.75" + |
| Crappie     | 10.5 - 11"  | 11.25 - 11.75" | 12 - 12.75"    | 13 - 13.5"    | 13.75 - 14.25" | 14.5" +  |
| Bass        | 12 - 14.75" | 15 - 16.25"    | 16.5 - 17.5"   | 17.75 - 18.5" | 18.75 - 20"    | 20.25" + |
| Walleye     | 13 -15"     | 15.25 - 17"    | 17.25 - 19.75" | 20 - 22.75"   | 23 - 25"       | 25.25" + |
| Pike/Muskie | 18- 22"     | 22.25 - 25"    | 25.25 - 28"    | 28.25 - 32"   | 32.25 - 34"    | 34.25" + |