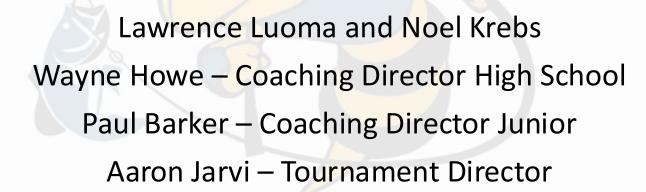
Big Lake Bass Team

Parent / Coaches Meeting
What have you gotten yourself into ...











Agenda

Parent Information – 4-5pm

- Coaching Staff
- Board Members
- General Information
- Discount Programs
- Practices
- Volunteering
- Sponsors
- Classic Bass Boat Marshall
- Raffle Tickets
- Smart Phone Apps

Coach Information – 5-6pm

- Coaching
 - Coach / Boat Captain Expectations
 - Coaching Profile

Coaching Directors

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Board Members

Board of Directors

Noel Krebs – President

Lawrence Luoma – Vice President

Courtney McConnell – Secretary

Kris Knodle – Treasurer

Pamela Phillips – Fundraising Director

Wayne Howe – High School Coaching Director

Paul Barker – Junior Coaching Director

Aaron Jarvi – Tournament Director

Coordinators

Jason Anderson – Apparel Coordinator

Nick Serakos – Raffle Coordinator

Shawn Washburn – Sponsor Coordinator

Courtney McConnell – Volunteer Coordinator

General Information

The Big Lake Bass Team is made up of both Junior and High School Teams. Our Junior program is designed for students in grades 2nd through 7th grade and our High School team is focused on students in grades 8th through 12th grade.

There are competitive Junior and High School Teams, but our primary focus is to teach students how to be successful anglers and stewards of the outdoors while providing volunteer opportunities in our community.

Big Lake Bass Team provides opportunities to fish, learn and grow as an angler and a young adult. Our coaching philosophy is that we help everyone from novice to more experienced anglers. This includes the coaches, boat captains, and students.

\$150 registration fee and \$200 volunteer check (per family)

- Fishing Jersey and hat
- TBF/SAF membership
- In-house monthly virtual tournament with prizes
- SAO virtual tournaments
- B.A.T.S. in-person tournaments (Junior Teams)
- MNSATT in-person tournaments (High School)
- Product discounts

Junior and High School Teams (current grade)

- Junior 2nd through 7th grade
- High School 8th through 12th grade

Volunteer Opportunities – 2 events per family

MNSATT Raffle Tickets

Fundraising Opportunities

Registration is now open

https://biglakebassteam.com/

Discount Programs

Discount programs will be shared once they are available. These usually come out in April / May timeframe.

- LurePartsOnline
- LeenaLures
- St Croix / Seviin
- Rapala
- Shimano
- Blackfish
- AquaView
- FishLab
- BigBiteBaits
- Vocelka Custom Rods

Bass lure packages will be available at one of our indoor practices.

Rod/Reel Combos

- Spinning
 - \$65 6'6" MH Daiwa Laguna with 2500 Laguna Reel (7' MH also available)
 - \$190 7' MH Daiwa Tatula with reel
- Casting
 - \$80 7' MH Lews American Hero combo
 - \$85 6'6" or 7' MH Daiwa Procaster combo
 - \$190 7' M / 7'3" MH / 7'4" H Daiwa Tatula with 200 Series Reel

Order Products online on our store

https://biglakebassteam.com/

New Boater Safety Regulations

86B.101 WATERCRAFT SAFETY PROGRAM

Gradual Implementation: A phased-in approach to boater education will use a "born after date." Individuals born after the dates below are now required to take a boater education course and receive their watercraft operator's permit before operating a watercraft on Minnesota waters.

- 1. effective July 1, 2025, born on or after July 1, 2004;
- 2. effective July 1, 2026, born on or after July 1, 2000;
- 3. effective July 1, 2027, born on or after July 1, 1996; and
- 4. effective July 1, 2028, born on or after July 1, 1987.

Big Lake Bass Team will be working to bring a Boater Education Course to Big Lake. This course will be available in February or March 2026. We will share more information once it is available.



Indoor Practices

March 16, 30, and April 13

- High School Lecture Hall, Cafeteria, Room E100
- Classroom Style
- Topics boater safety, knots, rods / reels, line, lures and casting
- Tournament preparation information
- Discount codes will be made available once we receive them
- Raffle tickets available for pickup
- Encourage your student to visit our website and watch the YouTube videos/channels we have posted
 - Coaches make indoor practices interactive and encourage student engagement bass tackle is often handed out for participation

May 12 – August 6 (classroom or on the water, weather permitting)

- Meet at designated lake
- 15-30 minutes of Coach instruction
- Skills and focus on different lures and presentations
- Shore fishing and/or from boats (based on availability)
- Head Coach may ask their assistant coaches and kids to meet at another local lake (Eagle, Ann, Birch, etc)
- Head Coach / Assistant Coach to schedule fishing times throughout the week with High School Varsity Team kids

Custom Lure Building Workshop – April 27

- Students will be able to pick out and build spinners and jigs
 - Leena Lures, Throwback Baits, DC Swimbaits, LurePartsOnline and Vocelka Custom Rods

Indoor Practices

Custom Lure Building Workshop – April 27

- Students will be able to pick out and build spinners and jigs
- Discounted products will be available for purchase limited quantities
- Sponsors and Partners who will be in attendance
 - Leena Lures, Throwback Baits, DC Swimbaits, LurePartsOnline and Vocelka Custom Rods











Practices

Student / Parent must RSVP for practice each week by Thursday the week before!!

- Only RSVP for either Monday or Wednesday, not both to ensure we have enough boats available
- Use the SportsEngine smartphone application for communication
 - Student (if they have a smartphone) or Parent
- This helps the coaches to determine the number of boats needed that week
- Students who do not RSVP may end up fishing from shore if there are not enough boats available

Students are expected to be on time for practices with the required equipment

Students on boats must help their coach take the boat out of the water, clean up the inside and help remove any weeds from the boat

Students are expected to come to practice with line already spooled, arrangements can be made with coaches to get their reels spooled outside of practice times

Students should spend time studying bass fishing techniques when not at practice

- Practice casting and knots
- https://biglakebassteam.com/practice
- https://biglakebassteam.com/beginner-videos
- https://biglakebassteam.com/advanced-videos
- https://biglakebassteam.com/youtube-channels

Practices

What should you bring to practices?

Please be sure to bring the following to every practice!

2 Rod/Reel Combos - 1 Bait cast / 1 Spinning - Bass Fishing setup - or as directed by coaching staff

- Spooled full and correctly
- No large treble hook lures attached
- Snaps and Single Hooks are Ok

Backpack with:

- Tackle Kit / Small Boxes
- Water/Water Bottle (No colored Gatorades)
- Pliers/Hook Out
- Light Snack (No sunflower seeds)
- Sunscreen
- Ball Cap
- Sunglasses Safety (Preferably Polarized)
- Life Jacket correct size for the angler
- Rain Jacket

Equipment Recommendations

Bait cast and Spinning Combos - Bass Fishing setup

Casting

- 6'6" to 7'2" medium heavy

Spinning

- 6'6" to 7' medium / medium light

Fishing Backpack with:

- Tackle Kit / Small Boxes
- Pliers/Hook Out
- Sunscreen
- Ball Cap
- Sunglasses Safety (Polarized)
- Life Jacket Sized for the angler
- Rain Jacket

Tackle

Finesse

- Drop shot hook/weights
- Ned Rigs
- Senko hooks

Spinners

Jigs

- Swim
- Flipping

Chatter bait

Top Water

- Frogs
- Whopper plopper
- Buzz bait
- Poppers

Plastics and Trailers

- Creature baits
- Senko worms
- Ned plastics
- Swim baits

Colors

- Black
- Blue
- White
- Green Pumpkin
- Chartreuse

Volunteering

\$200 Volunteer Check per student – 2 events per family

Volunteer Opportunities

- Spud Fest June 27-29, 2025
 - Parade Saturday, June 28th
 - Beer pouring
 - Bingo
 - Garbage Sweep Saturday and Sunday morning
- Early Childhood Family Events (ECFE) ?????
- 4H Fishing Camp in August
- Preseason practice assistants
- Photographer during the season
- On-Shore practice assistant
- Coach or boat captain

Volunteer Opportunities

- Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Rib Fest
 - September TBD
- Big Lake Legion Veteran Dinner
 - October TBD
- Big Lake Lions Fish Fry
 - Date TBD
- Premier Marine Open House
 - Date TBD
- More opportunities to be announced

Volunteer CoordinatorCourtney McConnell







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Beyond the

Yellow Ribbon

















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Classic Bass Boat Marshall

Champions Tour Boat Official's MUST BE 13 years old by the time the event they are boat officiating for. The Champions Tour primary goal is involve youth anglers, so the max age is 18 years old. Certain exceptions will be made to allow adults serve as Boat Officials, but priority will be given to youth that register. Boat Officials MUST be comfortable and able to be out in a boat with a Champions Tour angler for the entire tournament day (7:00 am to 4:00 pm), not afraid to be in the sun, heat, or possible rain, and able to use the Champions Tour angler's phone to enter in fish catch data into the Reel LiveWell App. Boat Officials MUST be at the official tournament host site by 5:30 a.m. the morning of the event.

Speak to a coach if your student is interested - sign up soon as these fill up fast!

\$50 to student

- Must be 13 or older the day of the event
- Ride with anglers during a Classic Bass tournament
- Great way to learn tournament fishing, techniques and speak with anglers
- 6/3 Vermillion
- 7/1 Mississippi Pool 8
- 7/15 Lake Minnetonka Pro-AM
- 8/5 Le Homme Dieu
- 8/27 Tour Championship Lake TBD

65% full already!



Raffle Tickets

MNSATT Raffle

- \$20 per ticket
- \$10 per ticket goes towards scholarships
- \$5 per ticket funds the MNSATT
- \$5 per ticket comes back to the association
 - student can use towards fishing expenses
 - 10 tickets sold is \$50 to the student, 20 is \$100, etc
- Only 10 tickets per student allowed at a time
 - \$200 deposit check
 - Unreturned tickets are the responsibility of the parent/student
 - Check will be cashed for any number of tickets not returned by the due date

Raffle Tickets will be available at our first practice on 3/16

- Nick Serakos is our Raffle Coordinator
- Volunteer check must be on file to receive raffle tickets
- Turn in sold ticket stubs and money to Nick, must turn in all 10 before receiving more

ALL Raffle Tickets and money must be turned in by July 16, 2025.

Raffle Coordinator
Nick Serakos

Smartphone Apps

FishDonkey

- Used for Big Lake virtual tournaments
- Big Lake Veteran Tournament

SportsEngine

- RSVP for in-person practices
- Communication through-out the season



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Tournaments

Is participating in tournaments a requirement to be on the Big Lake Bass Team – NO. These are optional and we will provide guidance and support to those that do participate.

Virtual Tournaments

- In-house (Big Lake Bass Team only)
- Student Angler Organization www.studentangler.org

In-House

- Spudfest Classic June 29
- Veteran's Tournament August 16

Juniors

- B.A.T.S. <u>www.mnbats.org</u>
- Junior B.A.S.S. www.minnesotajuniorbassnation.com

High School

- MNSATT <u>www.mnsatt.org</u>
- Junior B.A.S.S. www.minnesotajuniorbassnation.com

Tournament DirectorAaron Jarvi

Tournaments – Virtual In-House

Fish Donkey

• Used for Big Lake virtual tournaments – Search BLBT in FishDonkey

Divisions

- Junior 2nd 7th grade
- High School 8th 12th grade
- Coach / Parent (1 Tournament May August)

Prizes - Junior and High School

- Based on best 7 fish bag
- Largest fish per grade(s)
 - \$25 gift card
- 1st 5th place
 - 1st \$125 gift card
 - 2nd \$100 gift card
 - 3rd \$75 gift card
 - 4th \$50 gift card
 - 5th \$25 gift card
- Random drawings for everyone who entered a fish that month
 - \$25 gift card

Rules

- Length measured using approved measuring tool
- Fish any MN public access body of water
- Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass
 - Fish caught during practice or other tournaments do count enter those fish!
- Length to weight conversion chart used for weight

3 Virtual Tournaments

May 10 – June 9

June 10 – July 9

July 10 – August 9

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	Infisherman
	0.9
	1.16
1.46	1.47
1.81	1.83
2.22	2.25
2.69	2.73
3.22	3.28
3.83	3.89
4.51	4.59
5.28	5.36
6.13	6.22
7.08	7.17
8.13	8.21
9.29	9.35
10.56	10.6
11.96	11.95
13.49	13.42
15.16	15.01
16.97	16.73
18.94	18.58
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Tournaments In-House

Spudfest Classic

- Sunday June 29th
- Coach and up to 2 students
- Live weigh-in on the shore at Willy's on the Water

Veteran's Tournament

- Saturday, August 16th
- Coach, Student and Veteran
- Prizes and lunch
- FishDonkey used for this tournament
 - Best 5 fish
 - Largest fish

Keep an eye out for more information and registration for both events!

I have a boat, but do not consider myself an avid angler – could I still be a coach?

My student has a fishing pole used for panfish, will that work?

Can my student attend both Monday and Wednesday practices?

Questions?

Are discount codes available now?

Does my student have to attend every practice?

My company may be interested in sponsoring, who do I talk to?

Can I order more jerseys or hats?

Thank you for attending parents!

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Coaching Expectations

Attending scheduled practices

- Attend in-house practices
- Attend at least 2 practices a month
- Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 8:30pm (Big Lake Lakeside park or alternate location as directed)
 - 30 minutes of on-shore coaching
- In-Person Tournament Teams
 - Boat Captain to schedule time during the week to fish with your team

Rule of 3 on boat

Coach + 2 others

Supplies

- Provided by Big Lake Bass Team
 - Big Lake Lakeside Park Season Pass
 - Fishing Jersey and Hat
- Scheels Aluminum Fish Ruler or other SAO approved ruler
 - MNSATT Ruler for High School Boat Captains
- Life Jackets
 - Students will bring their own
- Fire Extinguisher
- Emergency ignition-shutoff device in order to participate in MNSATT virtual and in-person events
- Minimum \$300,000 in boater insurance

Social Media

- Regularly posting to Facebook and Instagram tagging Big Lake Bass Team and our sponsors
- Encouraging students to post on a regular basis
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel, Like our page on Facebook and follow us on Instagram

Coaches Meeting
April 23rd
6-8pm
Big Lake Fire Department
Pizza and Pop

Focus Elements

Safety

1. Being prepared having all required PPE (Life Jacket, Safety Glasses, ETC)

(In practice we could have them bring backpack with all this gear – would help the younger kids)

- 2. Communication- Have total count of student on an off lake. Having emergency contact and knowing if any student has any medical conditions such as Diabetes
- 3. First Aid Kit got few from work in my garage will give out to boat captains. (I've got piles of these at work as well if needed.)
- 4. Hand out Index cards to get contact info and any information regarding any medical conditions.

Code of conduct

- 1. Being respectful to teammates, coaches, environment & competitors
- 2. Being supportive of teammates
- 3. Helping coach clean out boat at end of practice. (Coaches Discretion)
- 4. How to behave on a boat. Coaches need to go over boat layout and explain what is expected during on water practice
- 5. Students should use restroom before entering boat

Rotating kids in front of boat and back of boat

First Year Angler (Youth)

- 1. Discuss suggested Equipment
- 2. Bait Caster with braid, Medium heavy fast action rod
- 3. Spinning Reel- Medium/Medium-light fast action rod, Braid to Fluorocarbon
- 4. Basic tools needed for tackle box. (plyers and scissors)

Educate student angler about bass Habitat (Large Mouth & Small Mouth)

- 1. When are Bass Active
- 2. What do bass feed on
- 3. Where do bass live
- 4. Bass Behaviors in general, during different seasons
- 5. Bass Spawn and Fry guarders

Recommended Tackle for First Year angler

- Terminal Tackle
- 2. Jigs and Trailers
- 3. Spinner baits- plain and trailers
- 4. Finesse Fishing- Ned, Drop shots, small jigs, & shacky head
- 5. Top water baits

Handling Fish once they are caught

- 1. Safely remove hook discuss extra precautions for treble hooks. (Controlling the fish, then the lure. Not the other way)
- 2. Keep fish out of water as little as possible. Keep fish in net until you are ready to take pictures and measure
- 3. Pulling fish out of deep water

Understanding Structures

- Deep Structure
- 2. Shallow Structure
- Identifying types of structures:

Docks wood

grass

coon tails

rocks

wing damn

milfoil

points

weed edges

hard vs soft bottoms

transitions

Outline for those who are interested in Junior Tournaments

- 1. Putting baits in the strike zone
- 2. Being efficient on the water
- 3. Working as a team to figure out pattern
- 4. Supporting your partner
- . How to cast from boat. Difference from front and the back of the boat
- 6. Different styles of casting and when to use them

Understanding Variables

- Water temperature
- Water clarity
- Atmospheric pressure. Major and Minors moon phases
- 4. Cloudy vs clear skies
- 5. Fishing pressure
- 6. Changing water levels
- 7. Water current
- 8. Wind

Actions & Retrievals methods for baits

- 1. Constant reel
- 2. Fast then slow Reel
- 3. Snapping action
- 4. Constant then pauses
- 5. Cast and sit
- 6. Twitching

Advance topics

- 1. Color of baits
- 2. Different types of rods and actions
- 3. Breaking down water
- 4. When to fish shallow vs deep
- 5. Advance teamwork
- 6. How to read topo maps
- 7. Breaking down a lake and scouting new water
- 8. Boat electronics general education
- 9. Boat control and tools to improve boat control

Knots and Line choice

- Palomar knot
- 2. Fisherman knot
- 3. Uni-Uni, Alberto, Albright or FG
- 4. Line weights
- 5. Braid
- 6. Mono
- 7. Copolymer
- 8. Fluorocarbon

Coaching Goals

Junior Students

- Focus on fundamentals
 - Knot tying
 - Uni to Uni and Palomar knots
 - Casting
 - Using a bait caster
 - Lures and presentations
- Encourage the use of a daily fishing log
- Develop advanced skills as needed
- Tournament preparation for students attending B.A.T.S.

High School Students

- Focus on developing advanced skills
 - Knot tying with speed and technique
 - Casting accuracy
 - Lures and presentations based on scenarios
 - Tournament preparation
 - Map Reading
 - Breaking down Lakes and Rivers
 - Electronic usage

Teamwork!

https://biglakebassteam.com/practice

https://biglakebassteam.com/beginner-videos

https://biglakebassteam.com/advanced-videos

https://biglakebassteam.com/youtube-channels

Indoor Practices

First Indoor Practice – March 16 – 5-7pm	
<u>Beginner</u>	<u>Advance</u>
Safety	Safety
Code of Conduct	Code of Conduct
Rod Reel line and Terminal tackle	Map Study plotting maps of Eagle Lake, Big Lake, & Mile lacs
Second Indoor Practice – March 30 – 5-7pm	
<u>Beginner</u>	<u>Advance</u>
Habitat	Breaking down water and present a plan
Casting and check equipment	Casting - new ideas to make it more challenging and competitive
Discuss some variables	Knots
Knots and handling fish	Journals and Apps
Third indoor Practice – April 13 – 5-7pm	
<u>Beginner</u>	<u>Advance</u>
Bait Action and Retreival	Advance Teamwork
Where to fish - use study maps from 1st Advance Practice	Under standing variables and structure
Casting efficiently on the water and understanding your capabilities	
4th practice- Lure Building – April 27 – 5-7pm	

2025 Tentative Schedule

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

There may be an on-shore opportunity in June or July. We will share details once we have confirmation.

3/16	INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
3/30	INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
4/13	INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
4/27	INDOOR 5-7P BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
5/12 & 14	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
5/19 & 21	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
6/2 & 4	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
6/9 & 11	BOA <mark>T 5:3</mark> 0-8P – BIG LAKE
6/16 & 18	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
6/23 & 25	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
6/29	Spudfest Classic Tournament
7/7 & 9	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
7/14 & 16	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
7/21 & 23	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
7/28 & 30	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
8/4 & 6	BOAT 5:30-8P – BIG LAKE
8/16	V <mark>eteran's To</mark> urnament
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Banquet - Lion's Park

8/18

NO PRACTICE

- Week of 5/26 Memorial Day
- Week of 6/30 4th of July Week

Coaching Profile

Hometown:

Proudest Fish:

Favorite Fisherman:

Favorite Species to Fish For:

Favorite Lakes:

Favorite Lure:

Go to rod / reel:

How did you learn to fish:

Who do you fish with most:

Boat:

Send a picture with a fish, preferably a bass to biglakebassteam@gmail.com

Feel free to add a few sentences about yourself

www.biglakebassteam.com/coaches



Head Coach - Noel Krebs

Hometown: Reaumont TX

Proudest Fish: 6lb Bass when I was a kid

avorite Fisherman: Bill Dance / Roland Martin

Favorite Species to Fish For: Bass, Muskie and Walleye

Favorite Lakes: Leech Lake and BWCA

Favorite Lure: Anything top water, I have always enjoyed a top water blow up

Go to rod / reel: G Loomis NRX / Curado How did you learn to fish: Dad and Grandfather

Who do you fish with most: Wife and Kids

Boat: Ranger 620 Pro

President - Big Lake Bass Team

Head Coach - Lawrence Luoma

Hometown: Minneapolis, now Big Lake

Proudest Fish: Any fish my kids catch! Favorite Fisherman: Al Lindner

Favorite Species to Fish For: Walleye and Bass

Favorite Lake: Osakis

Favorite Lure: Rapala Shad Rap

Go to Rod and Reel: St. Croix Avid 6'8" MF and Daiwa Revros LT 2500

How did you learn to fish: My dad Who do you fish with most: Wife and kids

Boat: Alumacraft Competitor 185 CS

2017 USA Ice Team, NAIFC Pro, 2 time UPL TOY Champion.

Owner of West Metro Walleye League and Luoma Outdoors Guide Service

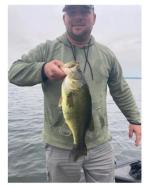
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Vice President - Big Lake Bass Team



Paul Barker - Junior Head Coach



Hometown: Shepheardsville KY Proudest Fish: 5lb Bass when I was a kid at Fort Knox KY

Favorite Fisherman: G Man Gerald Swingle Favorite Species to Fish For: Bass and

Crappie Favorite Lakes: Chickamauga TN and Mille Lacs MN

Favorite Lure: Frog topwater Go to rod / reel: Favorite 7"3 medium for

finesse fishing How did you learn to fish: Dad and

Brother n-law Who do you fish with most: Wife and Kids

Boat: Alumacraft FSX 185

lason Anderson



Hometown: Big Lake Proudest Fish: 29.75" Walleve Ice Fishing Favorite Fisherman: Al Linder Favorite Lake: Star Lake

Favorite Lure: Wacky Rig Go to Rod and Reel: 6' Spinning Reel Combo

How did you learn to fish: My Dad and

Who do you fish with most: Wife and Son's

Boat: 20' Lund Alaskan



Coach Director - Wayne Howe

Coaching Director - Big Lake Bass Team

I am interested in coaching for tournaments, where do I get more info?

Do I have to supply life jackets for the kids on my boat?

My family has a pontoon, can I use that as a coach?

Questions ...

Can we use live bait during practice?

I target walleye, crappie and other panfish, can I still be a coach?

Do I need forward facing sonar to be a coach?