

# HIGH SCHOOL FISHING

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Fishing World Finals Plus the National Championship Combined event, Florence, AL. June 26-30, 2018

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We are pleased to host the 9<sup>th</sup> annual 2018 High School Fishing World Finals (HSFWF) so that SAF members anywhere can compete for their share of a Scholarship and prizes. At the 2017 event over 160,000.00 in Scholarships and prizes were offered!

### Competition Waters:

Pickwick Lake and Wilson Lake ONLY, **LOCK AT YOUR OWN RISK**

### Important reminders:

- PLEASE read the rules that govern the 2018 High School Fishing World Finals, which will also govern the National Championship on [highschoolfishing.org](http://highschoolfishing.org), there are limits to WHEN you can fish and WHO you can fish with.  
[Click here to download the rules.](#)
- Everyone MUST pre-register for the 2018 High School Fishing World Finals & National Championship (if qualified) online. Any SAF member team from anywhere can register and compete in the world finals. ALL National Championship qualified teams eligible to compete in the National Championship will be pulled from that World Finals registration list. So everyone register for the world finals.

### Practice & Off-limits:

- Competition waters are off -limits starting 5pm, Sunday, June 17 through safe light on Sunday, June 24.
- The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted after June 17.
- Starting at the official off-limits 5pm, June 17 and continuing through the final weigh-in of the HSFWF's, competitors cannot solicit, receive or gather any information via phone, electronic device or any other means with regard to locating or catching fish on the championship waters unless that information comes from another 2018 Competitor or Boat Captain/partner. NO EXCEPTIONS.

### Boat Operation:

Boat captains/coaches will supply and drive boats for their teams. To qualify as a boat captain/coach, **SEE RULE 22**. The anglers CAN operate the trolling motor. The boat captain has sole discretion to veto any selected location for safety reasons.

### Takeoff & Weigh-in:

- [McFarland Park](#)  
200 Jim Spain Drive  
Florence, AL 35630  
256.740.8817

### Registration & Pretournament Meeting:

- Florence Lauderdale Coliseum,  
702 Veterans Drive, Florence, AL  
35630

### Maps:

- Check High School Fishing for an interactive map showing takeoff and weigh-in locations, registration, housing and boundaries.

### Hosts:

- [Florence/Lauderdale Tourism](#)  
200 Jim Spain Drive  
Florence AL 35630  
888.356.8687

### Items to Bring:

- Copy of your most recent grade card and/or proof of most recent GPA
- Photo copy of your birth certificate
- A signed event liability release by both anglers and boat captain, with parent permission where required. (available on site and online as part of the rules download)
- Valid Alabama fishing license if 16 or older
- Personal floatation device
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Fishing Tackle
- Rainsuit
- Jersey/shirt representing your school

**Catch & Size Limit:** Five bass per team, minimum 15-inch smallmouth, largemouth and spotted bass.

**License Requirement:**

- An Alabama fishing license is required students age 16 and older. Click [here](#) to purchase.

**Housings:**

There are a number of hosting hotels for your lodging needs, a full list is provided on [highschoolfishing.org](http://highschoolfishing.org). Be sure to let them know you are with the SAF's High School Fishing World Finals/National Championship.

**Format:**

- **Competition Days 1-2 (Wednesday & Thursday): National Championship (*NC*) & World Finals (*HSFWF*) Elimination Rounds**

***NC*** The top 10 percent of teams from the 2018 SAF State Championship, TBF Challenge events and the FLW Opens, held prior to June 11 compete for the High School Fishing National Championship title

- The top 10 teams based on heaviest two-day catch advance to the Day 3 ***NC*** Finals, all others continue on in the ***HSFWF***

***HSFWF*** All teams compete for the High School Fishing World Finals title

- The top two teams from each state based on heaviest two-day catch advance to the Day 3 Semifinal Round
- All other teams based on heaviest two-day catch advance to the Day 3 Second-Chance Round

- **Day 3 (Friday): National Championship Finals and the High School Fishing World Finals, Semifinal &**

**Second-Chance Rounds**

***NC*** Top 10 National Championship teams based on heaviest two-day catch compete.

- National Championship titles awarded, determined by heaviest three-day catch
- All 10 National Championship finalists advance to Day 4 Saturday's *HSFWF* Top 31 Title Round

***HSFWF*** Weights are zeroed and the top 2 teams from each state based on heaviest two-day catch continue in the *HSFWF* Semifinal round, all others will compete in Second Chance round.

- Top 10 from the semi-final round automatically advance and the next 10 overall from both the Semi Final standings and Second Chance standings combined advance. These 20 will advance to the Day 4 Top 31 Title Round
- The final team advancing to the Top 31 Title Round is drawn at random from the full competitors list in the Lucky Dog Last Chance Wildcard drawing at the Friday night party. (Must be present to win)

- **Day 4 (Saturday): High School Fishing World Finals Top 31 Title Round – Test of the Best**

- Weights are zeroed, the World Champion titles are determined by the day's heaviest catch

## Schedule:

- **Tuesday, June 26 – Registration Day – REGISTER EARLY AVOID THE RUSH then come back for the mandatory meeting at 6:00pm**
  - 1:00-5:30pm Mandatory Registration at Florence Lauderdale Coliseum, 702 Veterans Drive, Florence, AL 35630. All competitors must check in **BEFORE 5:15pm CST- DO NOT WAIT** until the last minute or you may not get registered on time.
  - 6:00-7:45pm Welcome Banquet and Mandatory rules briefing at Florence Lauderdale Coliseum
- **Wednesday, June 27 Day 1 -**
  - **Full Field Competes – McFarland Park HSFWF & National Championship**
  - 5:30am Takeoff begins
  - 1:30pm Day 1 Weigh in begins at McFarland Park and LIVE on [highschoolfishing.org](http://highschoolfishing.org)
- **Thursday, June 28 Day 2 -**
  - **Full Field Competes – McFarland Park, HSFWF & National Championship**
  - 5:30am Takeoff begins
  - 1:30pm Day 2 Weigh in begins at McFarland Park and LIVE on [highschoolfishing.org](http://highschoolfishing.org)
- **Friday, June 29 Day 3,**
  - **National Championship Top 10 Finals– High School Fishing World Finals (HSFWF) - Semi-Final & Second Chance round**
  - 5:30am Takeoff begins
  - 1:30pm Day 3 Weigh in begins at McFarland Park and LIVE on [highschoolfishing.org](http://highschoolfishing.org)
  - 1:30pm Top 10 National Championship weigh in first – National Champions crowned – Each member of the winning team receives a \$5,000 scholarship to the school of choice.
  - 2pm HSFWF Second Chance weighin begins followed by the HSFWF Semi-final weigh in – Top 10 from the semi-final round and the next 10 overall from the 4 combined semi-final and second chance round standings advance to final day
  - 6:30-9:30pm ***Party/Game night & SENIOR night*** gifts for all seniors! – Games, Food, Fun & Prizes! Lucky Dog last chance drawing (must be present to win!)
- **Saturday, June 30 Day 4 -**
  - **High School Fishing World Finals Top 31**
  - 5:30am Takeoff begins
  - 1:30pm Day 4 High School Fishing World Finals weigh in begins at McFarland Park and LIVE on [highschoolfishing.org](http://highschoolfishing.org)

Over \$100,000 in scholarships & prizes was awarded in 2017 at the HSFWF & 10K at the National Championship. 2018 the prize pool is still building but on track to again be high school's richest event! Be sure to attend the final day weigh in for your chance at MUST be present to win prizes!

We hope you have a great stay and a safe trip home from Florence Alabama!