



2026 GHSA Qualifier #1: Lake Seminole, Bainbridge, GA **January 31, 2026**

Tournament Director:

- Joey Bray - TBF/SAF
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GHSA Liaison On-Site Contact:

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Competition Waters:

- Lake Seminole

Practice:

- Competition waters are open for practice until 5 p.m. on Jan. 30.
- The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services will not be permitted after January 20.

Boat Operation:

- Contestants are not permitted to drive the boat when the combustion engine is in operation. Each boat will be driven by a coach or volunteer driver. Contestants may operate the trolling motor. Coaches and volunteers may provide assistance, including information about locating and catching fish, but are not permitted to fish.

Catch & Size Limit:

- Five bass per team; minimum 12 inches on all bass.

License Requirement:

- A Valid FL fishing license for FL water, GA license for GA waters is required for students 16 and older. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Format:

- Each GHSA approved school may enter up to six boats in each regional competition. The top 15 boats overall from each regional advance to the state Championship. One additional boat will advance from each regional for every 10 boats that compete over a minimum of 100 boats in the regional. Boats advance from the first event in which they qualified. If a boat has already qualified for the state championship, the next eligible boat will advance.

Rules:

- GHSA, the Student Angler Federation (SAF) and MLF expect strict adherence to the following rules by all contestants. GHSA, SAF and MLF also recommend the use of non-puncturing culling clips for marking fish and livewell additives to help promote the healthy release of bass. In the event of an emergency, please call 911 first and then notify the tournament director. Click [here](#) for the complete GHSA Bass Fishing rules.

GHSA Direct Contact:

- Robin Hines
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Registration:

- All anglers must pre-register online at HighSchoolFishing.org no later than Monday before the event at 5pm.

Mandatory Check-in and Meeting:

- Friday, January 30, 5:00-6:30p.m. EST
Student Wellness Center
Southern Regional Technical College
2500 East Shotwell Street
Bainbridge, GA 39819
- Anglers, coaches and captains must attend.
- Pretournament meeting immediately following check-in.

Takeoff and Weigh-in:

- Saturday, January 31
- Takeoff: 7:00 a.m. or first safelight
- Weigh-in Begins: 3:00 p.m. EST
- Bainbridge Earle May Boat Basin
100 Boat Basin Circle
Bainbridge, GA 39819

Items to Bring:

- Signed [liability release](#)
- Personal floatation device
- Valid student ID
- Valid license for state waters to be fished if 16 or older
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Rods and reels