



2026 GHSA Qualifier #4: Lake Hartwell, Hartwell, GA

April 11, 2026

Tournament Director:

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

- Anson Wilson – GHSA
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Competition Waters:

- Lake Hartwell

Practice:

- Competition waters are open for practice until 5:00p.m. on April 10
- The purchasing of, or bartering for, information or the hiring of fishing guide services will not be permitted after March 31.

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 largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass.

License Requirement:

- A Valid GA fishing license 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 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 Contact:

- Robin Hines
478-338-6029
Robin.hines@ghsa.net

Host & Housing:

- [Discover Hartwell](#)
- Quality Inn – 1091 E Franklin St, Hartwell, GA **706-309-0499**. Mention the Chamber at the time of booking for a deal of \$84 per night plus tax
- [Places To Stay | Discover Hartwell](#)
- [Eat & Shop Local](#)

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, April 10, 5:00-6:30p.m. EST
- Hart County HS Fine Arts Center
59 5th Street
Hartwell, GA 30643
- Anglers, coaches and captains must attend.
- Pretournament meeting immediately following check-in.

Takeoff and Weigh-in:

- Saturday, April 11
- Takeoff: 7:00 a.m. EST
- Weigh-in: 3:00 p.m. EST
- Gum Branch Mega Ramp
1352 Vanna Waller Rd
Hartwell, GA 30643

Items to Bring:

- Signed [liability release](#)