



FACT SHEET – Georgia Jr State Championship

Hartwell, GA – Lake Hartwell

Saturday, April 4, 2026

On-Site Tournament Director Hotline: 580-716-4251

<p><u>Check-in/Rules Meeting</u></p> <p>Location: Hart County HS Fine Arts Center 59 5th Street Hartwell, GA 30643</p> <p>Date: Friday, April 3, 2026</p> <p>Check-in Times: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Mandatory rules briefing begins.</p> <p>No teams are allowed to be on the water after the start of check-in, until the tournament begins.</p>	<p><u>Launch/Weigh-In</u></p> <p>Launch Location: Gum Branch Mega Ramp 1352 Vanna Waller Road Hartwell, GA 30643</p> <p>Take-off will begin at 7:00 a.m. or first safe light thereafter.</p> <p>Weigh-in begins: 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hosted by:</p> <p></p>	<p><u>Required Items and Safety Equipment</u></p> <p>It is the responsibility of each participant to have ALL required state and federal safety equipment on board as well as, ALL permits licenses, passes or stamps, Etc. required.</p> <p>At time of inspection each morning, be prepared to properly display 1 life jacket for each angler; 1 throwable PFD; and, demonstrate functioning kill switch.</p> <p>Inspection will be held during lineup for takeoff. Live wells must be empty.</p> <p>Anglers are required to have a valid Georgia fishing license/ permit, if applicable by law.</p>
<p><u>Fish Limits</u></p> <p>Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted bass 12" minimum</p> <p>Anglers are allowed to weigh a limit of five (5) fish per team unless otherwise required by law or tournament officials.</p> <p>Fish presented which fails to measure the official length limits shall accrue penalties at the rate of one (1) pound for each non-legal fish plus loss of the fish. An 8-ounce deduction will be made for each fish presented that is determined to be non-releasable.</p>	<p><u>Tournament Director</u></p> <p>Joey Bray 580-716-4251 joey@federationangler.com</p> <p><u>Host Hotel</u> Quality Inn 1091 E Franklin St Hartwell, GA 30643 706-309-0499</p> <p>Mention the Chamber at the time of booking for a deal of \$84 per night plus tax</p> <p>Places To Stay Discover Hartwell</p>	<p><u>Boundaries</u></p> <p>Lake Hartwell only. Any waters within these boundaries posted "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal agencies will be off limits. Any live release areas established by the Tournament Director will be off limits. That as well as any additional off limits will be announced at the pre-tournament briefing. Only that water open to all public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any waters closed to public fishing will be closed to this tournament's contestants. All local, state and federal regulations apply.</p>
<p>CLEAN DRAIN & DRY YOUR BOATS BEFORE LEAVING HOME & AFTER EACH EVENT!</p> <p>HELP STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.</p>	<p>Each team must bring a completed & signed liability waiver to the pre-tournament check-in meeting.</p> <p>Rules and Liability Release Form</p>	<p>Please read the Official 2026 school year Jr Sanctioned event rules carefully!</p> <p>Both students must be in 8th grade or less the day of the qualifying event</p>