

**Marshall County High School Fishing Team
Team of the Year & Regional Qualification System**

Per Kentucky High School Athletic Association rules governing bass fishing, each school can enter as many as six (6) teams into the KHSAA regional tournament. Marshall County High School qualifies teams for regional competition based on their performance in designated points tournaments leading up to the regional. To count as a points tournament, the event must be held on Kentucky and/or Barkley Lake during the current school year, be designated as a points event by the MCHS coach and have a minimum of eight (8) MCHS teams participating.

TEAM OF THE YEAR & REGIONAL QUALIFICATION • 100 points are awarded to the top MCHS team in each points tournament, 99 to 2nd, 98 to 3rd, etc. Every team participating in a points tournament receives a minimum of 50 points. Teams must earn weight credit to receive points (above the minimum) for their finish. Ties at a tournament will be broken by the tournament's rules. If a tie is not broken by tournament rules, the tied teams will remain tied and receive equal points. In addition, if a team wins 1st place in a tournament overall (1st place in overall tournament, not just the highest MC team), an additional 5 bonus points will be awarded to the team. The top five (5) teams from the final points standings based on their five best scores (ties resolved by total weight, then total number of fish, then total number of live fish) qualify to represent MCHS in the KHSAA regional tournament. If a tie remains, it will be broken first by team meeting attendance (excused absences will not count against a team) and then at the coach's discretion. Teams may fish more than five points tournaments, but only the top five scores will be counted to determine team of the year standings and regional advancement. The team with the most points is named team of the year. The highest-finishing MCHS team in the final points tournament of the season (the MCHS Wildcard) will represent MCHS in the KHSAA regional tournament as the school's sixth team. If the team is also ranked in the top five in the final points standings, the sixth highest-ranked team based on final points will advance to the KHSAA regional. To be eligible for the MCHS Wildcard tournament teams must have fished a minimum of four (4) points tournaments.

This system awards consistency while ensuring every MCHS team has a chance to earn a spot in the KHSAA regional throughout the entire season. The MCHS coach has final say on interpretation and enforcement of rules and may modify the team of the year and regional qualification process if necessary due to unforeseen circumstances that may arise during the course of the season. Students may not be allowed to represent MCHS in the KHSAA regional if they do not meet minimum grade requirements to participate in MCHS athletics or are being disciplined by the coach or school for inappropriate behavior.