



Scott West Fishing

2025 Parent-Athlete-Coach Meeting

March 3, 2025



About the Program

- Founded in 2020, the Scott West Fishing Team provides students from Jordan and Belle Plaine the opportunity to compete in bass fishing tournaments.
- With the support of local sponsors and community education, the team has grown in success, sending multiple teams to state tournaments. In 2024, they achieved a milestone by winning the state championship and securing a spot at nationals.
- Beyond competition, the team engages in volunteer events, hosts guest speakers, and participates in both virtual and live tournaments from Spring to Fall.

Mission: Introduce students to the fun sport of fishing, teach boater safety and fishing techniques that enable them to succeed on the water, promote sportsmanship, give them an appreciation for the outdoors, and develop to become good stewards of our natural resources.

Meet the Coaches



Tony
Cooley



Matt
Bertrang



Ken
Stilen



Allie
Cooley



Heather
Borgardt



Coming
Soon...

Phillip
Geibe

Program Overview

General & Team Building

- Eligibility Requirements
- Ethics, Professionalism, & Safety
- Jerseys & Hats (new anglers)
- Community Service Activities
- End of Season Banquet

Skill Development & Competition

- Team Meetings (classroom & in-the field)
- Guest Speakers
- Tournament Preparation
- Virtual & In-Person Tournaments

Recognition & Rewards

- SWF High School Lettering
- SWF Leadership Award
- Jordan & BP District (e.g., School Board)
- Raffles & Prizes
- Discounts
- Scholarships

What is included in the \$160 registration fee?

- Additional tournament fees are generally \$20 per angler per tournament to compete in the Lund Virtual Fishing League and Student Angler Tournament Trail (SATT).
- Any incidental travel expenses are the responsibility of each angler.

- **\$50** - Community Education (administrative fees, registration, insurance, equipment, lettering, etc.)
- **\$60** - Jersey
- **\$25** - The Bass Federation/Student Angler Federation membership (HS only)
- **\$82/\$62** - Bassmaster/BASS nation (bass #, eligibility, insurance, tournaments, magazines, discounts, etc.):
 - \$12 Bassmaster
 - \$30 Bass Nation
 - \$40/\$20 MN Junior BASS Nation (HS/JR)

TOTAL: \$217/\$172 (HS/JR)

Thank our Sponsors!

2024/2025 Sponsors (as of Feb 2025)



DESIGN • BUILD • RENEW

BRETT R. HOLBROOK



BELLE PLAINE CHIROPRACTIC

Todd A. Meeker, DC



High School Lettering

The team awards letters to student-athletes in grades 7-12 who exemplify what Scott West Fishing strives to teach. The Scott West Fishing Letter is awarded to people who consistently attend team meetings, competitions (must fish 3 out of 5 virtual and one in-person event, or 4 out of 5 virtual events), and at minimum one team volunteer event.

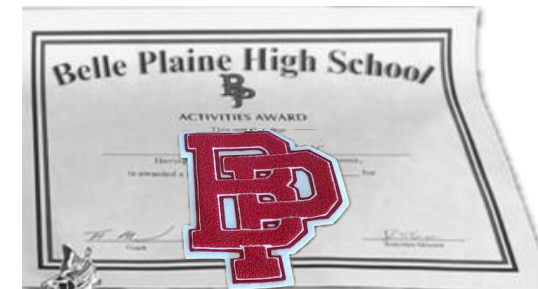
Additional criteria the coaches will take into consideration:

- Did you attend team meetings (without reminders from a coach)?
- Did you arrive at team meetings and events on time?
- If you missed a team meeting, did you let your coach know in advance?
- Did you have a positive attitude throughout the season?
- Were you a positive role model for the other members of the team?
- Were you ever unable to compete due to MSHSL rules violations?

Letters are awarded to their recipients at the end of the season.

What changed this year?

Students must attend at least one volunteer event to be eligible for Lettering.



Team Meetings & Volunteer Events

2025 Calendar

Team Meetings

Date & Time	Location	Detail
Mon, Mar 3 (6-7pm)	Jordan CERC	Parent-Athlete-Coach Meeting
Tue, Mar 18 (6-7:30pm)	Jordan CERC	Team Meeting
Tue, Apr 15 (6-7:30pm)	Jordan CERC	Team Meeting
Thu, May 15 (6-7:30pm)	Lagoon Park	Team Meeting (Bring Rod/Tackle) Jersey Handout & Team Picture
Tue, Jun 3 (6-7:30pm)	Lagoon Park	Team Meeting (Bring Rod/Tackle) Team Picture (Backup Day)
Tue, Jun 10 (6-7:30pm)	Lagoon Park	Team Meeting (Bring Rod/Tackle)
Tue, Sept 16 (6:30-8pm)	Jordan Middle School	End of Year Banquet

Team Volunteer Events

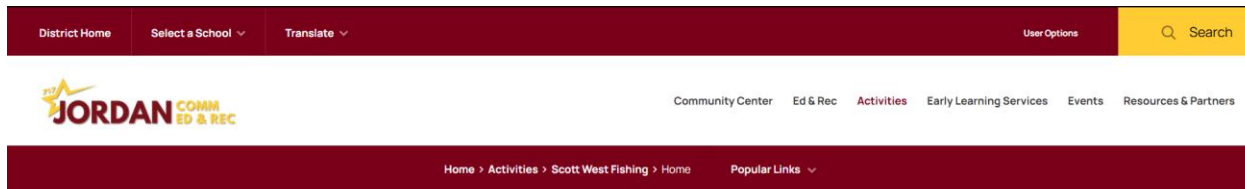
Date & Time	Location	Detail
Sun, Feb 2 (1-3pm)	Fish Lake	Fish Lake Sportsmen Club Fishing Contest
Sun, Apr 13 (1-4pm)	Jordan CERC	Celebrate Jordan
Mon, May 5 (6-7pm)	Spring Lake Township Office	Fish Lake Sportsmen Club Ditch Cleanup
Sat, Jul 19	Belle Plaine	BBQ Days Parade
Sat, Sept 6	Jordan	Heimatfest Parade

Scott West Fishing Website



Scott West Fishing Website

<https://www.jordan.k12.mn.us/domain/651>



Scott West Fishing

Home	»
Our Teams	»
Our Coaches	»
Our Sponsors	»
FAQ	»



About

Founded in 2020, the Scott West Fishing Team provides students from Jordan and Belle Plaine the opportunity to compete in bass fishing tournaments. With the support of local sponsors and community education, the team has grown in success, sending multiple teams to state tournaments. In 2024, they achieved a milestone by winning the state championship and securing a spot at nationals. Beyond competition, the team engages in volunteer events, hosts guest speakers, and participates in both virtual and live tournaments from Spring to Fall.

Mission Statement

Our goal is to introduce students to the fun sport of fishing, teach boater safety and fishing techniques that enable them to succeed on the water, promote sportsmanship, give them an appreciation for the outdoors, and develop to become good stewards of our natural resources.

[2025 Scott West Fishing Registration Link](#) »

[Scott West Fishing on Facebook](#) »

What's on the website? Team & Tournament Calendar, PAC Meeting Slides, Link to Socials, FAQs, and MORE...

Frequently Asked Questions

[Eligibility](#)
[Equipment](#)
[Cost](#)
[Tournaments](#)
[Leadership Award](#)
[Lettering Criteria](#)
[More Information](#)

[Expand All](#)

>
 >
 >
 >
 >
 >
 >

Communication



Email

Scottwestfishing@isd717.org

Tony Cooley
(651) 283-5709

scottwestfishing@isd717.org



Scott West Fishing

facebook.com/ScottWestFishing/

Jordan Community Education
(952) 492-6211

commed@isd717.org



Scott West Fishing Team Members

“Team Group - Interact with team, ask questions, and share pictures”

[Request to Join](#)

Belle Plaine Community Education
(952) 873-2411

dkoller@belleplaine.k12.mn.us

Equipment

What do you need?

- Fishing pole (your choice)
- Tackle & lures (your choice, no live bait during tournaments)
- MN Fishing License required for ages 16+
- Tournament day: boat, boat safety equipment, boat captain, and co-angler*
- Parent/guardian support

What will the team supply?

- Bump board (will provide pending sponsorship donation; more info in appendix)
- Team jersey
- *Work with your coach if you need a boat, boat captain, and/or co-angler



Parents and Boat Captains

- Volunteers Needed! (boat captains, weigh-ins, etc.)
- League Rules – expect everyone (including students) to read/now the, follow links from our website
- Boat Captains
 - Background checks
 - Your role as a boat captain...
- Boats – Safety is #1!
 - Life jackets, motor kill switch, minimum insurance requirements
 - Operating live well with aeration system (in-person tournaments)
 - Other DNR, State, Coast-Guard, etc. regulations
 - Insurance (300k MNJB, reasonable liability limit SATT/Virtual)
 - Boat size (14' Virtual, 14' SATT, 16' MNJB); Max horsepower

Program Changes from Prior Year

Our goal is to continue evolving the Scott West Fishing program! Piloting, iterating, and establishing relationships within the local community and fishing industry.

- **What's NEW?**

- SAF State Championship
- Financial support for teams earning a spot at nationals
- Gift card awards to top finishing team and Big Bass for each virtual tournament (pending sponsorship donation); create internal team competition

- **What's out?**

- MN Youth Fishing Organization Tournaments
- Boat captain gas/mileage reimbursements for MNJB and SATT tournaments

Tournament Trails

Tournament Trails

16

	Lund Virtual Fishing League	Student Angler Tournament Trail (SATT)	MN Junior Bass (High School)	MN Junior Bass (Juniors)	SAF State Championship
Event Type	Virtual (Sundays) 5 Events	Live (Sundays) 6 Events + TOC	Live (Fridays) 3 Events + State Championship	Live (M/T/W) 1 Event + State Championship	Live - 1 Event
Grade/Age	Age 5 to Grade 12	Entering Grades 9-12	Entering Grades 9-12	Entering Grades 3-8	Entering Grades 9-12
Angler Partners	2 students or student/adult	2 students	2 students	2 students	2 students
Boat Captain Required	No, if in kayak or canoe or shore fishing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional Costs?	Yes, \$20 per angler per tournament	Yes, \$20 per angler per tournament	No	No	No
Rules Meeting	Virtual, Thursday before event	In-Person, day before event	Coaches only	Coaches only	In-Person, day of event
Opportunity for Nationals	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Student Example

	Lund Virtual Fishing League	Student Angler Tournament Trail (SATT)	MN Junior Bass (High School)	MN Junior Bass (Juniors)	SAF State Championship
2023 (Grade 7, Age 13)	Competed in 5/6 events, 1 with another student angler, 4 with parent	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Competed in qualifier and state championship with another student angler	N/A
2024 (Grade 8, Age 14)	Competed in 4/6 events with parent	Did not participate	Competed in all 3 events, did not qualify for state	Not Eligible	N/A

Lund Virtual Fishing League

Tournament Details:

- Virtual statewide events (you pick the public lake); top 7 fish; 100-200+ teams
- \$40 per team per event
- Ages 5 to graduated senior in high school
- Catch-Record-Release format
- Fish from a boat, kayak, canoe or even shore
- If in boat, must have age 19+ adult boat captain
- Team is two anglers (2 students or 1 student with 1 adult)
- Trophies and gift cards/certificates for placing + random draw for Scheels gift cards at every event
- “Fall Fling” qualifier event with scholarship give away
- +\$50k in Scheels gift cards and +\$20k in scholarships



Student Angler Tournament Trail (SATT)

Tournament Details:

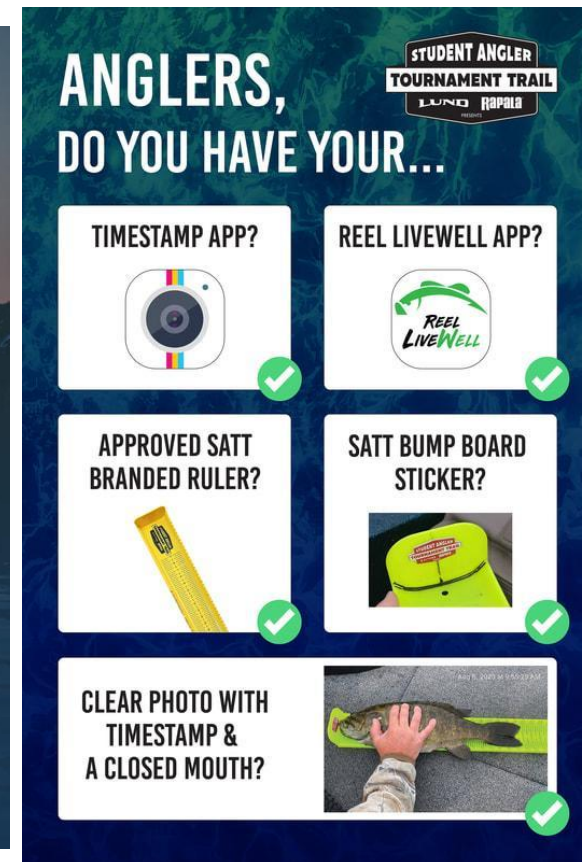
- Live statewide events with specified lake; top 7 fish; 150+ boats
- \$40 per team per event + travel expenses
- Registration 6 weeks in advance of each event (note these fill up quickly)
- Entering grades 9-12, two anglers (2 students) plus a boat captain
- Mandatory rules meeting the evening prior to event
- Catch-Record-Release format
- Top teams qualify TOC and Nationals
- +\$50k in scholarships and +\$30k in returned fundraising dollars



STUDENT ANGLER TOURNAMENT TRAIL
LUND RAPALA PRESENTS











- 2025 - SCHEDULE

- 5/18/25** Regional day - Whitefish (Northern Division), Miliona (Central Division), Waconia (Metro Division), Mississippi Pools 6&7 (Southern Division)
- 6/01/25** Le Homme Dieu (largemouth only)
- 6/15/25** Gull Lake Chain (largemouth only)
- 7/13/25** Mille Lacs
- 7/27/25** Mississippi pools 4&5
- 8/10/25** TOC Pokegama (Grand Rapids)
- 8/24/25** State Team Lake Vermillion



STUDENT ANGLER TOURNAMENT TRAIL
LUND RAPALA PRESENTS

ANGLERS, DO YOU HAVE YOUR...

- TIMESTAMP APP?**  
- REEL LIVEWELL APP?**  
- APPROVED SATT BRANDED RULER?**  
- SATT BUMP BOARD STICKER?**  
- CLEAR PHOTO WITH TIMESTAMP & A CLOSED MOUTH?**  

MN Junior Bass (High School)

*Dates & Lakes are Tentative

Tournament Details:

- Greater Southwest Metro (Scott West, TCU, St. Peter, Lake Crystal, Waterville, Worthington)
- Entering grades 9-12, two anglers (2 students) plus a boat captain
- Live events; top 5 fish in live well; weigh-in after tournament; 20-40 boats; coach submits roster
- No additional fees
- Trophies awarded to top finishers
- Fish all tournaments, top teams qualify for state and national events

Date & Time (7am-1pm)	Location
Fri, June 6	German/Jefferson
Fri, June 27	Lake Washington
Fri, July 18	Madison Lake
Sat/Sun, September 6 & 7	State Championship: Le Homme Dieu

What changed this year?

We moved to the Greater Southwest Metro conference from Southwest Metro. Smaller conference with fewer boats competing in each event.

MN Junior Bass (Juniors)

*Dates & Lakes are Tentative

Tournament Details:

- Statewide conference
- Entering grades 3-8, two anglers (2 students) plus a boat captain
- Live events; top 5 fish in live well; weigh-in after tournament; 25 boats
- No additional fees
- Parents sign up for only one of the three events
- Trophies awarded to top finishers
- Each individual Junior Open will advance the top 15 place finishers to state championship; top teams from there eligible for nationals
- Great experience before high school!

Date & Time (7am-12pm)	Location
Mon, June 23	Option 1: Tetonka / Sakatah (Waterville)
Tue, June 24	Option 2: Cedar Lake (Annandale)
Wed, June 25	Option 3: TBD
Fri, July 18	State Championship: Lake Waconia

SAF State Championship

Tournament Details:

- Statewide event on Clearwater Lake (August 23)
- Entering grades 9-12, two anglers (2 students) plus a boat captain
- Live events; top 5 fish in live well; weigh-in after tournament
- No additional fees
- Top teams qualify for national events
- If interested, work with your coach to register

NEW to our program this year!

Key Dates & Reminders

Key Dates & Upcoming Actions

- March 6: Registration closes
- March 7: Angler information survey due by end of day
- Mid-March: Parent/student tournament commitments for SATT, MNJB, and SAF
 - Gives you a couple weeks to review tournament options, your summer calendar, and think about what you'd like to do
- March 18: Team meeting (6pm)

Reminders

If you have questions – DO NOT hesitate to reach out to your coaches!

Let us know and we will try to help if you:

- Have a partner but need a boat and boat captain.
- Have a boat and boat captain but need a partner.
- Love to fish and need a partner, boat and boat captain.
- Any other questions/concerns/etc.

Questions

Additional Information

Why Bass Fishing?

- Relatively new (1970s) compared to traditional sports (late 1800s)
- Established sport at the amateur and professional level
 - One of the fastest growing sports at college level and rising sport in high school
- Bass are widely available and can be caught almost anywhere. Anglers can use various lures and fishing techniques, and experiment with baits.
 - The most abundant freshwater fish in North America
- Beginner friendly sport, not difficult to catch (or are they...?)
- Bass are powerful, aggressive and excellent fighters!
- Relatively inexpensive and fun for all ages, life-long sport

Partnering Organizations



Tournament Organizers & Insurance Coverage



Eligibility

Is there an age requirement? The Scott West Fishing Team is open to students ages 10 through 18.

Are there any prerequisites? Ages 16 and older must purchase a Minnesota fishing license. Please consult your state DNR regarding age requirements for fishing licenses and watercraft operator's certificates.

Is any experience required? Our team runs from Spring to Fall with team meetings, guest speakers, and opportunities to compete at both the junior and high school levels. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced angler, there's a place for you!

How does school athletic eligibility work? If you are a Jordan, or Belle Plaine Public Schools student living in the district, a student of the district through open enrollment, or home-schooled living in the district you are eligible for our team. If you are living in the district but are open enrolled in a school outside the district you must compete for that school if they have a team; if they do not have a team your eligibility reverts back to your district of residence. Students enrolled in Elevate Online through Southwest Metro 288 will be eligible to compete with the Scott West Fishing Team. Students enrolled in other online entities will not be able to participate on the team.

We will follow the MSHSL bylaws 205 and 206

- 205: No alcohol/controlled substances/etc. violations
- 206: Be a good person! (Cheating on a test, fighting - anything that could cause you to be suspended or arrested)

Leadership Award

We encourage ALL student-athletes to be leaders on the team. To be recognized as a leader of the Scott West Fishing team a student-athlete must:

- Set a good example for other anglers
- Be a good communicator
- Make good decisions when representing Scott West Fishing - Be Ethical
- Motivate and empower other anglers
- Be respectful of teammates, coaches, boat captains and nature
- Be dependable

Approved Bump Boards

Pending sponsorships, we will purchase and have available for the team

Approved Rulers

- Lund Aluminum
- Scheels Aluminum
- Scheels Plastic
- Hawg Trough (with Black Lines)
- Hawg Trough Rebranded (e.g., Yeti)
- Ketch Aluminum
- Judge Aluminum
- TC Walleye Club

*If you have a preferred rule that doesn't meet the above criteria, we can run this by tournament organizers.

**SATT requires branded ruler. See SATT slide.

Lund:



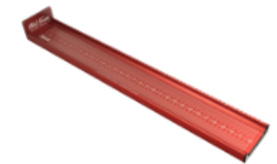
Scheels:



Hawg Trough:



Ketch Board



Judge



TC Walleye Club

