

Youth Fishing Tournament on Beaver Lake: General Information & Rules and Regulations

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General Info:

Date of Event: Saturday, June 25

Time: 7 am – 12 noon

Check-in and Weigh-In – Prairie Creek Day Use Area on Beaver Lake, AR*

Weigh-in Shelter by public boat ramp, Rogers, AR 72756

*All weigh ins and awards will be held at Prairie Creek Weigh In Facility

Registration

\$50 Entry Fee/per Boat

Online registration available until midnight on June 17, 2022 at www.beaverwatershedalliance.org, click on “Events”

Register by May 31, 2022 = Earlier Take Off Time

Limited registrations open morning of event, 6 am - 7 am at Prairie Creek, cash or check only.

Registration available at Hook Line and Sinker in Rogers or South Town Sporting Goods, Fayetteville. Please include adult name, youth(s) name(s), email and phone number on envelopes. Makes checks payable to Beaver Watershed Alliance.

All teams will be assigned a number for the tournament, numbers will be given out morning of the tournament.

All registrations (in person and online) must sign the waiver before the event and acknowledge the Rules and Regulations. This must be completed to receive your team number.

Eligibility

Youth, under age 16 (max of 2 Youth Fishermen per Boat for safety, must be accompanied by an at least 1 adult)

THIS IS A CATCH & RELEASE TOURNAMENT.

LIFE JACKETS & LIVE WELLS ARE REQUIRED. MAX IS 200 BOATS.

Rules and Regulations

1. All local, state, federal, Coast Guard and Arkansas Game and Fish regulations shall apply and must be observed at all times during the tournament, including observing No Wake Zones, Buoyed areas, and NO FISHING within 50' of a Gas Marina and all the docks associated with it.

Specifically:

- (a) All boats must have running lights if you are on the water before daylight.
 - (b) All contestants must wear a securely fastened Coast Guard-approved life vest when the main engine is in use.
 - (c) All boats must have an operating kill switch attached to the operator while the main internal combustion engine is operating.
 - (d) All boats must be equipped with an operating live well. (An aerator in an ice chest is acceptable)
2. All applications for entry, determination of winners, and rights to awards and prizes are subject to the approval of tournament officials.
 3. The sponsor of this event expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any entry form.
 4. All contestants are responsible for paying their own Corps of Engineers Launch fees.
 5. You may pull your boat out and trailer to the weigh-in site.
 6. All fishing regulations must be followed, outlined by AGFC.
 - a. Bass Limits: Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Meanmouth 15" minimum. Kentucky spotted bass 12" minimum is eligible to be weighed in.
 - b. Crappie Limits 10" minimum
 - c. Bream (bluegill, redear, longear, warmouth and other sunfishes combined), no minimum length requirement.
 7. Fish weighed in by contestants become tournament property and will be released following the weigh-in.
 8. Maximum of 5 fish per species boat limit for this tournament.
 9. No more than two youth anglers per boat, each boat must have at least one adult captain.
 10. All fishing must be done with rod and reel and artificial lures or live bait. No trolling, the use of pork rind is allowed.
 11. Adults agree to take and pass a random polygraph testing which will cover tournament rules and fishing methods. Coin toss will determine which angler is tested.
 12. No dead fish will be allowed to weigh in for Youth Tournament.
 13. All fish will be measured with a Golden Rule (mouth closed, tail pinched)
 14. In the event of a tie, a coin toss will determine the winner.
 15. LATE PENALTY – if you are late to weigh in, you're disqualified.
 16. All boats are subject to live-well and general boat checks before tournament take-off.
 17. Use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.

ALL Adult Captains must read and sign a waiver and release form agreeing to follow all rules.

For more information on Tournament Rules and Regulations, contact Johnny Brewer 479-422-1291 jbbassbug@gmail.com . For general event questions, please contact Beaver Watershed Alliance 479-750-8007, info@beaverwatershedalliance.org