

Everglades District Fishing Tournament Rules - 2022

1. Scouts must furnish their own fishing equipment, including a container, in which to keep any fish caught. Only one rod or pole per Scout at a time in the water will be allowed. This derby is for the Scouts and siblings - Parents can assist and coach their sons and daughters as they fish. A Scout will be disqualified if, in the opinion of the judges, a Parent/Guardian does more than just assist.
2. Scouts will not be allowed to combine fish for the purpose of the contest.
3. Bait will be provided. Scouts may use their own bait such as live worms, dough balls, shrimp, live minnows, stink bait, etc.
4. Fishing for judging will begin at the blow of the official whistle as soon as registration is substantially complete, which should be approximately 8:30 AM, and will end at the blow of a whistle promptly at 11:30 AM. Any fish caught before the beginning whistle must be returned at that time of the start or the Scout may be disqualified. Any Scout may begin and stop fishing at any time between these times.
5. Judging will take place immediately following the 11:30am whistle, and prizes will be awarded after the provided lunch in at least the following categories: The HEAVIEST SINGLE "eligible" fish caught and the LARGEST NUMBER of "eligible" fish caught. Other prizes may be awarded based on prizes available.
6. An "eligible" fish is one that is at least three (3) inches long. A Derby Judge shall make this minimum length determination at the time the fish is caught. Any fish not meeting this requirement must be immediately returned. For a fish to be considered for any prize, it must be caught, retained, and available for measuring and counting at an official judging station. Any fish that "gets away" prior to the official judging shall NOT be considered for ANY purpose. Any boy leaving the contest prior to 11:30 AM can submit his catch to the judges upon departure.
7. Fishing will take place in designated areas, and from the shoreline. There will be no fishing permitted in the adjacent "marina". Fishing will not be permitted from any 'boats'.
8. Any decision of the judges may be appealed to the Fishing Rodeo Chairman. The decision of the Fishing Rodeo Chairman shall be final with respect to any conflicts arising during the tournament or judging. The Fishing Rodeo Chairman shall have the authority to modify these rules as he, at his sole discretion, determines to be necessary.

Please handle fish as gently as possible. Unnecessary handling or injury can cause the fish to die after release back to the water. Help the fish live so they may be caught again next year.