

Phin's Fishing Classic

OFFICIAL RULES

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- **THIS IS A CATCH-PHOTO-RELEASE (CPR) TOURNAMENT** facilitated through the *Fishing Chaos App*. You will need to download the App to register and submit catches.
- A **MEASURING BOARD** must be used in your pictures for fish submission. The measuring board must be a hard flat surface with 1/4" increments with a left fence, not homemade or a paper ruler. Ketch Boards are recommended but not required. One can be purchased here: <https://ketchproducts.com>

MEASURING YOUR CATCH:

- All measurements must be taken with the "zero end" of the board to the left of the person measuring and the belly of the fish down towards the person measuring the fish.
- The nose or mouth (depending on fish species) of the fish must be butted to the end stop of the board and the majority of the tail must sit within the raised edges of the board.
- **DO NOT COVER THE EYES OR TAIL OF THE FISH WHEN TAKING YOUR PICTURE-HOLD THE BELLY/MIDDLE OF THE FISH.**
- Use 1/4" (.25) increments when submitting length. The fish must TOUCH and/or PASS the 1/4" increment to be entered as such.
- Judges will view each picture for exact measurements.
- **Be sure your pictures are IN FOCUS and not blurry***

SUBMITTING YOUR CATCH:

- All fish must be submitted using a MEASURING BOARD with an official identifier in your picture through the Fishing Chaos App.
- **Fish must be caught no earlier than 4/9/2022 at 12:01 AM CDT and no later than 5/1/2022 at 11:59 PM CDT.**
- **Your phone must have location services turned on for the Fishing Chaos and Camera Apps.** If you are in an area with no signal, take the photo using the phones camera and upload to the Fishing Chaos App once you get signal.
- **All submissions must be uploaded by 5/1/2022 at 11:59 PM.**

RULES:

1. All entrants must read and sign waiver stating they understand and will follow all rules and stipulations of the tournament.
2. During competition, every Competitor must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment (e.g., light source, whistle or other audible signal devices, Coast Guard-approved, chest-type life preserver [PFD]) if fishing from a watercraft. See www.uscgboating.org/
3. All fishing areas must be available to the general public.
4. All fish submitted for score must be caught live by the Competitor who submits them for scoring using only equipment and legal methods that comply with all sport-fishing statutes and regulations of the states and body of water in which they are taken. Competitors are responsible for research of and compliance with all applicable fishing and boating regulations.
5. All fish must be taken by rod and reel only during competition time. Snatching or snagging fish is not permitted.
6. In the event of a tie by total length, the earliest time of submission will be used.
7. Tournament Director has final ruling on all fish related matters. Disputes must be submitted via email within 24 hours of the end of the official tournament end time.
8. All live, dead, or artificial bait is allowed.
9. Boat, Kayak and Bank fishing allowed.
10. No altered fish (no tail cutting).
11. 1 pole per angler allowed in the water at a time.

CATEGORIES

Freshwater:

Black Bass

Crappie - Black and White Crappie

Catfish - Blue, Bullhead, Channel, Flathead and White Catfish

Saltwater:

Redfish

Snook

Speckled Trout

High School Anglers:

High School Black Bass

***High School Anglers may fish other categories**

SUGGESTED PRACTICES:

- Deep hooked fish – if you have a deeply hooked fish, we encourage you to simply cut your line, take your measurement, photograph, and release the fish.
- Please handle all fish with respect and care, and use a boga or fish gripping type device to help handle your fish.
- Wet your hands before handling your fish.
- We encourage you to visit ReleaSense.org for more information about handling and releasing fish.