

KIDS FISHING DERBY INFO/RULES

Ages 3 - 15

Official Start Time:

The official start time for the derby is at 8:00 a.m. at the sound of the horn. **NO FISHING** is allowed before this time. Check-in is from 7 – 8 am.

Attention Parents:

Parents are only allowed to assist small children with fishing. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO FISH FOR THEIR CHILD!** This event is designed to teach children the sport of fishing. Event staff and TWRA will be monitoring areas of the pond. Please respect the rules and others around you. Thank you!

Weigh-In Times:

Age groups will be called out on the p.a. system when the weigh-in tent area is ready. Approximate times are listed below.

Ages 3 – 4	10:15 a.m.
Ages 5 – 7	10:30 a.m.
Ages 8 – 10	10:45 a.m.
Ages 11 – 12	11:00 a.m.
Ages 13 – 15	11:15 a.m.

What To Do With The Fish You Catch:

- Keep fish alive by stringer in water or in bucket of water. Release your fish to the holding cans or coolers at the weigh-in area.
- Take them home to eat. *You must be able to keep them cool on-sited in order to do so.*

Door Prizes:

Door prize drawings will take place after all kids have weighed in their fish. The small ticket you received at check-in is your door prize ticket. You must be present to win.

Sunscreen:

Please remember to bring sunscreen for you and your child.

Concession Stand:

A Concession Stand will be available for snacks and drinks. The Rockford Masonic Lodge will be on-site to sell hotdogs.

Bait for Sale:

Live Bait and a few fishing supplies will be for sale by C&C Outdoors.

Rules:

This event is designed to allow children the opportunity to experience and LEARN the concepts of fishing. Adults are allowed to provide assistance only, but CANNOT “fish” for the participant! Participants may be subject to disqualification for not abiding the rules of the event.

- Even if you have pre-registered, **you must check-in on-site** to get your goody bag and door prize tickets.
- Every participant receives a Fishing Derby keepsake.
- Drink and goody bag guaranteed to the first 250 participants.
- All participants are eligible for numerous door prizes including a grand prize.
- Event management provided by Parks & Rec. staff, TWRA, and area volunteers.
- Trophy for the overall event champion for the largest fish caught, as well as the most fish caught.
- 1st place trophies will be awarded in each age group for the largest fish (weight).
- 1st-4th place trophies will be awarded in each age group for the most fish caught (total weight of 10 fish maximum).
- Age divisions: 3-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-15
- All children must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate.
- Participants may use **1 rod only**.
- Bank fishing only - No wading. - **Event encourages catch and release. Please use stringer and bucket.**
- All fish must be checked in to be eligible for awards.
- Be considerate of other participants.
- Adults are allowed to provide **assistance only** with baiting, casting and removing fish from hook, but **cannot** “fish” for the participant. Fishing for participant may result in forfeiture of awards eligibility.
- No fishing license is required on event day.

GAMES/WATERPLAY AREA

This area will open up at 10 AM for kids to enjoy!