



# Kiwanis Club

## Blue Mesa Lake Fishing Tournament Rules

### May 1 & 2, 2010

1. Participants must have a 2010 Colorado fishing license.
2. Boats must have current registrations, approved safety equipment, a valid launching permit, and be certified to have completed the NPS Zebra Mussel boat cleaning process BEFORE launching.
3. Participants must sign a release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement.
4. Participants must abide by all Colorado fishing regulations, including daily bag limits and possession limits.
5. All species of fish taken from Blue Mesa Lake may be entered into the competition except Suckers, Lake Trout (Mackinaw), Perch, and Northern Pike .
6. Fish must be a minimum of 12 inches in length to be entered into the competition.
7. Tournament decisions and the enforcement of regulations shall be made by the tournament judges.
8. By majority decision of the judges, tournament rules may be added or amended at any time.
9. Participants agree to have their catches inspected at any time by tournament judges or by Colorado Division of Wildlife or NPS personnel.
10. Teams;
  - A. A team may have no more than two members.
  - B. Teams must check in at tournament headquarters prior to fishing on Saturday at which time you will be issued a flight designation and given any additional necessary information.
  - C. Each team shall fish out of one boat that has been inspected prior to each days fishing.
  - D. No passenger other than team entered team members shall be allowed in any boat during tournament fishing.
  - E. Each team shall be allowed to enter **2 live fish per day** of the tournament.
  - F. Teams may not enter fish caught from the bank or by anyone else. Fishing too close to someone on the bank or another boat may be cause for disqualification.
11. Method of taking fish;
  - A. Fish must be taken in a legal manner as determined by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. No foul hooked or snagged fish will be eligible.
  - B. Fish must be taken from a boat.
  - C. Fish may not be taken inside a line determined by "no wake" signs surrounding either marina or within 100 feet of either marina facility, which ever is less, as specified by National Park Service regulations.
  - D. Fish must be taken between the hours determined by the flight assignment.
12. Judging Entries;
  - A. Participants and their entries must check in with the official(s) stationed on the east end of the dock at Elk Creek Marina or the officials at tournament headquarters tent on or before their designated finish times and must weigh-in immediately thereafter.
  - B. Fish shall be weighed on the same scale.
  - C. Fish are subject to cleaning and inspection after being measured and weighed.
  - D. Fish of undetermined species shall be permitted on a case by case basis as determined by the tournament judges.
  - E. Ties in fish weight shall have the money for those places involved added together and divided by the number of those tied.
  - F. All decisions of the Tournament Director and Judges are final.
13. Flights
  - A. Teams will be divided into three flights.
  - B. Each flight will have a different start time to maximize safety and to minimize traffic conflicts.
  - C. Each flight will have a different ending time to give each team an equal length of time each day to fish.
  - D. The starting time of the first two flights will be reversed from Saturday to Sunday with the first flight leaving first on Saturday and the second flight leaving first on Sunday.
  - E. The third flight will be designated for all late registrations or the last forty entries (81 – 120).
  - F. The third flight will be the last flight out on both Saturday and Sunday.

Teams must be in the official weigh-in line with their fish to be weighed no later than 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. **You must be in line to weigh within 15 minutes of your deadline.**

- G. **Fish must be ALIVE or certified and tagged by a tournament official as to having been caught that same day.**

**As a courtesy, tournament officials will be available to tag fish during tournament hours at these locations:**

- \*\*Elk Creek Marina dock**
- \*\*Lake Fork dock**
- \*\*Iola boat ramp**

**BOATS OR CONTESTANTS OBSERVED VIOLATING ANY RULES OF THIS TOURNAMENT (INCLUDING BEING LATE FOR DAILY FINISH TIMES) WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO WEIGH FISH ON THAT DAY.**