

Fishing For The Fight

Tournament Rules 2019

TEAMS

- A. Each team will consist of two (2) fishing contestants. Only two (2) contestants can be fishing at any given time. Contestants can call on their insurance guide or alternate at any time, but one contestant will be excluded and returned to town or their vehicle.
- B. Only one member of a team may be a professional full-time or part-time fresh or saltwater fly-fishing guide or captain. A professional is defined as anyone who, within the last 5 years, has received income for services performed as a guide or captain.

EQUIPMENT

- A. Contestants will furnish their own fly-fishing equipment. Each contestant may possess up to two (2) rods while fishing in competition.
- B. Type of rod and reel is the choice of each angler.
- C. No real or artificial fish attractants, such as scents, are allowed.
- D. All competition fishing will be with flies only and all rigs will consist of no more than three (3) single, barbless hooks.

EVENT FLIES

- A. Any conventional pattern (dry, wet, nymph, streamer, etc.) may be used.

- B. Flies must be tied on a single hook. Articulated flies with two (2) hooks are allowed but both hooks count against the three (3) hook maximum per rig limit.
- C. The guide must approve the contestant's fly selections before 8:00am. The guide's judgment regarding the legality of the fly, and barbless nature, are considered final.

FISHING PROCEDURE

- A. Each fisherman must show proof of a valid Wyoming Fishing License before taking part in the tournament.
- B. Federal and State rules and regulations governing the waters to be fished will be strictly observed.
- C. **VIOLATION OF WGF REGULATIONS: All contestants must abide by all Wyoming Game and Fish regulations concerning fishing, aquatic invasive species and boating. Any participant found to violate any Game and Fish regulation from 8AM Friday, through 4:30 PM Sunday, will be disqualified.**
- D. Contestants will not use any fishing method other than fishing with a fly rod and flies. Tenkara is allowed but only with flies. No lures, bait or other methods of fishing such as spin casting or bait fishing are allowed.
- E. All main river channels are fishable.
- F. All trout species will be counted in the scoring. No white fish will be counted.
- G. Fishing will be from 8:00 AM to 4:59:59 PM on the first day of the tournament and 8:00 AM until 12:59:59 PM on the second day of the tournament.
- H. Only ***Fishing For The Fight*** assigned beats are approved and will count towards scoring in the tournament.

- I. A contestant's assigned fishing venue and guide shall not be altered. Unless specifically approved in advance by the Rules Committee, any variance from these assignments will disqualify the contestant from that day's fishing.
- J. With the permission of the fisherman who has a fish "on the line", guides or teammates may assist in landing any fish to be scored in the event.
- K. Daily scoring ends for all contestants at the times described in Item D under Fishing Procedure above.

SCORING

Fishing For The Fight has adjusted its scoring procedures to reduce the handling of our native/natural trout.

- A. To be counted in the score, the guide, or angler in the presence of the guide, must touch the trout. Each trout will have a value of two points.
- B. Each **TEAM** will be allowed to select ten (10) trout to measure during the day. Eight (8) of these fish will have a bonus score. All trout not selected for measurement will be released immediately, preferably with- out removing them from the water.
- C. Measurement of trout shall be done by the Guide while the trout is in the water whenever possible. The Guide should measure the trout with the Fish trough provided to the Guide. Fish are to be measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the relaxed tail. The tail of the trout should not be pinched. All trout should be measured to the nearest 1/4 inch. The guides cannot round up measurements. This is to ensure accurate measurements for the biggest fish competition. In signing the scorecard, the contestant understands that this represents only an estimate of their final score. The scoring committee when

necessary, due to rounding of fish length and/or incorrect addition of total points will finalize scores.

D. Each of the EIGHT fish for bonus scoring by a contestant will be scored as follows:

POINTS

16"– 2 points + 60 points

17"– 2 points + 80 points

18"– 2 points + 100 points

19"– 2 points + 125 points

20"– 2 points + 150 points

21"– 2 points + 175 points

22"– 2 points + 200 points

Add 50 points per inch for trout over 22 inches

Other Bonus Points

If total number of trout landed is between:

30-39 Add 50 bonus points

40-49 Add 100 bonus points

50+ Add 150 bonus points

First Fish (overall winner) add 100 bonus points

Most Fish (overall winner) add 100 bonus points

Biggest Fish (overall winner) add 100 bonus points

Hat Trick (if a team wins all three categories) an additional 200 points

- E. A **100 point** penalty will be assessed for any fish killed or ruled by the guide to be unable to survive. Each of these fish will be measured and the scored value of that trout will be subtracted from the angler's score. That trout will not be counted against the daily limit of six measured trout.
- F. **"FIRST FISH"** means, literally first fish of the competition day 2 does not count.
- G. **"MOST"** means total for both days
- H. **"BIGGEST"** means largest fish (by length) over total tournament.

Rules Committee:

The Rules committee will consist of 3 members designated by the FFF ambassadors, and will be the final say of the individual and team winners. There will be awards given for, "FIRST" "MOST" and "BIGGEST". The winning team will be the team with the most accumulated points. Their names will be permanently engraved on the FFF tournament trophy which will be proudly displayed by our tournament HOST for the subsequent year.

These rules are subject to change and modification as directed by the FFF and Rules Committee