



FISHIN' PALS GRAND CHALLENGE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Website: fishinpals.com

(1) FISHIN' PALS GRAND CHALLENGE: Director reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone at any time. Any public announcement or written notice made by the Tournament Director at the tournament site takes precedence over these written rules. By participation in this event, each person agrees that all decisions made by the Tournament Director are final and not subject to legal challenge. **Prize and tackle pack specifications are subject to change without notice and team member must be present to win drawprizes.**

(2) ELIGIBILITY: Contestants must have a valid Oklahoma fishing license or proof of exemption. Non-residents must meet applicable requirements per Oklahoma Department of Wildlife regulations. A Team must consist of one adult being a minimum of 21 years of age paired with a youth partner.

(3) TWO AGE DIVISIONS: Applicable age is that of youth contestant on tournament day.

Wiggly Wart Division ... Youth must be under 13 years and no less than 4 years of age.

Fire Tiger Division ... Youth must be under 18 and no less than 11 years of age. (One team only per boat).

Note* Youth 11 and 12 years of age, have the option of fishing either division. Under no circumstances may a youth below 11 years of age fish Fire Tiger Division.

(4) MULTIPLE TEAMS (Wiggly Warts Only)

Multiple teams may compete out of the same boat provided they meet one of two provisions, and at no time may two men be permitted in one boat. **(1)** The teams must be composed of one immediate family, whereas the adults are the guardians of both participating youth. Each team's fish must be kept separately. **(2)** One adult may partner two individual youth at the same time as separate teams. Each youth's fish must be kept separated. The adult partnering both youth may determine which youth receives his catch, however must do so immediately. At no time may any fish be redivided from one youth's creel to the other, even in case of culling.

(5) REGISTRATION OPTIONS AND DEADLINE:

Entries must actually be received by Website published Deadline to ensure T-Shirts, due to vendor deadline. Registration by mail or online via PayPal.

(6) WAIVER: Legal guardian and any other participating adult must submit Waiver Form releasing all tournament officials, contestants, hosts, and sponsors from any and all claims, injuries and/or damages incurred with The Fishin' Pals Grand Challenge before participation will be allowed. Online Entry via Pay Pal is made available for your convenience, however the aforementioned requirements of the waiver form must be accomplished. May submit by mail, email, or in person at Friday pre-tournament check-in.

(7) DEADWATER TIME: None

(8) OFFICIAL TIME: Cellular (Satellite) time.

(9) TAKEOFF: Takeoff from ramp of your choice. Teams will be permitted to trailer back to weigh-in. No exceptions for late arrivals. Further takeoff procedures will be issued at pre-Friday check-in.

(10) PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Angling from boat only, and only waters accessible by boat travel from weigh site ramp. Participants not allowed to leave the boat in order to land or retrieve a fish, or to gain access to other waters. Teams must honor other contestants a 100 foot courtesy.

(11) THREE FISH LIMIT: 14" minimum, largemouth, smallmouth & kentuckies will be weighed. Penalty for dead fish is 1/2 lb. each. No fish on ice will be accepted and weighmaster reserves the right to refuse any questionable fish. Artificial and pork baits allowed in use only. No trolling, snagging or live baits allowed. All fish must be caught on rod & reel. Fish will be measured on the WIL-E-GO tournament flat board and are measured with mouth closed & tail lobes pressed together. Penalty for short fish will be 1/2 pound and loss of that fish.

(12) CULLING: One team member must immediately attend to culling anytime a over the limit fish enters boat.

(13) WEIGH-IN: Afternoon check-in point, procedures and times, will be provided at Friday pre-check-in. Teams arriving late up to 5 minutes will receive a 2 pound penalty. Teams later than 5 minutes will be disqualified. No exception. In case of mechanical failure one or both team members may return by any safe means necessary provided the fish are transported in a operating livewell. Director must be notified immediately upon arrival. Fish will only be accepted in the official tournament weigh-bags. These bags will be provided at weigh-in. **DO NOT USE YOUR PERSONAL BAGS!**

(14) TIES: Ties shall be decided by greater number of fish. If still tied, all trophy ties will be broken by lower team number. Fire Tiger division ties concerning money awards will be combined and divided equally.

(15) BIG BUBBA AWARDS: Five category awards for heaviest fish. These categories will be in addition to & not including the 4 fish limit of largemouth, smallmouth and kentucky bass. Categories are **(1)** carp or buffalo **(2)** whitebass or hybrid **(3)** drum **(4)** catfish **(5)** perch.

(16) SAFETY: A Coast Guard approved life jacket must be worn anytime on plane and whereas applicable by state regulations. Boats must be equipped with kill switch and used.

(17) MINIMUM BOAT REQUIREMENTS: Any safe boat 16' or longer if powered by an engine of 40 h.p. or more. All boats must contain aerated livewells. No stringers, baskets or other means of holding fish will be allowed.

(18) RULES AND LAWS: It is the sole responsibility of each contestant to know and follow all applicable tournament rules and governmental laws and regulations. Such governmental laws and regulations include those enacted or promulgated by Federal, State, or local governments, and the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA). Regardless of your understanding concerning the law about running under bridges, the rule in this tournament is **ALL BRIDGES ARE NO WAKE**. Running under **ANY** bridge is grounds for disqualification.

DUCK CREEK (Grand): Contestants must remain on R/H side of buoy lanes, not to exceed 30 mph, and maintain 150 foot minimum distance from shoreline. No Wake is permitted outside the lanes. Anyone ticketed for violation will also be disqualified upon GRDA notification to the director.

(19) NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: No alcoholic beverages allowed in the boat or at the weigh-in site.

(20) PROTESTS: Any protest must be addressed with the director prior to closing of scales per applicable division.

MOST IMPORTANTLY.....HAVE FUN!