



Greetings, Tournament Coordinator!

We wanted to share some updates to our fishing tournament policies recently adopted by the Daviess-Martin Joint County Park Board. These policies are effective January 2021.

A Few Definitions

- A **fishing contest** is any organized fishing activity of a competitive nature, in which a participant must enter, and during or after which a participant must report, weigh, or otherwise confirm their fishing success to a person representing the club, firm, corporation, or other entity hosting the event. Non-profit or youth organization contests with no entry fees or cash prizes may be considered for a fee waiver, but applications must still be completed. Please speak with Jules if you have a group that you think may qualify for a fee waiver.
- A **fishing tournament** is any fishing contest in which a participant, in addition to the criteria listed above, is also subject to either:
 - Payment of any entry fee as a condition for participation, or
 - Awards of cash, prizes, or valuable products or services. This does not include trophies or certificates.

Reservations and Regulations

- All **fishing tournaments** shall be subject to a fee of \$100.00 **per event**. Submission of this fee shall be made with the completion of an application.
- All fishing contests, regardless of number of participants, type of organization involved, or other factors, are required to reserve a date (Tuesday, Saturday, or Sunday) no less than 14 days prior to any contest date. After reservations are made, 7 days are given to submit an application and tournament fee, if applicable. If no payment and application is received within 7 days, the reservation will be cancelled.
- After payment and application has been received, a confirmation will be mailed/emailed to the contest director. This confirmation must be presented if requested by a Daviess-Martin Joint County Park Official on site.
- **Post contest reports must be submitted within 7 days after the event. If reports are not received within 7 days, organizations will no longer be eligible to apply for future tournaments.**
- **Fishing contests may only contain a maximum of twenty-five boats.**
- **Contests must end not later than 4PM on Saturday and Sunday.**
- Fishing contest activity is permitted for the duration of the entire year.

We will accept Fishing Tournament applications for the 2022 season beginning Monday, November 1, 2021 at 9AM. Calls and emails will be answered in the order received. For your convenience, copies of the Fishing Tournament application and report form are attached. Completed applications and appropriate fees are required for each date requested.

Please direct any questions regarding tournament activity at West Boggs Park to Jules Erwin at 812.295.3421 or at jules@westboggs.com. We look forward to having you at the lake!

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Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Department Fishing Tournament Application

Please complete the following application and send this form with your \$100 per tournament fee to:

Fishing Tournaments c/o Program Director
 West Boggs Park
 PO Box 245
 Loogootee, IN 47553

Or please feel free to call in with a credit card and email your completed form to jules@westboggs.com. You will need to complete a different form for each tournament, unless you are holding several contests with the same time, numbers, director, and information.

Organization Name					
Date(s) of Event		Start Time		Weigh-in Time	
Proceeds to Benefit					
Type of Event	<input type="radio"/> Members Only <input type="radio"/> Open <input type="radio"/> Other _____				
Number of Boats	<input type="radio"/> 1-9 <input type="radio"/> 10-15 <input type="radio"/> 16-25 (Site boat limit is 25.)	Entry Fee(s)			
Target Species	<input type="radio"/> Largemouth Bass <input type="radio"/> Crappie <input type="radio"/> Other _____				
Does the event mandate catch and release fishing?					
Event Director					
Address					
City/State/Zip					
Phone		Is texting permissible or preferred?			
Email					

Office Use Only

Action Taken:
 Approved
 Disapproved
 Date Conflict; changed to: _____

Notes on Event:



Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Department Fishing Tournament Report

Must be returned within 7 days of your tournament.

Help our natural resources with citizen science! We return fishing information to the DNR to help them make informed decisions about lake and resource management. You are a major part of this Please complete the following form and **attach weigh-in information**. Return both to:

*Fishing Reports c/o Program Director
West Boggs Park
PO Box 245
Loogootee, IN 47553*

Or please feel free to scan and email your completed form and weigh-in sheets to jules@westboggs.com.

Report forms and weigh-in information **must** be returned within **seven days** after your scheduled event date.

Organization Name					
Date of Event		Start Time		Weigh-in Time	
# of Participants					
Number of Boats		Entry Fee(s)			
Storage Method During Weigh-in					
Release Method		Mortality Count			

Event Director					
Address					
City/State/Zip					
Phone		Is texting permissible?			
Email					

Additional Comments or Concerns



Fishing Tournaments at West Boggs

Things to Remember

Tournament participants are still subject to the \$6 gate fee and \$10 boat launch fee. Please be sure to let your participants know to anticipate this. Annual gate and boat passes are available for purchase through the gate house.

Boats should move in a counter-clockwise circle around the lake and keep to the right. There is a speed limit of 35 mph on the lake.

All Indiana State Fishing and State Boating Regulations apply at West Boggs Lake.

It is mandatory to turn in your tournament report within seven days of your tournament. Failure to do so will eliminate your tournament from future events at West Boggs.

Please consider location during your tournament. Some tournaments choose to direct fisherman away from the ramp area to keep the space open and prevent advantages possible by the catch and release occurring in that area.

Only one tournament a day is permitted.

The maximum number of boats for any tournament is 25. Failure to comply with this guideline will result in eliminating your organization from further events at West Boggs Lake.

These guidelines will be carefully observed and recorded in 2022. We have been seeing an uptick in tournament usage and wish to maintain an open environment for all organizations, while also still offering a high quality experience on our beloved lake.