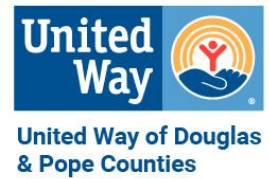


# UWDP Fishing Tournament Rules



## FishDonkey App

- All registration and payment must be completed using the app.
- The FishDonkey App will be used to photo document fish and will generate live leaderboards. All entries will be considered unofficial until verified.

## Teams

- Team cost is \$100
- Teams can consist of 1-4 persons
- All team members must fish from the same boat
- At least one team member must be 18 years of age or older
- One team member should download the app and act as Team Captain. This person will be required to make the team payment of \$100. This person will also take photos for each team member, and for each fish entered.
  - Entries entered from a separate log in will be counted as a separate team, and team entry fee must be paid to be eligible for prizes

## Bodies of Water

- The tournament is restricted to lakes within Douglas & Pope Counties.
  - A portion of the lake must reside within one of these counties. (Example, Lake Osakis spans two counties. As one part of the lake is within Douglas county, fish can be caught anywhere on Lake Osakis)
- Fishing has to be legal and in public waters only: no private ponds, streams, lakes or rivers.
- Participants may fish in any water that is open to public fishing.
- Tournament director will verify location with FishDonkey if necessary.

## Measuring Boards

- All teams must purchase or borrow a United Way measuring board from:
  - Koep's Bait
  - United Way office
- Boards must be returned, or are available for purchase for \$20
- No handmade measuring boards, stickers, or tape measures allowed
- If your measurement is not clearly readable in your submission photo, it may not be accepted, or may be penalized.

## Measuring & Photo Documenting

- All photos must be taken through the FishDonkey app
- All measurements must be on a valid (United Way) measuring board.
  1. Close the fish's mouth.
  2. The nose should touch the bump of the measuring board (the belly is facing you).
  3. The measurement photo needs to include the entire fish on the board.
  4. If the fish tail is touching the graduation line on the board then that is the exact measurement. If the tail crosses the graduation line, round up  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- Fish should be recorded immediately and measurements noted by length.

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- All submissions must include at least two photographs:
  1. A picture of you holding the fish
  2. A picture of the fish on the measuring board. Must include entire fish in picture
- All participants must have their fish submitted before the end of the tournament.

### Practice the FishDonkey App ahead of time

- Watch a 1 minute tutorial on How to Enter a Fish
- Test the app before you get out on the water.
  1. Download the app
  2. Join the tournament called "Practice Entering a Fish"
  3. Follow instructions on app

### FishDonkey in poor reception areas - The app will work without internet!

- Open the app before heading out to poorly covered areas.
- Tap on the name of the tourney (UWDP Fishing Tournament).
- Once you see the button 'Enter a Fish', head out and fish away.
- Fish should be entered as normal in bad reception areas.
- Your Digital Livewell® (fish icon) will show you if there are fish waiting for an internet connection to get pushed into the leaderboard.

### When you get back to a well-connected area...

- Open your Digital Livewell® and leave that screen open/active until all fish are "Received".
- If your pictures are missing from the leaderboard, open the digital live well, leave the screen open & active until all fish are "Received"
- Until your pictures are received, do not delete or alter the photos on your phone, as the software will not accept your photos as originals.

### Tournament Director

- Your Tournament Directors are Abbey Kvidt & Jen Jabas. If you need to reach a director, their contact info is in the "i" Info icon within your tournament in the app, or:
  - Pre-Event: [akvidt@uwdp.org](mailto:akvidt@uwdp.org)
  - During Event: this information will be provided at the Rules Meeting
- The interpretation and enforcement of the rules is at the sole discretion of the director(s). The tournament director may change rules or impose sanctions as they deem appropriate, including but not limited to: disqualifications, forfeiture of prizes, and prohibition from competing in future tournaments. All decisions made by the tournament director are final.

### Sportsmanship

- All participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any participant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of fishing could be disqualified. Encroachment is considered a sportsmanship rule.

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### Inclement Weather/Cancellation

- Keep mobile phones on throughout the tournament in order to receive communication from the director in the event of postponement or cancellation. Due to the nature of tournament fishing, no refunds will be issued. This is at the discretion of your tournament director.

### Tiebreakers

As fish measurements are rounded to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", in the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by:

- The exact measurement instead of the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " measurement
- If it exact measurement is inconclusive, the next tie-breaker will be the first fish entered (day & time)
- The tournament director(s) have the right incorporate shared prizes into award distribution if deemed necessary

### Claiming Prizes

- Winners of cash prizes MUST be 18 years of age or older.
- Ensure that your correct address, email, and mobile number appear in your app profile for prize announcements and delivery. Prizes are the responsibility of the winners. Transportation, taxes, and incidentals are the responsibility of the winner.

### Laws and Regulations

- All federal, state, and local laws, fishing and boating rules apply.
- Failure to comply with any tournament rules subjects participants to disqualification and removal from the competition, as determined by the tournament officials. The right to refuse sale and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.

### Cheating

- All protests must be brought to the director's attention before the end of the event.
- Anyone caught breaking the law or disobeying the rules will be disqualified.
- Fish must be hooked and caught live in a conventional manner. Fish cannot be snagged, netted, speared, etc.

### Safety

- Participants are responsible for their own safety, actions, and property at all times.

### Questions?

- If there are any questions about the rules, ask the tournament director.