



## Kids Fishing Derby Rules

- Derby participants must complete a waiver form that includes the name of the adult who will accompany and remain with the participant throughout the derby. Substitute guardians are permitted provided the substitute's name and signature are on the registration form. Participants who show up unaccompanied by a guardian or parent will be disqualified. 18 yr olds are excluded from waiver form and all kids in the 16 to 18 year category do not require adult supervision.
- Access to the fishing site will be limited only to the participant and their registered parent or guardian. One guardian may accompany a maximum of two participants. Participant may bring a maximum of two adult guardians. Other guest must stay away from the southwest lake behind Kum & Go area to avoid interfering or being injured by the fishing activity. Kids in the 16 to 18 year category are excluded.
- The accompanying parent or guardian must remain with the participant at all times. If a parent or guardian escorts two participants, they must stay together throughout the event.
- The actual fishing competition will begin at 9 am and concludes at 11 am. Only the southwest lake behind Kum & Go is to be utilized for the derby.
- THIS IS A CATCH AND RELEASE DERBY: ALL FISH CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED AFTER BEING MEASURED. All fish must immediately be turned over to derby officials.
- Participants must do all the casting, reeling and landing of the fish by themselves. The adult may assist with baiting the hook, removal of fish from the hook or lure once the fish has been landed by the participant, fixing tackle, and perform any action required to ensure the well being and safety of the participant. The adult is restricted from any action involving the catching and landing the fish.
- Participants and their guardians are not to enter the water at any time or under any circumstances.
- The use of landing nets, using more than one pole per participants and multiple hooks is not allowed.
- Each participant MUST provide the following:
  - A hand line or fishing rod and reel – only hook and line fishing is allowed. DAWR recommends light weight fishing tackle with 10-15 pound test line or less. It is recommended that the fishing rod be flexible and not too large or heavy for the child to handle comfortably and safely for the two hour event. Extra line and scissors should be brought.
  - Fishing Tackle: Participants must provide their own fishing tackle, including hooks, sinkers, and floaters. Tackle to intentionally snag fish is prohibited. Participants are encouraged to bring a needle-nose pliers or hook removers to extract hooks more easily from the fish.
  - Bait: Participants must bring their own bait, such as squid. CHUMMING is NOT allowed during the derby.
  - Participants and guardians are advised to wear light colored long-sleeved cotton t-shirts, light colored long pants, shoes, a hat, sunglasses, use sun block for skin protection, and bring a basic first aid kit. An umbrella and raincoat should be brought in the event of rain. Gloves should be used for handling the fish.
  - Drinks, preferably water, and snacks should also be brought.

Awards will be presented immediately following the event at the block building. Winners for the fishing categories will be presented with their prizes at the awards ceremony.