

# **KIDS FISHING DERBY INFO/RULES**

Ages 3 - 15

## **Official Start Time:**

The official start time for the derby is at 8:00 a.m. at the sound of the horn. **NO FISHING is allowed before this time.** Check-in is from 7 – 8 am at the large tent, and every participant **must** check-in on-site. **Parking is available at Springbrook Pool and Alcoa Elementary School.**

**RAIN DATE IS SUNDAY** WITH CHECK-IN FROM 12 – 1 PM AND FISHING STARTS AT 1 PM (IF RAIN DATE IS NEEDED). Please like and follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MABParksRec/> for event information, and please check your email before the event for any **important information or postponements.**

## **Pedestrian Bridge:**

This area is open for first-come / first-serve space that morning. No fishing is allowed on the half circle portion of the bridge at any time. **NO SHADE TENTS ARE ALLOWED ON ANY PART OF THE BRIDGE.**

## **Attention Parents:**

Parents are only allowed to **ASSIST** small children with fishing. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO FISH FOR THEIR CHILD.** This event is designed to teach children the sport of fishing. Event staff will be monitoring areas of the pond. Please respect the rules and others around you. Thank you!

## **Weigh-In Times:**

Age groups will be called out on the p.a. system when the weigh-in tent area is ready. Approximate times are listed below.

Ages 3 – 4	10:15 a.m. (Sat) or rain date 3:15 pm (Sun)
Ages 5 – 7	10:30 a.m. (Sat) or rain date 3:30 pm (Sun)
Ages 8 – 10	10:45 a.m. (Sat) or rain date 3:45 pm (Sun)
Ages 11 – 12	11:00 a.m. (Sat) or rain date 4:00 pm (Sun)
Ages 13 – 15	11:15 a.m. (Sat) or rain date 4:15 pm (Sun)

***\*Please remember to have a large bucket (per child) or stringers to hold your child's fish when bringing them to weigh-in.***

## **What To Do With The Fish You Catch:**

- Keep fish alive by stringer in water or in bucket of water. Release your fish to the coolers at the weigh-in area if you don't want to keep them.
- Take them home to eat. **You must be able to keep them cool on-sited in order to do so.**

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### **Door Prizes:**

Door prize drawings will take place after all kids have weighed in their fish (soon after 11:30 am). The small ticket you received at check-in is your door prize ticket. You must be present to win. We ask that you bring your chairs over to the prize tent area after weigh-in so you can be comfortable while waiting.

### **Sunscreen:**

Please remember to bring sunscreen for you and your child.

### **Concession Stand Tent:**

A Concession Stand will be available for snacks and drinks (but no hot food).

### **Kona Ice (Sponsored by Holly Clark – Clarkmore Lending):**

The first 250 kids registered will receive a coupon for Free Kona Shaved Ice for use at the event. The Kona Ice truck will be open during the weigh-in times and after. Parents or other guests are welcome to purchase a Kona Ice.

### **Bait for Sale:**

Live Bait and a few fishing supplies will be for sale on-site by **Stinnett Outdoors**.

### **Rules:**

*This event is designed to allow children the opportunity to experience and LEARN the concepts of fishing. Adults are allowed to provide assistance only, but CANNOT “fish” for the participant! Participants may be subject to disqualification for not abiding the rules of the event.*

- Even if you have pre-registered, **you must check-in on-site** to get your goody bag and door prize tickets.
- Every participant receives a Fishing Derby ribbon, drink, and goody bag (first 250 guaranteed)
- All participants are eligible for numerous door prizes including a grand prize.
- Event management provided by Parks & Rec. staff, Alcoa Fishing Team, and TWRA.
- Trophies for overall event champion for the Largest Fish caught & Most Fish caught (10 fish max).
- 1st place trophies will be awarded in each age group for the largest fish (weight).
- 1st-4th place trophies will be awarded in each age group for the most fish caught (total weight of 10 fish maximum).
- Age divisions: 3-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-15
- All children must be accompanied by an adult and participants may use **1 rod only**.
- Bank fishing only - No wading. - **Event encourages catch and release ONLY if fish are still healthy enough for that after weigh-in or please place fish in provided cooler at weigh-in.**
- All fish must be checked in to be eligible for awards and during your child’s weigh-in time only.
- Be considerate of other participants at all times.
- Adults are allowed to provide **assistance only** with baiting, casting and removing fish from hook, but **cannot** “fish” for the participant. Fishing for participant may result in forfeiture of awards eligibility.
- No fishing license is required on event day for ages 13 & up. 12 & under never need a license.

### **GAMES AREA (Sponsored by Appalachian Dental)**

This area will open from AFTER weigh-in times for kids to enjoy!