

## 2022 FALLS OF THE OHIO FOUNDATION FISHING DERBY RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All participants must only fish during the hours set forth for the Fishing Derby (July 23, 6:00-10:00 am). All Fishing Derby participants must only fish in the designated area(s).
2. All participants must enter the Fishing Derby grounds through the approved entrances, regardless if entry is made by vehicle or on foot. Anyone attempting to enter the grounds via any other access or method will be removed from the grounds and disqualified from prize consideration.
3. All individuals must have a properly obtained wristband or ticket in order to enter onto the Fishing Derby site, and the wristband/ticket must be worn or available for inspection at all times, upon the request of any Fishing Derby volunteer or staff. Failure to have or display a proper wristband will result in disqualification for all prizes and expulsion from the Fishing Derby site. Wristbands/tickets are by age category and may not be upgraded during the course of the event. If you purchase a \$\$\$ (child) wristband you may not upgrade to a \$\$\$ (adult) wristband during the event. Violations of this rule will result in disqualification from all prizes.
4. All participants must obey all City, State and Federal laws during the course of this event, including all applicable game and fish laws. If a participant is cited for a violation of an applicable law while on the Fishing Derby grounds they will be disqualified from any and all prizes and may be expelled from the Fishing Derby grounds.
5. No wading or swimming will be permitted by participants during the event.
6. Participants at the Fishing Derby are limited to two rods and reels, both of which may be in the water at the same time. No other means besides a rod and reel can be used to catch a fish. Fishing Derby staff and volunteers reserve the right to limit participants to the use of one fishing pole and three feet of shoreline in the event the Fishing Derby becomes overcrowded. The Fishing Derby does not allow the use of chum, boxed bait, chumming buckets, bait blocks or any other manner of fish attraction that does not use hook and line.
7. **All participants 16 years of age or older are required to have a valid Indiana Fishing License in order to participant as required by law.**
8. Children under age 5 are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life preserver at all times during the Fishing Derby event. Life preservers may only be removed when the wearer is in the "Safe Zone" away from the river water.
9. You may claim a prize only for fish that you catch. You must present a live fish to claim a prize, dead fish are not eligible. Volunteers will be readily available to verify your catch. You may not claim a prize for friends, family members or others (unless for minor child). If you attempt to claim a prize for a fish that you did not catch you will be disqualified from further participation in this event and may be subject to additional penalties pursuant to Indiana law. Any fish that is legally kept for participants that is going to be consumed later, will NOT count towards total fish weight for prize purposes. **DO NOT WASTE FISH! PROPERLY WEIGHED AND DOCUMENTED FISH MUST BE RELEASED BACK INTO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY. DEAD FISH SHOULD BE EFFECTIVELY DISPOSED OF IN A CLEAN AND APPROPRIATE MANNER.**

10. Alteration of a tag, fish or any other attempt to fraudulently obtain a prize will result in disqualification from further participation in this event and may be subject to additional penalties pursuant to Indiana law.

11. Participants are prohibited from bringing alcohol on the FOTO premises.

12. Open and concealed firearms and weapons are strongly discouraged during the event.

13. All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike, courteous, safe and ethical manner at all times. Failure to conduct themselves in such a manner may result in disqualification and expulsion from the grounds. Give your neighbor sufficient room to cast and land fish. Do not interfere with any other participants fishing activity. Any fish that is caught and claimed by more than one participant will be disqualified from prize contention. Possession of the disputed fish will be determined by a Fishing Derby Chairperson's ruling.

14. In the event of inclement weather, or for other good cause, the Falls of the Ohio Foundation (FOTOF) reserves the right to cancel the Fishing Derby. **IN THE EVENT OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE FISHING DERBY, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

15. FOTOF does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, color, religion, gender or gender identity. All registration applications will be reviewed by the FOTO and FOTO retains sole discretion on acceptance or rejection of any application. Employees of FOTO, Members of the FOTO Board of Directors, and FOTO employees are not eligible for prizes.

16. All participants release the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley and the Get Hooked Fishing Derby from any and all liability as a result of any acts or omissions by the staff and/or volunteers of FOTOF. All participants release the use of photographs, video or film of themselves taken or obtained during the course of the Fishing Derby or the use by FOTOF without prior consent to royalties. All participants agree to cooperate with and perform as instructed by FOTOF and all sponsoring businesses in the award of prizes and the publication or use of such awards by the Fishing Derby or the sponsoring business without prior consent or royalties. Failure to cooperate in the award of the prize may result in disqualification from the event and prize consideration. FOTOF reserves the right to refuse to award a prize to anyone and all decisions of the Fishing Derby leader are final.