

## Little Blue Natural Resources District

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## Official Rules for 2019 Youth Fishing Tournament

Liberty Cove & Lone Star Recreation Areas

The purpose of the 2019 Little Blue Natural Resources District fishing tournament at the Liberty Cove and Lone Star Recreation Areas is to encourage youth and their families to embrace the outdoors and engage in the sport of fishing. This is a free tournament to all youth age fifteen and under at time of photo submission. No pre-registration is necessary.

## **Official Rules**

- 1. The promotion begins on May 25, 2019, and will end on September 15, 2019. Only those who properly enter the contest during this time frame are eligible to win.
- 2. Fishing outings must occur within either the Liberty Cove Recreation Area, near Lawrence, Nebraska OR Lone Star Recreation Area, near Tobias, Nebraska.
- 3. Fish must be caught and properly submitted between the dates of May 25, 2019, and September 15, 2019.
- 4. This tournament is open to both Nebraska residents and non-residents.
- 5. All entrants must follow all rules, including length and bag limits, for the body of water upon which they are fishing as well as any Nebraska rules and regulations.
- 6. Anglers must be age fifteen or younger on the day the photo is submitted to participate.
- 7. Fish must be measured on the official board provided at each recreation area. No fish will be entered to win that is not properly photographed on this board.
  - a. Fish must lie with a closed mouth and natural tail for measurement photo.
    - i. The mouth of the fish needs to be 100% closed and visibly touching the bump on the board.
    - ii. A small opening of the mouth will be 1/4" deduction and a VERY open mouth with be 1/2" mouth deduction.
  - b. Head of the fish should point to the left and stomach towards the bottom of your photo.
  - c. Measurements will be taken form the mouth to the tip of the tail.
    - i. If a true measurement cannot be determined, the Little Blue NRD staff will use the closest visible number below the tail.
  - d. If the tail does not CLEARLY touch the mark, we will round down to the nearest 1/4 inch.
  - e. Leave tail in a natural position, do not pinch.
  - f. Place indicator card on fish.
- 8. You must use the official tournament entry form found on the Little Blue NRD website to enter. <a href="https://littlebluenrd.org/fishing">https://littlebluenrd.org/fishing</a>



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- 9. Each submission form must include the following:
  - a. Location of Recreation Area
  - b. Date & time of catch
  - c. First & Last Name of Youth
  - d. First & Last Name of Legal Guardian
  - e. A valid email address
  - f. 2 Photos
    - i. One of the youth and the fish submitted.
    - ii. One of the fish on the official measuring board.
      - 1. Please be advised that once uploaded, the photos and any provided information will become the property of the Little Blue Natural Resources District to use as they deem fit. Any photos, names, or information submitted can be shared on social media or used to promote the Little Blue NRD & its recreation areas.
- 10. You may not submit the same fish twice for any reason.
- 11. Winners will be determined by the longest fish per category per recreation area. Fish identification can be found at <a href="http://outdoornebraska.gov/fishidentification/">http://outdoornebraska.gov/fishidentification/</a>
  - a. Categories
    - i. Panfish
      - 1. All species of Crappie
      - 2. All species of Bluegill
      - 3. All species of Sunfish
    - ii. Catfish
      - 1. All species of Catfish
      - 2. All species of Bullhead
    - iii. Bass
      - 1. All species of Bass
    - iv. Other
      - 1. Any other species not listed above.
- 12. Winners & Prizes.
  - a. Weekly winners will be announced via social media on the Monday following the week of submission.
  - b. Monthly winners will be given a prize and announced via social media on the first Monday of the Month following. (example: May's winners are announced the first Monday in June.) Exception is September winners which will be announced on September 16, 2019.
  - c. All monthly winners will be entered into a grand prize drawing.
- 13. By participating in the 2019 Fishing Tournament, the consenting legal guardian forever waives, releases, acquits, discharges, covenants and agrees to hold the Little Blue Natural Resources District and its corporate officers, agents, sponsors, representatives, volunteers, and employees harmless of and to indemnify and protect them from any and all actions, causes of action, rights of action, suits, lawsuits, claims, demands, liabilities, judgments, damages, costs, loss of services, expenses, and compensation on account of, or in any way growing out of, directly or indirectly, any and all personal injuries, death or property damage which may now or hereafter have both personally and individually.
- 14. Staff reserves the right to disregard any submissions that do not follow one or any of the rules and regulations.