



**2012 Competition Rules
Frostbite Fish-Off
Trout Unlimited
Southern Colorado Greenback Chapter 509
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TEAM RULES

- One competitor fishes at a time.
- The second competitor can cast after his partners line is out of the water.
- Any standard method of fly fishing is acceptable, (i.e.), nymphing (strike indicator, lead weights, 3 flies maximum), dry fly, Czech nymphing, streamers.
- One fly rod and fly reel, not more than twelve feet/three hundred sixty six centimeters in length may be used at one time.
- Rods may be rigged and ready to fish
- Competitors may have spare rods & reels with them.
- Competitors are responsible for carrying and protecting their own equipment.

FLY LINES

Any factory made, floating, sinking, or sink tip line may be use.

COMPETITION LEADERS

- A single leader may be used of any length.
- Leaders may be knotted or knotless, tapered or level.

COMPETITION FLIES

- Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies.
- Each fly must be dressed on a single hook, without limit as to size.
- The length of the dressed fly will be at the discretion of the competitor.
- Weighted flies are permitted.

- A maximum of three flies are permitted on one rig at one time.
- No scent or foreign substance may be applied to flies. Fly floatant is permitted. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament.

LANDING NETS

- The material of the landing net must be soft cotton or other non-abrasive material and preferably of knotless construction.
- Landing nets must not exceed 48 inches overall length when fully extended.

DURATION OF EVENT

- There will be two separate 3 hour sessions for the event. The morning and afternoon sessions will be determined by blind draw on the eve of the event.
- Morning Session 9AM To 12PM Afternoon Session 2PM To 5 PM

VENUES AND BEAT DRAWINGS

- There are 2 venues, above Valco Bridge, the upper venue, and below Valco Bridge, the C&R Venue, which extends to Pueblo Blvd.
- There are 22 beats, assigned equally between the upper section and the C&R section, 11 beats each.

FISHING THE BEATS

- Beats will be established with the prime objective of providing all competitors with equal fishing opportunities. A competitor may only cast or fish his flies within the marked boundaries of his beats and he must remain within the boundaries of the beats during the whole competition.
- All beats are clearly defined and are assigned to the teams and may not be altered in any way.
- Beats reassignment to keep competitors together is not allowed.
- In the event non-contestants are causing a problem on the assigned beat, the Sector Judge may reassign the team to an open beat, when requested by the team.
- Reassignment is the sole discretion of the Sector Judge.
- In the event of a beat reassignment, the team will be given 15 minutes to relocate and fish out the remaining time, for a total of 3 hours.

- If the angler in the adjacent beat does not object, the competitor has a maximum of ten minutes to bring the fish out of the adjacent beat. The same rule applies to the no fish zones.
- The Valco Ponds are out of play.

PROHIBITIONS

- Lack of sportsmanship towards other competitors, team officials, competition officials or the general public using the state park.
- Any action by competitors or officials, which would produce fraudulent or biased results.
- The use by competitors of electronic or other communication methods during a competitive session.
- A competitor, during a competitive session, requesting advice relating to the fishing from anyone or accepting material help relating to the fishing from anyone. Participants or agents of participations may not fish competition waters within 5 day of the competition.
- Practice water shall be any water on the down stream portion below Pueblo Blvd during the 5 day prohibition.

CONTEST SUPERVISION

SECTOR JUDGES

General requirements

There will be a Sector Judge for each Sector labeled A Thru D, 4 anticipated. The arrangements for ensuring that Sector Judges are knowledgeable, competent and conversant with the contest rules is the responsibility of the Contest Coordinator who is a member of the Steering Committee. Rules, and any modifications, are to be reviewed and approved by the Contest Coordinator.

Duties & Responsibilities

- The proper conduct of the competition within their assigned sector.
- Supervision of the controllers to ensure that they are keeping accurate records and are enforcing the observance of the competition rules.
- Assisting controllers in rule interpretation if there is any doubt about a possible infraction of the rules.
- Supervising the recording of suspected infractions of the Rules and reporting them to the Competition Coordinator.

- Ensuring that no individual has access to competitors during competition sessions. All observers should be kept well away so that they do not interfere or communicate with competitors.
- Other duties may be assigned by the Steering Committee.

CONTROLLERS

General Requirements

There will be a Controller for each beat. The arrangements for ensuring that Controllers are knowledgeable, competent and conversant with the contest rules are the responsibility of the Steering committee.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Accurately recording the competitor's scorecard's details of each eligible fish, including the length to nearest ½ inch and the time of capture.
- All unused portions of the scoring section of the score card must be crossed out by the Controller at the end of the session. The original of the score card will be given to the Sector Judge at the tournament headquarters at the end of the session.
- Warning competitors of any breach of the Rules.
- Record any infraction of the Rules and immediately report this information to the Sector Judge.

FISH

- All species available in the competition waters qualify that are at least 10 inches in length. For measuring purposes, the length will be from the tip of the nose to tip of the tail in inches.
- Only fish hooked in the mouth area, i.e. in front of the rear edge of the gill cover are eligible.
- Intentional snagging of fish is prohibited.
- A fish hooked during a competition session is eligible if it is landed not more than ten minutes after the end of the session.
- In the event of the loss of a fish by a Controller before measurement, the competitor will be awarded the median of the points for all valid fish taken in that sector in that session.
- If a competitor wishes a fish to score, he must land it in a net and pass the fish to the controller for measurement and recording.

- The angler or his partner must remove the hook, revive the fish and release it, taking care not to damage the fish.
- If a competitor decides that a fish is ineligible or is undersized, he is not required to net it but must release it into the water, taking care not to cause any damage, and ideally without touching it.
- Teammates may net each others fish.

PENALTY FOR INFRACTION OF THE RULES

Any official will provide one warning for any infraction of the rules. Any fish caught while breaking a rule will not be scored. If the same infraction is repeated at any time throughout the competition the competitor will be disqualified from the current session.

SCORING

- Scoring will be the total of inches (measured to the ½ inch), of the fish caught by the team. Scores will be kept for each individual competitor. Total inches caught by the competitor will determine a winner in the accumulative brackets.
- If there is a tie for positions between individuals or teams, the tie breaker will be first, the largest number of valid fish caught; and second, will be the largest fish.

TITLES AND TROPHIES

- First and second prizes will be awarded to the teams with the highest length of fish for both sessions.
- The largest fish in length of any species will be awarded third prize to that individual competitor.