



I. Participants and Eligibility

- A. Contestants must register online at NAFishingChallenge.org by June 12, 2026
Confirmations will be emailed out along with FishDonkey codes to register in the app
- B. This is a two-person per team fishing tournament.
 - a. If both contestants are under age 16, a non-fishing guardian or parent must be present.
 - b. More than two teams may be in the same boat but can only register fish in their registered teams.
 - c. Fishing from a shoreline, bridge, pier, kayak, or canoe is also acceptable. You choose where you fish. Anglers must be always within sight of their respective team members.
- C. All anglers must download the tournament app, FishDonkey, and sign in to register a test 'fish' prior to tournament day.
 - a. Teams must register in FishDonkey by their fishing location. Please reference the Regional Division map.
 - i. Example: If you are a Canadian Team, but are fishing for Bass in Oklahoma, you must register your team for Bass - USA West in FishDonkey. Likewise if you are from the southern USA, but fishing for Walleye in Canada you must register as a Canadian Walleye team in FishDonkey.
- D. Any funds raised to support Adult & Teen Challenge centers must be submitted to the local or regional office on or before 4:00pm local time on Friday, June 12, 2026 , to be eligible to win fundraising prizes. Online donations will be counted to noon , Saturday, June 13, 2026. All funds raised are 100% tax deductible. Each team is requested to raise a minimum \$1000.
- E. Anglers must have a valid fishing license and abide by all state/province and local laws pertaining to the location they are fishing.

II. Scoring

- A. We will be using the FishDonkey app to record and enter fish.
- B. There will be seven core divisions: walleye, bass, pike/muskie, trout/salmon, panfish, red drum/red fish, and catfish.
 - a. The tournament director may decide to add additional divisions based on regions of North America and interested registrants' recommendations in hope to encourage greater participation from Adult & Teen Challenge supporters across North America.
 - b. If new divisions are added, rules on them will be updated accordingly.
 - c. Anglers must declare a division within the app prior to the tournament.
 - i. You may register to be considered for prizes in more than one species division by registering for an additional species, and paying a premium of \$100 per team per additional species.

- d. In the Panfish division, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, rock bass or perch in any combination may be entered.
- C. In all divisions, the top five fish will count toward the final score.
- D. You may enter additional fish into the app, but only the top five will count towards your score.
- E. There are no minimum or maximum length limits. Any fish that are not within the legal length set by state/province game departments must be returned to the water immediately following measuring and photographing.
- F. Anglers must have all fish entered in the app BEFORE 3:00 pm local time. The app automatically shuts off entries at 3:00 pm local time.
 - a. Fish may be held in the virtual live well until anglers are back within cell reception.
- G. All fish must be photographed on a proper measuring ruler with the app's camera. The photo you take of your fish on the ruler must be sent through the app to qualify. Place the fish on the ruler and take a photo of the entire fish showing both head and tail, ensuring the ruler markings are visible. Photos are time and date stamped within the app.
- H. A commercially produced measuring device (ruler) purchased at any sporting goods retailer is required. The ruler must have a vertical barrier.
 - a. Fish are measured with the mouth closed and tail pinched. Put the fish's head up towards the barrier - the jaw must be touching the barrier.
 - b. Fish will be measured to the ¼-inch line that the tail touches or crosses. All entries will be verified by our team during the day as they are submitted.
 - c. Acceptance of all entries is up to the Tournament Director, and the director's decision is final in all measurements.
- I. Tournament hours are 7:00 am to 3:00 pm in the time zone you are fishing. No fish entered outside those hours will be accepted.

III. Tournament Format

- A. This is a gentlemen's start; you may go to your fishing area but do not start fishing earlier than 7:00 am local time.
- B. Artificial lures and live bait are allowed unless banned by state/province or local laws in the fishing area. All anglers must abide by the laws of the location they are fishing.
- C. Each competitor must observe safe boat conduct, no-wake zones, local navigation rules, demonstrate courtesy, and act in a sportsmanlike manner.
- D. The tournament director will interpret rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and his decision in all matters is final.
- E. All prizes and trophies will be awarded the day after the event during the prize and awards presentation. Prizes and trophies will be shipped to the winners within 2 weeks following the event.