



Rules for the “REEL in the FUN”



Kid’s Fishing Tournament

1. Pre-registration is not required to participate. If you camp overnight, on the online event registration, please check off the fishing tournament interest box if your child(ren) have an interest in participating. On event day, the parent/guardian of the child(ren) will be required to check-in and sign a waiver. If you did not check this box off during your time of the online pre- registration, you may still participate and sign-up onsite.
2. On event day, check-in will begin at 3:15pm pm with a short debriefing of tournament rules for all contestants. Start time is 3:30pm. *** Time is subject change with notice.**
3. The fishing tournament will take place on **both the west and east side of Coral Reef Park’s canal** and only on the **SOUTH side** of the of the SW 77th entrance bridge and all the way down to the bridge that is closest to SW 152nd street (staying on the park side). There will be **NO fishing to the NORTH of the SW 77th entrance bridge**, as the kayak launches take place on this side. **Fishing on the two bridges is not permitted.** There will be signs, spray paint/flags identifying **boundaries** of the fishing tournament. Please also review the event site map.
4. This fishing tournament is **only open to children ages 5 to 15.** Parents/adults/guardians may assist their child(ren) bait hooks, net fish, remove fishhooks and untangle lines but, **MAY NOT** cast and retrieve for the children.
5. **ADULT SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES FOR ALL CONTESTANTS!**
6. This will be a (40) minute timed tournament. The tournament time begins/ends with the sound of the boat horn. Once the horn goes off to start the tournament, ***no other contestants may join the tournament since the signing of the waivers and debriefing of the tournament rules are required for safety purposes.***
7. Only one pole/rod in the water at a time per child.
8. Getting in the canal is not allowed and waders are not allowed.
9. ALL fishing rules of the [Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission](#) will apply.
10. The tournament is catch and release ONLY!
11. **Contestants are responsible for providing all necessary supplies to fish in the tournament (fishing pole/rod, fishing line, bait, hooks, etc.)**
12. Live and/or dead bait will be allowed. Artificial bait like soft, plastic worms will be permitted but, **hard artificial lures with treble hooks will NOT be permitted.** Please leave at least 8-10ft distance between you and another contestant. Spread out as much as possible.

13. Once a fish is caught, the child and adult must head to the fishing tournament gazebo (the small gazebo nearest the restroom) with the fish on the line for weigh-in. Once the fish is weighed and name of the child is logged onto the board, event staff will release the fish back in the canal and the contestant may continue fishing for the duration of the tournament.
14. If the horn goes off **while a contestant is walking in the fish** on the line for weigh-in, this fish will be considered.
15. The contestants bringing in the top (3) largest fish, determined by weight, will be awarded prizes (prizes TBD).
16. All contestants and adult supervisors must show good sportsmanship and at all times and “play” a fair game.
17. At the end of the tournament, please make sure you do not leave any litter, bait, fishing line, etc. in your area.
18. **Don't forget to download the FREE Remind APP and join class provided to keep you updated with activities for this event. Using this application is how we'll stay in communication.**

