

## Fishing Tournament Rules and General Information

- This is a team event, \$60 per team (park entrance fee waived for this event). It is the responsibility of the participants to organize their team of two. All entry fees are final, no refunds will be given.
- Registration is limited to 100 participants or 50 teams. There will be 25 spaces for boats and 25 spaces for shore fisherman. (Lakewood Parks employees are ineligible).
- Names and photos of the winners may be used by the City of Lakewood or the sponsors without further compensation.
- The tournament will be held rain or shine. (In the event that the boat ramp is closed due to low water levels: boat teams have the options to use hand launchable vessels, become a shore team, or get a full refund. We will know if the boat ramp will be closed a week prior to the event).
- Each team must have one adult, 18 years or older.
- A valid Colorado State Fishing License is required. License will be checked at the time of registration.
- All team members will be required to sign or have a legal guardian sign a City of Lake waiver of liability (waivers will be emailed a week before tournament).
- Check in for the tournament will be at 5:30 a.m., on the day of the event. The tournament will begin at 6:30 a.m. and will be signaled with an air horn. Boats will be allowed to launch prior to tournament start time, **however contestants caught fishing before the start time will be disqualified.**
- Teams must check in their fish to be weighed by 1:30 p.m. on the day of the tournament; however fish can be entered and weighed at any point between 6:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m.
- Only rainbow or brown trout caught from Bear Creek Reservoir on the day of the tournament may be entered to win.
- Winning fish will be determined by weight and will be weighed by a certified scale. Participants are allowed two entries per team. Once both fish have been weighed, and therefor entered, into the contest any subsequent fish will not be allowed by that team. **Only one fish will be counted towards final bag weight. (If fish have weights, rocks or a lot of bait found in them the team will be disqualified)** Any tied entries will be broken by length of fish.
- Contestants are subject to a mandatory cooler/ bag check before and during the tournament.
- Any live bait (aside from worms) must be inspected before the start of tournament. Current receipts for live bait are required at time of inspection (State regulations require receipt to be within in 7 days of purchase).
- All non-exempt boats will require an ANS inspection before Launching. Only boats with green seals with valid paper receipt will be eligible to launch the day of the tournament. (Hand lanchable boats are encouraged)
  - Paper receipts are required for boats that have been inspected and green sealed for ANS. Please present these on the day of the tournament (Green seals must be intact to be valid).
  - Boats that have been ANS inspected and green sealed can be left in the park overnight, however no boats will be allowed in the water overnight. No vehicles will be allowed overnight with the boats. This is a service provided for tournament participants only and the City of Lakewood will not be responsible for the safety of boats left overnight. **Use this service at your own risk.**
- Contestants caught cheating will immediately be disqualified and banned from future events.

**Bear Creek Lake Park, Colorado State fishing, Colorado Boating rules and regulations apply. Any participant failing to comply with the rules, or rules of the tournament, will result in immediate disqualification. Disputes or interpretation of rules and regulations will be left to the tournament officials to resolve.**