

**Weekend Warrior Outdoors and Gunnison Chamber of Commerce
Blue Mesa Fishing Tournament
May 19-20, 2012: Elk Creek Marina**

Rules

1) Boat Inspection and Check in Times

-All teams must display an event sticker in the windshield or other visible area of their boat during the duration of each days fishing to signify the completion of a pre-fishing inspection which all tournament boats must pass each day prior to fishing.

-Boats may not leave the no wake zone until the marked boat signals the start for each wave either visually and/or audibly. Teams will be assigned one of three flight times:

A: Saturday 6:15 am; Sunday 6:45 am

B: Saturday 6:30 am; Sunday 6:30 am

C: Saturday 6:45 am; Sunday 6:15 am

(Only two flight times will be used if no more than 60 teams enter: 6:15 and 6:30 alternating days)

-All teams must pass by the marked boat at Elk Creek Marina or weigh their fish, prior to their assigned weigh in time each day. 2:00pm, 2:15pm, and 2:30 on Saturday, 12:30pm, 12:45, and 1:00pm Sunday.

-All boats must have current state registrations and Curecanti National Recreation Area day or seasonal use permits.

-All boats **MUST** undergo zebra mussel inspection prior to launch.

2) Fishing Rules

-All fish must be caught in accordance with Colorado State law and all participants 16 years of age and over must possess a valid Colorado fishing license.

-No snagged or foul hooked fish will be accepted. (defined as hooked behind the gill plate)

-Only 4 fish per day will be accepted for weigh in (not including separate lake trout pools)

-Only Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout will be accepted in the general fishing tournament (please note no kokanee, perch, or pike will be accepted)

-All fish may be inspected by tournament officials, National Park Service or Colorado Division of Wildlife at any time. Fish may also be cleaned after being weighed for any reason.

-Fish must be alive at time of weighing. This includes any visible signs of a fish that was alive that day such as moving of the gill plate, or opening and closing of the mouth.

-**NEW FOR 2012**: the only location to certify a fish that appears to be dying will be Elk Creek Marina tournament headquarters. Due to the lack of tagged fish last year, officials will **NOT** be available anywhere else.

-No fish may be caught with-in 100' of either marina, from shore, or by someone other than designated team members.

-No fish may be transported past tournament headquarters (Elk Creek Marina) before being weighed, or they will be disqualified for that days weighing.

3) General Rules

-No more than 120 teams shall be allowed to compete.

-Each team will consist of no more than two anglers, unless at least one angler is under the age of 16 for the entirety of the tournament, in which case a team may have three anglers.

-Teams must check in at headquarters prior to fishing on Saturday. Teams will be assigned flight times and be required to complete a waiver of liability.

-All fish shall be weighed on the same scale and the total weight of no more than 4 fish per day per team shall determine each teams place. A replacement scale shall be used in the case of a malfunction.

-All rules are subject to change at any time and without notice should event management deem necessary.

Tournament sponsored by: Weekend Warrior Outdoors
All proceeds to benefit: Gunnison Chamber of Commerce