

## Interior Lakes Fishing Tournament Rules

**Who can participate?** The fishing tournament is open to Kings Country (KC) property owners, family members and friends. It is not open to the general public. Any age can participate.

**Where does it take place?** The tournament is limited to the five interior lakes in KC: Lakes Prince, Princess, Andrew, Elizabeth and Duchess.

**What is a fishing catch record and how should it be completed?** A fishing catch record is a form that identifies the participant, contact information, interior lake fished, and type and size of fish caught. Blank catch records and pencils and pens are provided in Ziplock bags placed at each interior lake. Each participant needs to complete a catch record form. Start a new catch record for each lake fished. Please complete a catch record even when no fish are caught. A completed catch record is an accounting of all fish caught by a given participant for a given lake. Only those fish caught independently by the participant (and not other persons) should be listed on the catch record.

**How should fish be measured and weighed?** Only length needs to be recorded. Lengths should be measured using a ruler or tape measure. For larger fish, if a scale is available (KC volunteers will have them), a weight measurement would be helpful. Estimations made without use of a measuring device cannot be accepted. KC volunteers may need to verify catches as needed. Photos are not required but participants have this option for verification purposes when the fish has been returned.

**When does the fishing tournament start and finish?** You may start anytime during the morning of the tournament. The finish time is 3:00 pm, but leave a little time to hand in your catch record.

**What should I do with my catch record(s)?** When you are finished fishing, hand in your catch record to Philip Crocker or KC volunteer at any time, but by no later than 3:00 pm. You may also leave your catch record in the Ziplock bag placed at each interior lake.

**What should I do with the fish I catch?** You may wish to keep the fish you catch for consumption. If you do not want the fish for consumption, please release them. If you feel inclined, we would appreciate any bass that are caught be removed rather than released back into the interior lakes since, in general, they are overpopulated by bass. Bass of any size may be kept for consumption. Another option is for bass to be released in the main lake. If you have no way to measure your fish, you may wish to save them in a fish basket until you are able to do so.

**Do I need a fishing license and do minimum size limits apply?** Because the interior lakes are private waters, a fishing license is not required and size limits applicable to fish taken from public waters do not apply.

**Are prizes awarded?** Small prizes will be awarded for the following categories: (1) largest bluegill; (2) most bluegill; (3) largest bass; (4) most bass; (5) largest catfish; (6) most catfish; (7) largest crappie; (8) most crappie; (9) most unusual catch; (10) most fish overall. Winners will be announced at the pot luck/fish fry between 5:30 to 6:00 pm. Those not able to make the fish fry can claim their prize the following week from the KC office. Prize winners will be identified in the October edition of Lake News.

**Who do I contact if I have questions?** You can contact Philip Crocker at 214/457-7403 or Paul Harris at 903/717-2844 with any questions.