



## *RECYCLED FISH HARDWATER OPEN 2020*

### RULES & REGULATIONS

#### FISHING AREAS AND DATES

1. The competition will run from January 31, 2020 at 12:00 PM CST through February 2, 2020 at 11:59 PM CST. Any catch submitted before or after that date will not be considered.
2. Fish submitted must be caught and released on any publicly accessible fishery.

#### PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Competition is eligible to anyone 18 years of age or older, or a minor accompanied by an adult who has signed a tournament waiver available here. Competition is open to fish taken from any public bodies of water in the states listed and during the dates listed in these rules. A parent or guardian of any participant who is a minor must sign a release on behalf of the minor to be eligible to receive a prize. Each submission must meet all of the requirements outlined in the registration and submission section of these rules.

#### TRUTH VERIFICATION

1. All competitors/entries will be subject to a truth verification test if the competition director deems it necessary to settle any dispute.

#### REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION

1. Registration and liability sign-off is required prior to fish registration. Please visit [www.recycledfish.org/hardwateropen2020](http://www.recycledfish.org/hardwateropen2020). Competition entrants must have a valid email address to receive registration confirmation.

#### PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. Winners will be notified via various social media outlets (primarily Facebook) and via information provided on the submission form. If a person deemed to be a winner is unresponsive or unreachable after a "reasonable" amount of time determined by the competition director, estimated at but may be longer or shorter than 48 hours, the participant in second place will then be notified they are the winner. This will continue down the line until a winner responds.

2. All material prizes will be awarded via ground shipment to the physical address specified in the submission form within 30 days.
3. This will be a 3-day fundraising, slot limit, tournament for Recycled Fish.
  - a. All fish will be measured by inches
  - b. Maximum slot limit is 30 inches
  - c. Any fish that is 30 inches or less in length is eligible to be submitted to the tournament.
  - d. All fish caught must be from publically accessible water and be legal under local DNR fisheries rules and regulations.
4. The tournament will be scored by combining the length of each angler's top 5 longest legal catches. There is a maximum score of 150 inches. The angler that comes the closest to 150 inches will be the winner.
  - a. All fish must be submitted on a bump-board as outlined below.
  - b. The app will auto cull for you so submit as many catches as you want
  - c. Fish will be rounded down to the nearest 1/4 for scoring.
  - d. Tournament judges have the final say in any scoring disputes.

#### APPROVED METHOD OF MEASURING

- Fish must be scored with the left side of the fish facing up, belly towards the angler. Mouth may be open OR closed, but the lip MUST be touching the bump board on the approved measuring device. The use of bungees, stringers, or other means of securing the fish other than the angler's hand is prohibited. There is no minimum length for entry. Measurements will be rounded up to the nearest quarter of an inch. Please adhere to all local and state DNR regulations.
- An approved method of measurement would include any measuring device which would allow complete compliance with the rules outlined above. All devices should have an edge in which the fish can be butted against when measuring. **No tape measures or tailor tape should be used.** Hog Trough, Frabill, Plano, Eagle Claw, and most sporting goods stores have store branded versions of acceptable "bump board" style measuring devices.

#### GENERAL

1. All anglers entering the Recycled Fish Hardwater Open Competition agree that neither Recycled Fish, nor any of its owners, employees, or fellow sponsors are in any way liable for any injuries or accidents that may occur during participation in the Competition. You are entering the Competition exclusively at your own risk. Failure to comply with any of these Rules and Regulations shall be grounds for disqualification of your submissions. To participate you must read and agree to the Terms and Conditions set out in the submission form.
2. Recycled Fish may substitute prizes, amend the rules, or discontinue the competition at any time as announced on the Recycled Fish website or social media outlets. Recycled Fish disclaims any responsibility to notify participants of any aspect related to the

conduct of the competition. For a copy of the Rules and Regulations, or where required by law, a list of winners, visit the Recycled Fish website or social media outlets.

#### STATE LIST

- Any State in the continental US where ice fishing exists.

#### SPECIES LIST

- All