KELLOGG FISHING CLUB

2026 Tournament Rules – Individual Paper & Weigh-In Team Formats

LAKE: TBA
DATE: TBA

Tournament Directors: TBA
Start time Saturday = TBA / Weigh-in time: TBA

Emergency Contact Information

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Club Philosophy and Rule Interpretation

The Kellogg Fishing Club is a friendly club where most contestants are family, friends, or relatives, and very few issues are expected. The purpose of the tournament is to foster recreation and enjoyment, combining fun with friendly competition. Tournament officials aim to avoid any misunderstandings or negative feelings regarding the rules. Every effort has been made to anticipate possible situations, but unforeseen events may occur. In such cases, participants are asked for patience and understanding. Any rule violations must be reported immediately on the day of the tournament by a club member to a Tournament Rules Committee member. The Rules Committee, consisting of Club Officers, Tournament Marshalls, and the Tournament Director, has exclusive authority to interpret the rules, and their decisions are final. If a committee member's standing is affected by a rule interpretation, they will recuse themselves or be disqualified from the tournament.

1. Rules & Regulations: NEW FOR 2026

Club Participation

No participant may fish in a KFC Club tournament while also taking part in another tournament, derby, or competitive fishing event at the same time. Violating this rule leads to immediate disqualification and possible loss of club membership.

Membership Limit

The Board of Directors recommends a membership limit of 30 members, not including:
Family members as defined by the club, returning “grandfathered” members in good standing

Tournament Participation

Participation is limited to Kellogg Fishing Club members and invited guests. Fishing with a guide on the tournament lake within seven (7) days before the event is prohibited, and fishing guides cannot be tournament partners.

Liability Waiver

All persons fishing with the club must sign a Club Liability Waiver for 2026. No exceptions will be made.

2. Texas Fishing License

All competitors must possess a current Texas Fishing License. State fishing and boating safety laws must be followed. Violations determined by the Tournament Rules Committee will result in disqualification.

3. Registration

Each competitor must register and pay the entrance fee by 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the tournament. No refunds will be given after this deadline. Checks should be payable to Kellogg Fishing Club.

4. Safety

Safe boating conduct is mandatory for all competitors. Each participant must have a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver. The boat owner is responsible for ensuring their boat meets Texas State and Coast Guard regulations. Both boaters and co-anglers must wear life jackets and have their kill switch securely fastened when the main engine is in gear.

5. Tackle and Equipment

Only artificial lures are allowed. All fish must be caught in a conventional sporting manner. Black Bass caught while trolling with the outboard motor must be returned to the lake and cannot be counted.

6. Boat and Motor
Any fishing boat ten feet or longer may be used. A small motor, gas or electric, may be used for slow maneuvering. Competitors may use their own boat and motor or rent one, with rentals being their sole responsibility.

7. Boat Operation and Expenses
Partners should discuss boat operation schedules before departure. Compensation to boat owners should be agreed upon between fishing partners.

8. Permitted Fishing Location
Fishing is allowed anywhere in tournament waters. It is suggested to maintain a distance of at least 50 feet from other competitors' boats.

9. Official Checkpoint and Weigh-In
No boat check will be conducted on tournament day. Fishing before the official start time is not allowed. Official time will be determined by the Tournament Directors' and officers' cell phones. Late check-in penalties are as follows:

- 5 minutes late: 1 lb. penalty for weigh-in tournaments and 12 inches for paper tournaments.
- 10 minutes late: 2 lbs. penalty for weigh-in tournaments and 24 inches for paper tournaments.
- 15 minutes late: 3 lbs. penalty for weigh-in tournaments and 36 inches for paper tournaments.
- After 15 minutes: Disqualification from the tournament.
- Exceptions for emergencies are at the discretion of officers, marshals, and directors.

10. Scoring NEW FOR 2026

Paper Tournaments
The Kellogg Fishing Club now uses a mandatory sheet tournament app for fish and length verification. Participants must submit both app and traditional score sheets to a marshal or tournament director by the published weigh-in time. Failure to submit both may result in disqualification. The system is designed for verification and not to discourage participation; assistance is available if needed, and all circumstances will be considered.

- With this system, members may fish without a partner if one is unavailable, though having a partner is encouraged for safety.
- Minors must fish with an adult member.

Format changes: No identifier number or pictures of score sheets are required. All sheet tournaments are judged based on paper weigh sheets at weigh-in. Each angler enters fish catches on their score sheet, verified by their boat partner. Anglers must take photos of fish they plan to submit and meet the criteria outlined below. Photos must be uploaded to the app within 48 hours after the tournament, or before the 3:30 PM weigh-in deadline if fishing alone. Failure to upload photos may result in loss of points and placement.

Criteria for Fish Verification Photos

- **Measuring Device:** Use a rigid, commercially made board with ¼ inch markings. Tape measures and foldable devices are not allowed. (Hawg Trough is the official KFC board.)
- **Position:** Place fish on its side, head facing and against the measuring board backstop.
- **Head/Mouth:** Head must be against the backstop and mouth must be closed.
- **Tail:** Contestants may pinch the tail for maximum length as long as both head and tail are visible.
- **Visibility:** The entire fish and board markings must be clearly visible in the photo, with no hands covering the head or tail. The best hand position is the middle of the fish with one hand.
- **Scoring:** Round up to the nearest 1/4 inch. Example: If the tail touches the 14" line, score as 14.25". Record fish lengths in decimals (.0, .25, .50, .75).

If these criteria are not met, submitted photos may be denied.

Directions for Entering Fish Photos in the KFC Weigh App

1. Your Name
2. Upload picture of fish #1
3. Upload picture of fish #2
4. Upload picture of fish #3
5. Upload picture of fish #4
6. Upload picture of fish #5
7. Submit

The app is Google-based and requires a Google (Gmail) email address to upload items. If you do not have a Gmail account, they are free and assistance is available. You may use your partner's phone or a phone at weigh-in to upload your information.

Link to Sign up for a Google email: https://support.google.com/mail/answer/56256?hl=en

Link to Sheet Tournament App: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-QDzLhOzZjLYI8sA_EBuy2HomDOKOYWwPb_Nm8tmvqO9M7w/viewform?usp=header

Only Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, and Smallmouth Bass are to be measured. There is no limit to the size and number of fish caught, measured, released, and entered on score sheets; however, prize money is awarded based on the total length of the longest five (5) fish only per day. Two-day cumulative totals determine overall rankings for prize money.

Weigh-In Tournaments NEW FOR 2026

All weigh-in tournaments are now team events, either one-day or two-day. Winners are determined by the combined weight of each team's five fish limit per day. For two-day tournaments, team totals are combined for overall ranking. Only largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass are weighed, with a minimum length of 14 inches unless a larger size is required by lake rules or Texas law. Fish appearing to be altered will be weighed at the discretion of tournament officials. Keeping bass alive and releasing them after weigh-in is encouraged.
A partner is not required but is suggested for safety. Minors must fish with an adult member.
Prize money is paid based on the pounds and ounces of five (5) fish for each team, each day. Team cumulative totals determine rankings and club standings points.

11. Point System NEW FOR 2026

The Kellogg Fishing Club uses a points system to determine Angler of the Year. Points are awarded as follows:

- 1st place: 50 points, 2nd place: 49 points, 3rd place: 48 points, and so on.
- 5 points for anglers who do not catch any fish ("zero").
- 5 points for attending weigh-in through conclusion.
- 5 points for being a tournament director, limited to 2 tournaments per director.
- 15 points for Super Bass.
- 10 points for 1st Big Bass.
- 5 points for 2nd Big Bass.
- 1 point for each fish weighed in.
- In the event of ties, all anglers receive the full number of points for the tied place or Big Bass award.
- Team members receive equal points for their team's placement and the number of fish caught; individual awards (such as Big Bass) are given to the member who won.
- Team events: Both team members receive full points for their placement.
- Tournament directors earn 5 points for volunteering, max 2 tournaments.

Angler of the year is based on 9 of the 10 tournaments per year. If an angler has fished all 10 events his or her lowest point total will be culled. If an angler has fished 9, or less all tournament will count toward AOY

12. Awards NEW FOR 2026

Tournament entry fee is $60.00 for club members, covering tournament fee, Big Bass pot, Super Bass pot, and PayPal fees. All participants except guests must pay the annual $60.00 club membership fee to compete. Guests may fish one tournament per year without paying dues, provided they fish with a paid member in good standing and from the same boat; guest fee is $55.00, and guests are not eligible for the Super Bass pot.
Club dues for a single member include immediate household family members and children under 18 (wife, husband, daughter, or son). The $60.00 covers your child or spouse (Family Friendly Membership).
Cash payouts are based on the number of participants and may be adjusted to ensure 1st place pays more than Big Bass. 90% of entry fees are paid out, including Big Bass awards. Unfilled places roll over to subsequent tournament payouts. Tie decisions are made by the Tournament Director. In addition to cash prizes, "Big Bass Awards" are given for the largest Black Bass caught. Entry for the Big Bass Award is included in the fee. Paper lengths determine winners.
1st Big Bass is awarded for the largest bass, 2nd Big Bass for the second largest, regardless of tournament placement. Individual two-day and team tournaments do not apply to these rules; Big Bass pots are divided equally between days. Contestants may win place, Big Bass, and Super Bass pot all in the same day.

Super Bass Pot

YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER TO QUALIFY FOR THE SUPER BASS POT. NO GUESTS ARE ELIGIBLE.

The Super Bass Pot is awarded for bass weighing 7.15 lbs. or more in weigh tournaments or measuring 22 ¾" or more in paper tournaments. If multiple bass qualify, the highest weight or longest length wins. The Big Bass Pot and Super Bass Pot may be won together in the same tournament. If not won, the pot carries over to the next event. This applies to all tournaments. KFC weight scale governs weigh tournaments; KFC weight table governs paper tournaments. Participation is not required in every tournament, but you must enter to win. You may enter at any time, even as the pot grows.

13. Other Notes

Individuals are responsible for their own accommodations if planning to stay overnight.

14. Directions

USE GOOGLE SEARCH

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