



2023 Big Stone City Bishop's Fishing Tournament Rules

1. This is an "honor system" tournament.
2. The object of the tournament is to have an enjoyable day on the lake, spend time with diocesan seminarians, priests and our bishop.
3. Boats must be on the water by 7:45 am. There will be help available on the dock to assist you in and out of the water.
 - a. Gather in the area near the dock in front of the park on the shore for the blessing and release.
 - b. Disperse in an orderly fashion, this is not a race.
 - c. You may fish anywhere on the lake, but must leave from and return to the registration park.
4. This is a team tournament.
 - a. Each team will weigh six fish of their choice - walleye or bass - plus possible "any other fish" and/or big walleye or bass. Only walleye or bass count toward your total team six fish weight.
 - b. This is a voluntary catch and release tournament. You are responsible for any fish you keep.
 - c. Prizes will be awarded for:
 - i. Total Team Weight – Walleye
 - ii. Total Team Weight – Bass
 - iii. Largest any other fish – Individual
 - iv. Largest Walleye – Youth
 - v. Largest Walleye – Adult
 - vi. Largest Bass – Youth
 - vii. Largest Bass – Adult
 - viii. Knights Challenge – Total Team Weight
5. You must return your boat number or we will assume you are in trouble and will send boats to look for you, weather permitting. In case of severe weather, do the safe thing, go to shore or get off the water!
6. You must follow the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' rules and regulations.
 - a. Four fish per person with 15" minimum size limit for walleye, one of the four fish may be 20 inches or longer. No minimum length for bass.
 - b. All length decisions are final at time of weighing by the Weigh Master.
 - c. Length will be determined on ruler with the nose butted up against the end and the tail squeezed to reach maximum length.
 - d. No culling allowed.
 - e. We only weigh two fish 20 inches or longer per boat.
7. Allow adequate travel time to the boat landing for weigh-in by 2:30. You will then trailer your boat and fish and go to the park for weigh in. After weighing in, you will be directed to the parking site for your boat.
8. Fishermen are responsible for their fish after weigh-in. Fish cleaning station is adjacent to the weigh-in area.
9. Relax and have a good time!

