

Kankakee River Valley Fishing Derby

BLANKET RULES

REGISTERED CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER FISH INTO THE DERBY BEGINS 24 HOURS AFTER ENTRY FEE IS PAID. IF ENTRY IS BY MAIL, ELIGIBILITY BEGINS ON THE 3RD CALENDAR DAY AFTER THE POSTMARK ON THE ENTRY ENVELOPE. CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL AMATEUR ANGLERS WITH A PAID REGISTRATION OF \$20.00 PER FAMILY OR PER INDIVIDUAL. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10 A.M. CDT ON JULY 4, 2026.

2026 CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is known as the Kankakee River Valley Fishing Derby, hosted by the Northern Illinois Anglers Association (NIAA). The contest shall include entries caught subsequent to 12:01 a.m. CDT June 26, 2026 and submitted to a sanctioned weigh-in station by 6:00 p.m. CDT July 5, 2026.
2. All tagged fish have been officially measured for slot limit and legal length. **A tagged fish can only win the designated sponsored prize and may not be entered into the Big Board or Dollar Days contests.**
3. Prizes will be awarded to anglers taking specifically tagged fish as listed on promotional flyers. In addition, cash prizes will be awarded to anglers entering the largest 3 fish, by weight, taken during the term of the derby in each of the following categories: Walleye, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Northern Pike, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Rock Bass, and Roughfish. **Only one Big Board prize will be awarded per individual.**
4. The Derby Committee reserves the right to announce additional daily contests and promulgate the rules therefore by public announcement any time prior to the date of the contest. **Ties are decided by date and time of surrender at weigh-in station (first fish wins), or coin flip for a draw if necessary.**
5. **ALL DISPUTES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE KANKAKEE RIVER VALLEY FISHING DERBY COMMITTEE AND THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.**
6. To be eligible for prizes, all entries must be caught by hook and line methods (excludes bank poles, jugs, throw lines, etc.) permitted in accord with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and must be entered and recorded at one of the sanctioned weigh-in stations alive or in a fresh condition.
7. **Any fish that the angler wishes to enter into the Derby for prize consideration (tagged fish or weight competition) caught after weigh-in stations are closed must be called in to 815-508-1335 immediately.** Leave a message with angler's name, phone number, fish species, approximate size, where it was caught, and tag number (if tagged). The fish must be surrendered to a sanctioned weigh-in station **prior to 8:30 a.m.** the following morning by the person who caught the fish. **Failure to follow these requirements may cause the catch to be considered ineligible for prizes.**
8. Prizes are limited to fish caught in the Kankakee River or its tributaries in Kankakee and Will Counties, Illinois.
9. Officers and Directors of the NIAA and Kankakee River Valley Fishing Derby Committee members participating in fish release are ineligible for Tagged Fish prizes.
10. Family registrations include the registrant's spouse and natural born minor children, adopted minors, or any minor child over whom the registrant has assumed legal guardianship.
11. All information received **must be legible** concerning fisherman's name, age, fish caught, weights, etc. and shall be the property of the Northern Illinois Anglers Association.
12. Entries will be judged daily with the distribution of prizes on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club. Winners, or their appointed representative, **must** be present.
13. All prizes are to be awarded by action of the Derby Awards Committee whose decision shall be final. All contestants and/or their parents, guardians, or other witnesses, may be required to sign written affidavits under oath, as to any facts or circumstances surrounding the taking of catches entered in the contest. Persons falsely swearing thereto may be subject to prosecution under Illinois law and subject to both criminal and civil penalties.
14. Tagged fish winners of merchandise and service prizes should call the donor of the prize within 30 days of prize night for the details of the prize.

2026 REGISTRATION FORM

For and in consideration of allowing me and/or my immediate family members to participate in this event, I, individually, and as a guardian in behalf of any such persons who are minors, hereby waive, release and hold harmless the sponsors, their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims of liability for bodily injury or property damage to myself or such minor persons.

Signature

X _____
(Persons under 16 must have parent signature) \$20.00 per immediate family or per individual prior to 10 a.m. C.D.T. on July 4th. Immediate family includes Mother, Father, and children 18 years of age and under, or minor children under legal guardianship of registering adult. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification from derby.

Please make checks payable to:
Northern Illinois Anglers Assoc.

Mail to:
**Kankakee River Valley
Fishing Derby
P.O. Box 188
Bourbonnais, IL 60914**

Total Participants _____

**Please Print
Clearly**



List names of all participants:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

REG. DATE _____

TIME _____

- 2026 RECEIPT - KANKAKEE RIVER VALLEY 2026 FISHING DERBY

Names:

REG. DATE _____

TIME _____

***All Registrations must be submitted
prior to 10 a.m. CDT July 4, 2026**

**Fee Paid: \$20.00 per family
or per individual.**

RETURN ENTIRE FORM IF MAILED IN

**Receipt will be validated by
Tournament Officials and returned.**

"Mail-in" Registrations Must Be Postmarked At N.I.A.A., P.O. Box 188, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 No Later Than July 1, 2026