



30th Annual
 State of New Jersey Tournament
 ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK, SEASIDE PARK, NJ
 May 23, 2021

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION

THE TOURNAMENT

The Governor's Annual Surf Fishing Tournament is excited to have a high school team category for the third year. Teams may consist of high school aged students who are part of a formal fishing club, members of a Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs group, or a non-formal group. Schools can have as many students participate as long as there is 1 chaperone for every 5 students. There is no fee for teams. Each team member will receive a hat for registering. This is an opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the sport of surf fishing!

Entry to the park is free to individuals who register for the surf fishing tournament.

TIME AND PLACE

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Island Beach State Park, Seaside Park

SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fishing

COVID-19 Guidelines will determine how the Raffle Drawing and Awards Ceremony will be held.

PRIZES

Depending on COVID-19 guidelines at the time of the Tournament, the Governor may be attending to present the prizes during the awards ceremony. The team catching the longest fish will have their team name engraved on the Governor's High School Team Cup, which is permanently displayed at Island Beach State Park and will receive a plaque for 1st place. Additional plaques will be awarded for 2nd and 3rd place.

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High School Team Rules

1. Each High School will participate as a team with no limit to the number of anglers. There must be one chaperone, 21 years or older, for every 5 high school students. Chaperones are not eligible to fish and must remain with their high school students during the entire Tournament.
2. Only the following fish exceeding the minimum length listed below are eligible for entry:

Black drum—16 in.	Striped bass—28 - <38 in.
Bluefish—14 in.	Summer Flounder—16 in.**
Kingfish—10 in.	Weakfish—13 in.
Red drum—18-27 in.	

NOTE: Minimum length for the tournament may differ from NJ salt-water regulations. If regulations to size limit change, minimum size limit will reflect current regulations at the time of the Tournament. **16 in. minimum is only when fishing from Island Beach State Park.

3. All fish are measured. Length determines winner, not weight. No fish can be iced prior to measuring. In the event of a tie, the first fish entered and measured is the winner.
4. Teams do not have to be part of an organized fishing club, but all participants must be enrolled in high school.
5. Teams will not be permitted drive on to the beach. Gear may be driven on the beach, but not participants.
6. Each team member will have their longest fish measured. The overall longest fish entered by an individual on the team will determine the team which wins.
7. Registering as a team does not automatically enter you into the individual categories within the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament. Each individual must complete a separate individual registration form.
8. Participants must be present to claim any prizes during this event.
9. All anglers must sign an affidavit attesting to the authenticity and method of catch prior to entering their catch. A witness is required if the fish is to be measured and released.
10. Fish caught from any boat, surfboard or other floating device will not be eligible.
11. Fish may be caught from any OCEANSIDE part of the park from the park entrance to the North Jetty, and the inlet to the dune line. No bayside fishing of any kind will be allowed.
12. Teams may split up and fish multiple locations as long as there is one chaperone for every 5 anglers.
13. Terminal tackle will be limited to 2 hooks. A plug counts as 1 hook. Individuals are limited to 2 rods while fishing. **Abide by current circle hook regulations.**
14. Judges will make a vertical cut in the tail to show the fish has been measured, unless it is immediately released alive.
15. All established park regulations apply.
16. All fish **MUST** be measured where caught.
17. Refer to the current *Marine Digest* for saltwater fishing regulations.
18. Anglers 16 years old and older must be registered with the free NJ Saltwater Registry at njfishandwildlife.com.