

TYPE I FISHING CONTEST GUIDELINES

GENERAL

- A Certificate of Registration (COR) from the division is required for Type I fishing contests. Type I contests involve 50 or more participants, award cash and/or prizes valued at \$2,000 or more, or utilize a live weigh-in.
- Applications for CORs are available from division offices and online at the division's website.

A separate application and \$10 non-refundable handling fee must be submitted at least 45 days prior to contest date for each Type I fishing contest. The following COR fee will be due if the application is approved: small (under 50 participants) - \$20; medium (50-200 participants) - \$100; large (over 200 participants) - \$250.
- A copy of proposed contest rules must be submitted with the application. The proposed rules must include a complete schedule of entry fees, cash awards, and prize values.

Written protocol for participants to disinfect boats and equipment to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species must also be included with the application. This protocol must be consistent with the division rule and policy.
- Written permission or copy of a special use permit giving authorization to hold a fishing contest at a specific location and date must be submitted with the application.
- The division may take public comment before issuing a COR if the proposed contest has potential impacts to the public or substantially impacts a public fishery.
- A post contest report must be submitted to the division within 30 days after the contest is held. A report form will be provided when the COR is issued.
- Contests may not be held on legal holidays or Free Fishing Day.

COLD WATER CONTESTS (mountain whitefish, Bonneville whitefish, Bear Lake whitefish, Bonneville cisco, Bear Lake cutthroat, Bonneville cutthroat, Colorado River cutthroat, Yellowstone cutthroat, rainbow trout, lake trout, brook trout, arctic grayling, brown trout, kokanee salmon)

Fishing contests for cold water fish may not involve more than 200 participants, offer more than \$2,000 in total prizes, or utilize live weigh-ins. (Fishing contests held at Flaming Gorge and Echo Reservoir have no limit to the number of participants or total prizes.)

- Contests for cold water fish species are prohibited on waters where more restrictive special harvest rules have been imposed by the Utah Wildlife Board, including tackle restrictions, size restrictions, and other exceptions to the general fishing regulations.

Fish caught during a cold water contest may not be culled.

WARM WATER CONTESTS (walleye, yellow perch, striped bass, largemouth bass, white bass, smallmouth bass, bullhead, channel catfish, black crappie, northern pike, green sunfish, wipers, bluegill, tiger muskellunge, common carp, burbot)

Participants' boats must be identifiable as such at a distance of 100 yards.

All participants must complete online training provided by the 100th Meridian Initiative for

Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species as provided at <http://www.100thmeridian.org/certificate.asp>. A certificate showing completion of this training must be in possession of each participant through the duration of the fishing contest.

- Fish brought into a central weigh-in site must be released at least ½ mile away from the marina, boat dock or other central weigh-in site. Fish must be scattered back into suitable habitat for that species and not dumped at one site.
- Participants may not possess fish species, numbers of fish, or sizes of fish that are in violation of the proclamation approved by the Utah Wildlife Board. If tournament rules allow smaller fish than can be legally kept on a particular water, those sub-legal fish must be weighed or measured immediately at the capture location and released. They cannot be kept in a live well and transported away from where they are caught.