



# KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Lee County Conservation will be hosting kids fishing tournaments this summer for ages 3-16. The top two from each age group will participate in finals tournament held in August 2017. Each individual tournament will include a lunch, medals, and big and little fish prizes. **There will be a \$2 fee per child to help pay for prizes and lunch.** Registration will start at 7:30 am and the tournaments will be from 8-11 am. For more information contact (319) 463-7673.

Date	Location
May 20, 2017	<b>Heron Bend Fishing Area</b> Hwy 61, south of Fort Madison
June 10, 2017	<b>Dallas City, IL</b> For more info contact Harold Northup at (217) 852-3803
June 24, 2017	<b>Pollmiller Park</b> West Point, IA
July 15, 2017	<b>Riverview Park</b> Fort Madison, IA
Finals: August 12, 2017	<b>TBA</b>
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## General Rules

1. Adult supervision is required for all age groups, All contestants fish in their age group only.
2. Registration starts at 7:30am, Rules review at 7:55am. Participants arriving after the rules review are responsible for obtaining the specific tournament rules from officials. Please arrive early to register and set up.
3. Fishing time is from 8-11 am In the event of rain, the fishing time may be adjusted.
4. Tournament hours for any or all age groups may be changed at the discretion of the officials.
5. One pole in the water at a time (contestants can have extras ready).
6. Total weight of all legal fish caught determines the winners.
7. Everyone must make an attempt to keep all fish alive and well. Frequent weigh-ins are encouraged.
8. **NO DEAD OR DYING FISH WILL BE ACCEPTED OR COUNTED TO THE FINAL TOTAL PER JUDGES DISCRETION**
9. Everyone must stay out of the water at all times.
10. All participants and adult supervisors must show good sportsmanship at all times.
11. Adults are allowed to land fish with a dip net for all ages.
12. All fisherman and adults are to use caution when casting. Some lures may be banned for safety.
13. No alcohol or tobacco permitted. Do not leave litter at the fishing site.
14. Fish may not be taken home, even if legal length.
15. **Remember to have fun fishing and enjoy your time together!!**

## **Age Groups and Specific Rules**

*Age group is determined by the age of the child in the first tournament of 2017 and they will remain in that group the entire season.*

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| <b>3-5</b>   | <b>A Group</b> | Adults may bait hook, cast line, take fish off hook, and control fish after brought to bank. Adults are not allowed to hold pole, set the hook, or reel in fish. |
| <b>6-9</b>   | <b>B Group</b> | Same as above. Adults can encourage this age to cast their own line.   |
| <b>10-12</b> | <b>C Group</b> | Adults can help bait the hook, take fish off the hook, and advise only.  |
| <b>13-16</b> | <b>D Group</b> | Adults may advise and supervise only.  |

## **Warning's and Disqualifications**

Safety officials have the right to disqualify contestants for unsafe or unsportsmanlike conduct without warning.

- 1st offense** ~ Warning ~ No penalty
- 2nd offense** ~ Loss of 1 pound or largest fish (which ever is greater)
- 3rd offense** ~ Disqualification



**Three Rivers Conservation Foundation**