

2019 Trout Rodeo Rules and Regulations

Rodeo Regulations:

1. Individuals must be properly registered for the rodeo to be eligible for a prize. **Registration must be in person to verify valid fishing license. \$15 Registration Fee, 10 and under are FREE.** Licenses may be purchased at Long Mountain General Store or Thompson's Motel, www.wvfish.com, or via DNR phone at (304) 558-2758.
2. Rodeo Hours are from 8:00 am to 12 Noon, Saturday, May 5, 2019. No fish caught before or after these times on this date or any other date will be eligible for a prize.
3. Registration Times: Friday, May 4, 2019 from 4pm – 8pm in the Treasure Mountain Festival Craft Building and Saturday, May 5, 2019 from 6am – 11 am, in the Treasure Mountain Festival Craft Building. Registration must be in person.
4. Each individual that participates in the Rodeo must present a valid fishing license with related stamps at registration. Fishing licenses are not required for children under 15 years of age; however they **MUST** be with a licensed adult.
5. All activities during the Rodeo shall conform to the WV Division of Natural Resources Regulations, including six (6) trout possession limit. **NO SNAGGING OR NETTING OF NON-HOOKED FISH IS PERMITTED.** Hook must be in the lip.
6. Stream Marshals will patrol the designated fishing areas of the river wearing orange vests. They will ensure that the DNR Regulations and Rodeo Rules are followed. Any person violating any of these Regulations or Rules will be disqualified from winning a prize. Stream Marshal's decisions are final.
7. Any participant catching a tagged fish must present the fish immediately to a Stream Marshal. The Stream Marshal will remove the tag from the fish and record the information needed for the person to be eligible for a prize.
8. Catch and release is encouraged but not required. A stream marshal must observe the LIVE FISH being released immediately after tag removal for qualification of larger prize.
9. Respect the landowner's property. Remember, we are their guests.
10. Children under age 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Help baiting hooks is permitted. Youth and adult participants will be sharing the same fishing waters this year; courtesy is expected.
11. Access along the stream bordering private property is for Saturday, May 4, 2019 only during the Rodeo. Fisherman must get landowner's permission for access on all other days. Priest Mill area is private property and is CLOSED this year.
12. Stream Marshal's decisions are final, and Marshal's also hold the authority to disqualify participants for unsportsmanlike conduct or violations of rodeo regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, bullying or harassing other participants in the Rodeo.
13. Each tagged fish has a tag number and prizes are awarded to all tagged fish. Prizes are determined based on the number on the fish's tag. The longest and shortest measured trout will receive a trophy for adults and youth. The day of the rodeo the winning goal number will be announced. One award per fisherman only.
14. Each participant must receive and read, or have read to them, a copy of these rules. Signing the registration form means you agree to abide by these rules.

Trout Rodeo Prizes 2019

Grand Prize: Tagged fish #15, \$1,000

All tagged fish win money from \$5 - \$50.

Youth Category (Age 5-14)

1st Prize: Longest Fish, Trophy

1st Prize: Shortest Length Fish, Trophy

Adult Category (Age 15 and up)

1st Prize: Longest Fish, Trophy

1st Prize: Shortest Length Fish, Trophy

The award ceremony will be Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 2:00 pm on the Main Stage. For safety reasons monetary prizes cannot be presented at this time, but will be mailed to the winner at the address provided within 3 weeks of festival end. Winners must be present at the award ceremony.

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Adult Entry (Age 15 +)

Arm Band Number: _____

Filling out this form signifies that I have read and will abide by the Rodeo Regulations.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

WV Fishing License ID # _____

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Junior Adult Entry (Ages youth - 14)

Arm Band Number: _____

Filling out this form signifies that I have read and will abide by the Rodeo Regulations.

Youth's

Name _____ **Age:** _____

Accompanying

Adult _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Accompanying Adults WV Fishing License ID # _____