



Welcome to the first ever Trout Rodeo, which will be Bishop, California on February 26, 2022! This catch and release tournament is a challenge to ALL anglers to see who comes out on top. The event is open to fly and conventional anglers and we have made it easy to be a part of it!

Cost – 25.00 per person.

Teams - There is an additional fee (20.00) if you want to compete in the team category and there will be separate prizes for each team member. To compete as a team, you must designate a Team Leader as all participants need to register individually and the leader will place you on the team. The cost of being a team can be split amongst the members but cannot be handled within iAngler.

Other Categories - There will be separate categories for fly caught and lure caught along with separate prizes. If you are a licensed guide or lodge/retail owner, you may participate in a separate category for no cost. If you are affiliated with Casting For Recovery and/or Project Healing Waters, there is no charge for you to participate as an individual or as a team. If you are in this category, please contact Graham or Michael for the passcode.

Scoring – All individual anglers MUST register and use the iAngler app (www.ianglertournament.com/troutrodeo). This app allows you to photograph and record your catch, where it is then sent to the event administrator for scoring. Fish must be measured from the tip of their nose to the fork of their tail and rounded to the next lowest ¼". All species available (trout, carp and bass) will count towards your total score and must be released. All catches must be photographed with your phone for verification. All flies and lures MUST be a single hook and de-barbed. In the case of lures, replacing your treble hook with a single barbless hook is fine. Foul hooked fish (not mouth hooked) will not be counted. Scores for each individual will be totaled and finalists (1st, 2nd, 3rd) determined.

Team Scoring - total score for the team will be divided by the number of members and that number will determine your place. So teams of ANY SIZE are accepted.

iAngler will “hold” the record of your catch until your phone can get Internet coverage and at that point, will download your catches to the event administrator for scoring. All catches MUST be caught during the designated time of the tournament (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and within the eligible waters as listed below. Your catch is automatically time and location stamped.

Awards and Prizes – There will be 3 winners in each category (fly, gear, fly team, gear team, non-profits). Each winner will be awarded raffle tickets to be used in the giant raffle of goods following the event. Award levels are listed below. Any participant in the Tournament can buy additional ticket through our on-line portals

1st place individual – 100 tix

1st place team – 50 tix each

2nd place individual – 50 tix

2nd place team – 20 tix each

3rd place individual – 20 tix

3rd place team – 10 tix each



Additional raffle tickets may be purchased at the event

\$1.00 – 1 ticket

\$20.00 – 30 tickets

\$5.00 – 6 tickets

\$50.00 – 100 tickets

Hours of event

7 a.m. - 8 a.m. – Registration happens when you sign in with the iAngler app. But we are asking everyone to meet at the Tri-County Fairgrounds parking lot for a quick Q&A (if you have any) and to wish everyone luck. If you have any questions ahead of or during the event, we will be available by phone. Michael Schweit 818.6019702, Graham Day 562.2219340. You MUST be signed into iAngler before the start time of 9 a.m. so please plan accordingly. Before the event, you will need to download and install iAngler. Once you are signed in to the event, you are responsible for taking photographs and measurements.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. - head out and fish your favorite area! Feel free to move around but be sure not to crowd other anglers.

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. – At this point, we are hoping we can have a dinner, raffles and awards at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. This is all subject to Covid restrictions and will be announced closer to the event. Winners will be announced that night in some shape or form!

Eligible Waters – With the DFW regulations changes, there are many additional waters open to fishing at this time of year. So rather than limiting the fishing areas to the Lower Owens and Pleasant Valley Reservoir, we are expanding the area to Long Ears in the north (Upper Owens) all the way down to Independence in the south. You still need to be fishing waters that are designated as open and follow all DFW regulations on this matter. And as we do not know the weather for the day of the event, we leave it up to each contestant to fish with safety in mind. You need to allow enough time to get a cell signal so your catch is transferred to us no later than 4:30 p.m. and to be back at the Tri-County Fairgrounds by 6 for awards and prize drawings.

We have signed up with The Rolling Chef 395 Food Truck to be at the Fairgrounds by 5:30 so you can grab a bite before awards and prizes.

Lodging – there are campgrounds at Pleasant Valley Reservoir and many hotels/motels in Bishop. We are working on event pricing.

Covid 19 - Participants agree to wear a facial covering (over mouth and nose) when indoors or when outdoors and within 6 feet of persons from another household. While in Inyo County, they take face covering seriously when indoors or when outdoors without physical distancing.

Other Activities – We are working at offering workshops on Sunday and details will be upcoming. Everything from how to fly fish (if you come from the conventional world and want to give fly fishing a try) to reading water to different fly fishing techniques.