

Marine Event Guidelines

Guidelines for Fishing Tournaments:

- Fishing Tournament applications are to be completed using the Ohio Department of Natural Resources online system at <https://fishtournaments.ohiodnr.gov/>. If you have not used this site previously you will need to create a tournament director account, which can be done by selecting the “sign up as a tournament director” box on the site. If you currently have a tournament director account used for scheduling through ODNR, you may use that account.
- Events may be scheduled up to 365 days in advance and no less than 7 days prior to Event.
- Only one open tournament per day, per location. While two club tournaments may be permitted on the same day, at the same location. Only one club tournament at a time will be scheduled at Leesville South Fork.
- No tournaments may be held before May 1 or after October 1 at marina ramps. No tournaments may be held on holiday weekends. MWCD reserves the right, at MWCD’s discretion, to reject tournaments to be held during any special events.
- The maximum number of boats per tournament location are Monday-Thursday Events up to 90% of ramp parking capacity, Friday-Sunday Events up to 75% of ramp parking capacity, or at MWCD discretion.
- Any tournaments of 50 boats or more will require parking attendant and traffic control.
- Staging and weigh-ins must be located so as not to interfere with use of boat launch ramps by others. All trash clean-up is required.
- All MWCD and Ohio Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations must be observed.
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- Participants may not tie up to private docks or marina docks without the permission of the dock owner.

Guidelines for Boat Races and Regattas:

- All organizers of races or regattas must apply for an Event permit from MWCD.
- So that a permit request might be given appropriate consideration, applications should be submitted to the MWCD at least six (6) weeks in advance of the scheduled Event. Approval of Events requested where a scheduling conflict might exist will be based on first in, first approved, so requests should be submitted early.
- Participating boats should be clearly marked with ribbon, etc., indicating the boat is a race entrant.
- When out-of-state boats are expected, arrangements should be made for those boats to be inspected and identified prior to the start of the race. This should eliminate such boats from being stopped for absence of Ohio numbers.

Miscellaneous Event Guidelines:

All Miscellaneous Events will be administered on a case-by-case basis, based on the nature of the Event and local conditions.

- An applicant desiring to hold an Event is required to contact MWCD to discuss the nature of their Event and the potential disruption to the use of MWCD facilities.
- Additionally, any Miscellaneous Event that will require the MWCD to expend resources, and/or those Events which would exclude the visiting, non-participating public from normal access to MWCD facilities, will be assessed a negotiated fee based on the impact of that Event on Conservancy District operations and the public.
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Tournament Scheduling Steps

Becoming and Tournament Director

To schedule tournaments, you will need to create a tournament director account. The ODNR site (<https://fishtournaments.ohiodnr.gov/>) will display a “Sign Up As Tournament Director” display box, once you select “view” there is a blue text link to process a “OH|ID”. After following the steps on the application, you will be provided with your OH|ID. Fill in the corresponding information on the “Ohio Fishing Tournament Director Profile” and submit. ODNR will then approve your application for Director. (this may take a couple days)

Scheduling Tournaments:

Once logged in to ODNR at <https://fishtournaments.ohiodnr.gov/> you will first select “View” in the “Tournament Directors” box, then navigate to the map on the middle of the webpage and select “Schedule a Tournament.” *blue box located above map*

Utilize Zoom to locate the lake you are scheduling the tournament for. Clicking on the correct launch ramp will open a dialog box where you will then need to select “Click to Schedule a Tournament.” Fill in all corresponding information on the application and submit.

Payment:

Payment can be made on our website. <https://www.mwcd.org/visit-our-lakes/activities/fishing/> Navigate to the “Register a Marine Event or Fishing Tournament” section, the “Marine Event Payment” button will be displayed in white. Please include your group name in the “notes” section.

Marine Event Fee Chart

Package Option	Cost	Events included
Package A	\$25	1 Event
Package B	\$50	10 Events
Package C	\$100	20 Events
Package D	\$150	30 Events
Package E	\$175	50 Events