

# VIRTUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Olympics Kansas is excited to offer our athletes the opportunity to compete in a virtual fishing competition! The competition is a safe way to fish and compete against your friends and peers from across the state.

Train and compete from home and submit your scores online for a chance to win. Shout to Special Olympics Iowa for this idea!

## DATES

**Compete: October 10 - 18**

**Scores Due: October 19**

**Awards Announced: October 23**

## COMPETE FROM HOME

This tournament is a safe way for athletes to keep the spirit of Special Olympics Kansas alive by competing against each other from home!

Here's how it Works:

1. **CHOOSE YOUR EVENTS!** Check out the Virtual Fishing Tournament events on the next page. You can choose to do all the events or just your favorites.
2. **GO FISHING!** As you fish, be sure to keep track of the fish you have caught, because you will need to submit final scores by **Monday, October 19**. Take lots of photos and share them with us!
3. **[SUBMIT YOUR SCORES!](#)** Submit all of your **scores by October 19**.

Have other questions or need help submitting your results? Contact Tim Rehder at [rehdert@kssso.org](mailto:rehdert@kssso.org).

# Virtual Fishing Tournament Events

## Best Selfie with a Fish

How good of a picture can you get with a fish?

After catching a fish take a selfie with it!!

**What to submit:** The picture of you and your fish.

## Biggest Fish Caught

How big (in pounds) did your biggest fish weigh?

After catching a fish, weigh the fish.

**What to submit:** The weight, in pounds, of your heaviest fish you caught.

## Longest Fish Caught

How long (in inches) was your longest fish?

After catching a fish, measure the fish in inches and feet

**What to submit:** The length, in inches and feet, of the longest fish you caught.

## Most Fish Caught in One Day

How many fish can you catch in one day?

While fishing record the number of fish you catch.

**What to submit:** The total number of fish you caught in one day.

## Different Species of Fish Caught

How many different species of fish did you catch?

While fishing make note of each different species of fish that you are catching.

**What to submit:** A list of all different species of fish caught.

## HOW SCORING WILL WORK

- In each individual event, the top three individuals will be recognized regardless of age or gender.
- In each age–gender, there will be one individual recognized as the Top Fisher.
  - The Top Fisher will be the individual with the top combined score total.
  - Scores for the Biggest Fish Caught, Longest Fish Caught, Most Different Species of Fish Caught, and Most Fish Caught in One Day events will be included in the combined score total.
  - Individuals will receive points based on how they rank against the others in their division for the Biggest Fish Caught and Longest Fish Caught events. For the Most Different Species of Fish Caught and Most Fish Caught in One Day events, points will be given based on the number you submit. (Example – you caught 4 different species, so you will receive 4 points.)

### **Please review the safety information below:**

Regular physical activity is vital for good physical, social and emotional health. While there is a risk of injury with any type of physical activity, the benefits of staying active far outweigh the risks. When fishing make sure to:

- Wear a life jacket anytime you are near, on or in water
- Fish only in areas that it is permitted
- Handle fish carefully
- Stay dry, warm and protected from the elements. Wear sunscreen.
- Use caution when baiting and removing hooks
- Wear the right shoes • Use the correct equipment
- Drink lots of water – stay hydrated
- Warm up and stretch properly
- Be aware of your surroundings - fish in a safe and level area clear of any obstacles.

\*Be sure to practice social distancing while fishing.

## FAQS

**What's the timeline?** The Virtual Fishing Competition will run Saturday, October 10 through Sunday, October 18. Be sure to submit your scores by Monday, October 19.

**Who can compete?** Any registered athlete

**Who am I competing against?** You're competing against every athlete in the state.

**Does my coach need to know I'm competing?** No, but it would be great if you let them know—they might like to cheer you on virtually!

**Do I need to fill out any paperwork to participate?** In the state of Kansas a fishing license is required to fish. <https://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Fishing-Application-and-Fees>

**Do I need to wear a life jacket?** We recommend wearing a life jacket any time you are near, on, or in water.

**How do I measure how long my fish is?** Use a tape measure (or anything that measures in inches and feet) to measure the distance between the tip of the fish's mouth and the tip of the fish's tail.

**How do I figure out the weight of my fish?** If you don't have a scale, you can use the following equations to get an estimated weight for your fish.

Thicker-bodied Fish Equation

$\text{Length} \times \text{Girth} \times \text{Girth} / 800 = \text{weight of fish}$

Slender Fish Equation

$\text{Length} \times \text{girth} \times \text{girth} / 900 = \text{weight of fish}$

\*Length = distance from tip of mouth to tip of tail

\*Girth = measure around the thickest portion of its midsection

**How do I know what species of fish I have caught?** Here is a great resource for identifying what fish you have caught - <https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/freshwater-fish-of-america.html>.

**How do I submit my scores?** You can submit your scores online, [HERE](#).

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