

# ★ TRWD ★ FLYFEST

## BIG TROUT CONTEST

### CONTEST OVERVIEW:

Whether you're an expert angler or brand new to the sport, you can put some of the tips and tricks you learned at TRWD Flyfest to use at the official festival contest. The friendly contest will take place on the Trinity River and prizes will be awarded for most fish caught, longest fish caught and hooking an official "Golden Palomino Trout".

*Please note, bait fishing will not be allowed within the contest; only hand-tied flies will be permitted. Bait fishing will only be allowed within the open fishing area.*

### REGISTRATION

- There will be a \$30 sign-up fee per team
- There will be a total of 40 team spots available, 20 of those spots will be available for pre-registration online
- Contestants are encouraged to register upon arrival at the event as the contest is expected to fill quickly. Registration on-site for each heat will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Teams will be comprised of two anglers. Contestants must sign up as a team.
- Each contestant will need to register with their name, address, phone number, and e-mail.
- Each contestant will be required to fill out an insurance waiver and show their fishing license and valid Government ID at the time of registration.
- Registrants will be given a numbered registration card that will be worn around the neck during their heat.
- If the contest is full, teams will be added to a waitlist and can be added to heats if a team drops out.
- Registration for each heat will end 30 minutes before the heat begins.

### HEATS

Each heat will be comprised of eight teams. Prizes will be awarded within each heat, in addition to grand prizes for all heats. More information on prizes can be found below.

Heat 1:	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Heat 2:	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Heat 3:	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Heat 4:	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### OFFICIAL FISHING MONITORS

Official Fishing Monitors will be in charge of verifying the cumulative number of fish caught for each team and assisting with measurement of a fish that is large enough to qualify for the biggest fish category. Fish must be over 10" long to be considered for the biggest fish prize. All fish that merit measurement will be logged by an Official Fishing Monitor on the team's log sheet.

# PRIZES

## HEAT PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to teams within each heat immediately after each heat finishes. Anglers must be present to claim their prize.

Most Fish Caught – the team with the most cumulative points within their heat will be declared the winner. Should a tie occur, a winner will be determined in a fish-off (first person to catch a fish wins). Rainbow Trout and “Golden Trout” will be counted as one point.

Biggest Fish – the individual team member who catches the largest singular fish (length in inches rounded down to the nearest quarter inch) within the heat will be declared the winner. Should a tie occur, a winner will be determined in a fish-off (first person to catch a fish wins). Only Rainbow Trout will be considered, no other fish species caught during the contest will count.

Golden Trout – “Golden trout” will be stocked in the river as an added bonus in the contest. The first individual to catch a “golden trout” within their heat will be awarded a prize.

## GRAND PRIZES

Grand Prizes will be awarded to the top teams out of all heats. Grand prize winners will be announced at the end of the last heat. Grand Prize winners must be present to claim their prize.

Most Fish Caught – the team with the most cumulative points at the TRWD Flyfest competition will be awarded a prize. Rainbow Trout and “Golden Trout” will be counted as one point.

Should a tie occur, a winner will be determined in a fish-off (first person to catch a fish wins). \$400 Visa Gift Card as well as other prizes

Biggest Fish – the individual team member who catches the largest singular fish (length in inches rounded down to the nearest quarter inch) of the day will be declared the grand prize winner. Only Rainbow Trout will be considered, no other fish species caught during the contest will count. Should a tie occur, a winner will be determined in a fish-off (first person to catch a fish wins). \$200 Visa Gift Card as well as other prizes

## RULES

Failure to abide by the rules will result in disqualification from the contest.

1. All contestants will be required to show a valid fishing license and valid Government ID at entry table and Heat Check-in.
2. Contestants will be required to supply all of their own equipment.
3. All contestants must use a rubber landing net (nets will be provided if you do not have your own).
4. Only hand-tied flies will be allowed for fishing in the contest. One per line. No artificial lures, power baits or other non-fly fishing baits will be allowed. Flies will be checked by the Official Judges and Fishing Monitors.
5. Both team members must check in at Heat Check-In 15 minutes before their designated heat or their slot will be made available to teams that signed up for Stand-By opportunity. Once that slot is given to another team it will not be returned.
6. Only the fish caught in the designated contest fishing area will qualify. Map of the official contest boundaries will be provided at the time of registration and at Heat Check-in.
7. Fishing from the shore is not allowed. Contestants' feet must be in the river.
8. Only one person from each team can fish at a time for a full 10-minute period. Teams will be required to switch who is casting after each ten minute period.
9. The non-casting team member is allowed to help net the fish.
10. Only netted fish confirmed by a monitor will be counted.
11. Teams do not need to bring the netted fish to a monitor unless there is a desire for the netted fish to be measured.
12. Team members are allowed to share/swap fishing gear at any point during their heat.
13. If the cast has landed in the water before the official stop time of the heat, the cast may be fished out and any fish caught will count towards contest tabulations for that heat.
14. If there is a tie at the end of heat necessitating a fish-off to determine a heat winner, the fish caught in the fish-off does not count in the tabulations for overall grand prizes.
15. Catch and release is required within the contest boundaries during festival hours.
16. Individuals are only allowed to fish in one heat.