

KANSAS 4-H SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT 2023

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2023. Anglers can fish year round but entries must be in by the deadline, fish caught after the deadline may be entered in the next contest. Participants can enter in any species/categories that they catch fish – go fishing and have fun!!!

One 4-H Angler of the Year will be named in each of the species/category listed below. These are fish commonly found in Kansas waters. Each Angler of the Year will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap, a frameable certificate, and a WalMart gift certificate (no endorsement intended) to hopefully be used for fishing equipment (one per individual). All participants that enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap or a gift certificate.

The following species will make up the contest:

Specie/Category	Minimum length for entry
Catfish (Channel, Flathead, or Blue Cat)	15"
Sunfish (Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish)	6"
Crappie (Black or White)	10"
Black Bass (Largemouth or Smallmouth)	15"
Carp or Drum (Any Rough Fish)	15"
Other Game Fish (Walleye, Saugeye, White Bass, Wiper, Striper, Trout)	15"

RULES:

1. Must be enrolled in 4-H but do not have to be in the Sportfishing Project.
2. To compete for **Angler of the Year Award** the entry must also be weighed and witnessed (digital hand scale is acceptable, no spring scales please.) Only one Angler of the Year award per individual will be awarded. If a participant is selected as first in a species/category their additional entries will not be considered in subsequent classes. We want to recognize as many participants as possible. Please use the 2023 entry form.
3. Fish must be caught by a legal method as outlined in the current Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Fishing Regulations Summary. Fish can be caught anywhere in the state of Kansas.
4. **YOUNG ANGLERS MUST CATCH THEIR OWN FISH!** The past few years some very small/young anglers have caught some very big fish that would have required significant assistance from an adult. Remember, I am a lifetime fisherman, have taught hundreds of fishing clinics, and am a retired fisheries biologist. **PLEASE PARENTS OR OTHER ADULTS, LET THE KIDS CATCH THEIR OWN FISH.** Questionable situations may be investigated.
5. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th or e-mailed by that date.. Winners will be announced around October 1, 2023. Every effort will be made to have the awards available to the counties by their achievement awards program for presentation at the program or sent directly to the winners – **please indicate on your entry form which you prefer and the date of your Achievement Banquet if that is your preference.**
6. Entries are to be submitted to Tommie Berger 406 S. New York Ave. Sylvan Grove, KS 67481. bergkwf@wtciweb.com 785-524-6112