

**COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA
SANDY RIVER RESERVOIR**

FISHING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. All articles contained Section 82-31 of the *Code of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia*, shall be enforced;
2. All applicable State and Federal laws, regulations and administrative code requirements shall be enforced;
3. Not more than four fishing tournament permits shall be issued to any qualifying organization/tournament sponsor annually;
4. The definition of a qualifying organization is one that meets the requirements of the IRS Regulations for 501(c)(3);
5. Not more than four tournaments shall be scheduled per month, and tournaments shall be scheduled for not more than two Saturdays and two Sundays per month;
6. The Reservoir shall be closed to fishing tournaments from July 15 to September 15;
7. The Sandy River Reservoir shall be closed to fishing tournaments on peak vacation/family summer days and weekends, to include Memorial Day Weekend, July 4, and Labor Day Weekend, and others, if so designated by the Board of Supervisors;
8. Fishing tournament sponsors shall be responsible, within two weeks of the date of the tournament, for submitting to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources creel survey data in a form as provided by the County of Prince Edward;
9. Organizations that fail to submit creel survey data to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources shall not be approved for additional fishing tournaments;
10. The fee for fishing tournament permits shall be established by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward;
11. Based on the available public parking at the Sandy River Reservoir; the maximum total number of boats allowed per tournament shall not exceed forty (40);
12. Tournament sponsors shall be responsible for insuring that the “Proper Care of Tournament Caught Fish” guidelines, as provided by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, are followed by all participants in the tournament;
13. The Sandy River Reservoir shall remain open for public use to all user groups on dates of scheduled fishing tournaments;
14. Fishing tournaments at the Sandy River Reservoir shall be approved and scheduled by the County Administrator and/or his/her designee, based on the date a properly executed County Tournament Permit Application is submitted to the Prince Edward County Administrator’s Office;
15. **Effective July 1, 2022, the applicant for a fishing tournament must furnish a Certificate of Insurance on a general liability insurance policy, protecting the County, its elected and appointed officials, employees and agents from and against any and all claims which may result from or in connection with the fishing tournament. The County of Prince Edward must be named as an 'Additional Insured' on the certificate. Applicants must provide a copy of the policy with all endorsements. The County Administrator’s Office or designee must receive the certificate at the time the application is filed. Limits of insurance are \$1,000,000.00 (one million) per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 (two million) aggregate for death or bodily injury and property damage. Applicant must furnish written proof of liability insurance to cover the tournament prior to being granted permission to hold a tournament.**
16. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia shall amend these policies, as needed, to protect and enhance the public recreational enjoyment of the Sandy River Reservoir for all user groups.

For additional information, please contact the Prince Edward County Administrator’s Office at 434-392-8837.