



Bighorn River Alliance Carp Tournament Rules 2025

Event Date: Friday the 20th of June, 2025

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (*Dinner & Party follows tourney in Ft. Smith*)

Location: Ok-A-Beh Marina on Bighorn Lake

The Bighorn River Alliance 2025 Carp Tournament shall follow Montana Fishing Contest Rules as states in the Montana Statutes. Participants in the tournament will be required to follow proper catch and release protocols for all species caught and adhere to the below tournament rules constructed by the Bighorn River Alliance.

1. Participant Requirements

- A. Contain valid Montana Fishing License
- B. Over the age of 14, unless accompanied by an adult
- C. Team registration fee of \$60 (\$30 per person)
- D. Pass aquatic nuisance species boat inspection

2. Tournament Rules

- A. Non-motorized watercraft only
- B. Only 2 person teams unless Adult rowing with 2 minors (under the age of 14)
- C. Fly-Fishing only with artificial flies (no chumming or live bait)
- D. No re-netting of released fish
- E. Catch and Release protocol required of all species caught.

3. Winner Determination

- A. Winning title goes to the team that brings the most carp to the boat, measured and photographed.
- B. Catches are to be recorded on the supplied score card by length and time caught.
- C. In case of a tie, the length of all carp caught will be averaged with winner being chosen based on largest calculated average. If average lengths result in a tie, then the winner will be determined by the earliest time recorded of the last catch.

Proof of Montana Fishing license and boat inspection must be shown on the morning of the event at the registration table.