

ARLINGTON ANGLERS FISH CLUB

2017 BIG FISH CONTEST RULES

Contest Purpose:

The purpose of the Arlington Anglers Big Fish Contest is to provide recognition of exceptional achievement of its members. It is the club's desire that this be a fun way to recognize accomplishment in a spirit of friendly competition and a way to educate those desiring greater success.

Rules:

1. Contest is open to all paid members of Arlington Anglers Fishing Club
2. Contest is run on a December 1 – November 30th calendar basis.
3. A "Leader Board" depicting current leader and fish length for each fish category will be kept and displayed on club web site and presented at each monthly meeting
4. Fish must be caught in waters of the following U.S. states or Canada:
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin.
5. Fish categories are:

Crappie	White Bass
Largemouth Bass	Catfish
Smallmouth Bass	Carp
Walleye/Sauger	Sturgeon
Northern Pike	Lake Salmon
Muskie	Lake Trout
Sunfish/Bluegill	Inland Trout
Perch	Other

6. Entries must be submitted to Big Fish Chairperson **within 60 days of catch**
7. Size verification – All entries must include one of the following:
 - a. A picture showing a clear depiction of fish alongside a ruled measuring device of at least the length of the fish (this is the preferred method of verification)
 - b. A properly completed Witness Verification form and picture
 - c. A picture showing a clear depiction of fish alongside an object of known/verifiable size (entries which will supplant an existing fish category "leader" by less than 1/2" of fish length may not use this form of verification)
 - d. Size and species verification may be submitted to the Big Fish Chairperson by e-mail or U.S. mail.
8. Club members may enter and win more than one fish category

9. Although it is expected that all state and waterway fishing regulations be adhered to as related to the catch, submitted fish do not need to meet specific size regulations. We encourage CPR – Catch, Photo, Release.
10. All entries must include Entry Form and size verification (outlined above)
11. Questionable or contested entries will be reviewed by a Big Fish Contest Board of Review whose decision will be final. Existing “leaders” will be given preferential priority in determining the outcome of any questionable entry.

**ARLINGTON ANGLERS FISHING CLUB BIG
FISH CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Required Information:

NAME _____

SPECIE _____

LENGTH _____

PHONE _____

BODY OF WATER _____

STATE _____

Optional Information:

WEIGHT _____

BAIT _____

Any other information about this catch that you'd like to share with the club?

I certify that the above information is true and all state and local ordinances were observed. I also give the Arlington Anglers Fishing Club my permission to use this information, including my submitted picture(s), for club news and publicity purposes.

Signature _____

Date _____

**ARLINGTON ANGLERS FISHING CLUB
BIG FISH CONTEST WITNESS VERIFICATION**

I, _____, did witness _____
(Witness' printed name) (Angler's printed name)

catch the below described fish and swear to the accuracy of the information as presented.

Date of catch: _____

Body of water caught on: _____

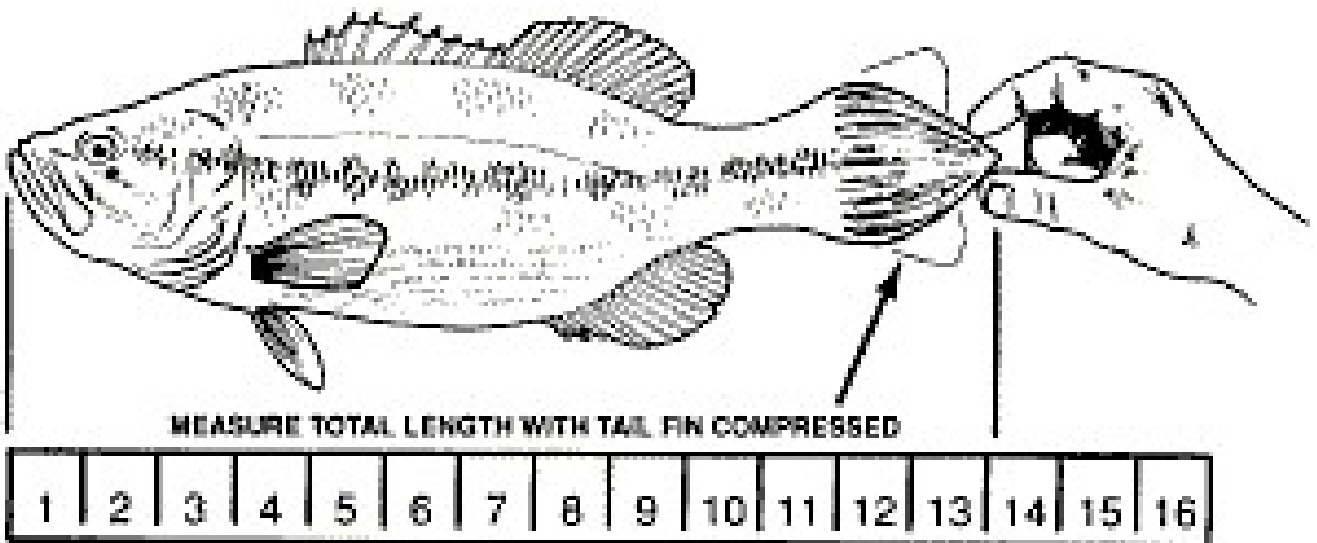
Specie: _____

Length: _____ (to nearest reasonable fraction of an inch)

Witness' Signature _____ Witness' Phone _____

Angler's Signature: _____

How to Measure a Fish



How to measure fish:

1. Place the fish on its side with the jaw closed.
2. For soft-tailed fish, squeeze the tail fin together to obtain the maximum overall length.
3. For hard-tailed fish, turn the tail to obtain maximum length.
4. Measure a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.