

SAINT JOSEPH COUNTY
CHAPTER 15-195
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE
of AMERICA



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FISHING RULES &
REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES/VIOLATIONS/FINES:

Fishing on IKE property requires:

1. An IWLA membership and an awareness of IKE Fishing Rules.
2. An IKE membership badge must be prominently displayed. No fishing without IWL badge.
3. An Indiana Fishing License if you are 18. A trout stamp is required if you fish for trout or salmon over the age of 18. If the Indiana license rules change we will stay consistent with Indiana's rule.
4. The use of barbless hooks. Barbless hooks are required when fishing on IKE property. This includes the creek, river and ponds. Make your hooks barbless by pinching down the barb with a pair of pliers or by filing down the barb. There will be a pair of pliers provided at the cement dedication monument located between the two ponds. If the pliers should become misplaced, the members' responsibility nonetheless remains the same - use barbless hooks. (Penalty for first offense is \$10.00, second is meeting with the Board of Directors. Fishing privilege is suspended from time of second infraction to meeting).
5. Fishing on IKE property permitted while front gates are open. No fishing before gates open in A.M. or after dusk.
6. No snagging - Any member who is found guilty of snagging fish by the IWLA Board of Directors will be expelled from the club for a 2 year period. If the person is a minor, that minor will lose all fishing privileges for a 2 year period (includes stream, ponds and rivers from IKE property). The accused and accuser will have the opportunity to present their case at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting. That Board will vendor a "guilty" or "not guilty" verdict. If the accused is not present (without a valid reason accepted by the Board of Directors), that person is assumed to be guilty and is expelled. A letter to the Indiana DNR may be sent stating that the club has expelled the individual for snagging. Reentry into the IKE at the end of the 2 year period is conditioned upon a vote of the Board of Directors.
7. Regarding "bait" fishing:
 - a. No corn
 - b. No minnows (either dead or alive)

8. The Fish & Outdoor Recreation Committee (FORC) has the capability to control fishing anywhere on property. For example, if the situation gets out of control at the spillway area, FORC can close fishing at the spillway and along the creek by simply posting or roping off with a "No Fishing" sign. If water temperatures become too high as to stress trout if caught, a no targeting trout sign may be posted.

9. If you practice catch and release, the fish are to be released where you catch them. Fish from Pond #1 to be released in Pond #1, fish caught below the spillway to be released below the spillway, and Pond #2 fish to be released in Pond #2.

10. Bow fishing for rough fish in Pond #3 is permitted when done in accordance with state law.

11. No boats, kayaks or canoes allowed in ponds. No Ice fishing is allowed. Stay off the ice it isn't safe!!!

RULES SPECIFIC TO POND & JUDAY CREEK:

1. No fishing with fish pellets, corn or minnows.
2. No fishing during the time the fish are being fed.
3. No stocking of any fish without F.O.R.C./Board of Directors approval. We do not want other species of fish. Fine for first offense is \$25.00, second offense is meeting with Board of Directors with fishing privilege revoked until that meeting.
4. Members only fishing on IKE property.
5. If not otherwise specified herein, all Indiana Rules.
6. Only one rod in use at a time.

LIMITS:

THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE ON A PER FAMILY MEMBER BADGE BASIS:

1. **TROUT pond #1 upper pond and pond#2 lower pond:**

Trout - minimum size to keep 14"
No more than 5 caught and released on any 1 day.
2 killed per month.
4 killed in season.

2. Pond #1- upper pond & pond #2 - lower pond:

Bluegill - minimum size to keep 7"
Closed kill from May 1st to June 15th for spawn.
5 killed or caught and released per day.
15 killed or caught and released per month.
25 killed per season.

Bass - minimum size 14"
3 killed or caught and released per day.
9 killed or caught and released per month.
18 killed per season
Channel Catfish - minimum size 13"
5 killed or caught and released per day.
10 killed or caught and released per month.
30 killed per season.

3. Juday Creek

Trout & Salmon minimum size 14"
No more than 5 caught and released per day.
A limit of 2 killed per day of which 1 may be a Brown Trout.
No more than 4 kept per month.
Keep activity in stream to a minimum.

PROPER RELEASE OF TROUT AND OTHER FISH:

- Keep handy at all times a pliers or forceps for quick removal of hook.
- Reduce play time. Land fish as quickly as possible to minimize stressing of fish.
- Keep fish in water as much as possible; minimize handling as much as possible. Wet hands first or use a Trout net designed for the safe release of trout.
- Avoid fishing during hot temperatures as warm water holds less oxygen and can stress a trout when caught. (water temperatures above 68 degrees)
- For engulfed hooks, cut hook or line and release fish. This increases the trout survivability rate to 66 % vs 11.5% if removal attempted.
- Actively fishing a worm or crawler reduces the chance of fish swallowing bait.