Great Parks

Kid’s Mystery Fish Challenge Rules

1. What it is: The Kid’s Mystery Fish Challenge is a fishing competition, hosted at various Great Parks throughout the year.

2. Who can enter: Children 15 years of age or under.

3. When and where is it: Kid’s Mystery Fish Challenges are held on various weekends and holidays at Winton Woods, Lake Isabella, or Miami Whitewater Forest. A schedule can be found at greatparks.org or at the boathouses.

4. Registration and Fees:
   a. Registration begins 1 hour prior to the start of the tournament at the Tournament Trailer. Teams must register before they can begin fishing. Children will register for their appropriate age bracket: 5 and under, 6 to 9 years old, 10–15 years old.
   b. This event is free.

5. Rules:
   a. Only 1 rod per person may be used.
   b. Parents or guardians may assist the angler, but the angler must do most of the fishing.
   c. Live and artificial lures are permitted.
   d. Anglers fish for any species of fish. Once caught, they must bring up each individual fish to the designated area to be weighed and then released. Dead fish will not be weighed. Each weight is recorded.
   e. The tournament runs for two hours. All fish must be weighed before the end of the two hours.
   f. Stringers are prohibited. Buckets, nets, or still on the hook are preferred.
   g. All fish must be released upon weigh-in.
   h. Great Parks, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to resolve any disputes alleged in the contest using this rule sheet, but in the event of circumstances unanticipated in these rules, Great Parks also reserves the right to resolve disputes in a fair manner of its choosing.
   i. By entering the contest, you agree to the rules in their entirety.

6. Awards:
   a. At each event, awards for first fish caught are given out.
   b. At each event, a mystery weight is predetermined for each age bracket by the tournament coordinator for Great Parks. The fish with the recorded weight closest to that mystery weight will win the trophy.

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i. In the event of a tie, additional fish caught by the tied anglers will be compared to the mystery weight, the angler with the fish that is the closest weight amongst these fish will be awarded the trophy.