



26th Annual
 State of New Jersey Tournament
 ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK, SEASIDE PARK, NJ
MAY 21, 2017

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION

THE TOURNAMENT

The [Governor's Annual Surf Fishing Tournament](#) is excited to announce a high school team category. Teams may consist of up to 5 high school aged students who are part of a formal fishing club, members of a Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs group, or a non-formal group. Schools can have more than one team entered. There is no fee for teams. Each team member will receive a t-shirt for registering. This is an opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the sport of surf fishing!

Entry to the park is free to team members and individuals who register for the surf fishing tournament.

TIME AND PLACE
Sunday, May 21, 2017
Island Beach State Park, Seaside Park

SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m..... Fishing
 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m..... Raffle Drawing
 2:00 p.m..... Awards Ceremony

PRIZES

The Governor has been invited to present the prizes during the awards ceremony. The team catching the longest fish will have their team name engraved on the Governor's High School Team Cup, which will be permanently displayed at Island Beach State Park, and will receive a plaque for 1st place. Plaques will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd place.

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High School Team Rules

1. Only the following fish exceeding the minimum length listed below are eligible for entry:

Black drum—16 in.	Red drum—18-27 in.
Bluefish—14 in.	Striped bass—28 in.
Kingfish—10 in.	Weakfish—13 in.

NOTE: Minimum length for the tournament may differ from NJ saltwater regulations.
2. All fish are measured. Length determines winner, not weight. No fish can be iced prior to measuring. In the event of a tie, the first fish entered and measured is the winner.
3. A team consists of two (2) to five (5) students currently enrolled in high school. Teams do not have to be part of an organized fishing club, but all participants must be enrolled in high school. Schools can have more than one team entered.
4. Each team must have one team leader who will act as an advisor or chaperone. The team leader must be 18 years of age or older. The team leader is not eligible to fish and must remain with the team during the entire tournament.
5. Teams will not be permitted drive on to the beach.
6. Each team member will have their longest fish measured. The overall longest fish entered by an individual on the team will determine the team which wins.
7. Registering as a team does not automatically enter you into the individual categories within the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament. Each individual must complete a separate individual registration form.
8. Participants must be present to claim any prizes during this event.
9. All anglers must sign an affidavit attesting to the authenticity and method of catch prior to entering their catch. A witness is required if the fish is to be measured and released.
10. Fish caught from any boat, surfboard or other floating device will not be eligible.
11. Fish may be caught from any OCEANSIDE part of the park from the park entrance to the North Jetty, and the inlet to the dune line. No bayside fishing of any kind will be allowed.
12. Terminal tackle will be limited to 2 hooks. A plug counts as 1 hook. Individuals are limited to 2 rods while fishing.
13. Judges will make a vertical cut in the tail to show the fish has been measured, unless it is immediately released alive.
14. All established park regulations apply.
15. All fish MUST be measured where caught.
16. Refer to the current [Marine Digest](#) for saltwater fishing regulations.