

THE KNEE DEEP CLUB

Presents:

Panfish Challenge



5:00 AM TO 4:00 PM ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026



CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The contest entry fee is \$20 for Knee Deep Club Members and \$25 for non-members (\$20 entry fee + \$5 non-member fee) and must be submitted with the official contest entry form below. The contest will begin at 5 A.M on Sunday, May 24th and will conclude at 4 PM.
2. Mailed entries must be received by the Club by Friday, May 22nd, regardless of postmark. In-person entries can be made at either official Knee Deep Club Contest Weigh Stations until 8 AM, Sunday, May 24th. **No one will be allowed to register after this time. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. Official Contest Weigh Stations are **WEST SHORE MARINA**, at River Styx, Lake Hopatcong and **LAKE'S END MARINA** in Landing.
4. Cash prizes will be based on an 80% payback of entry fees. The winners will be the top three anglers who score the highest points based on the following point system. Five (5), Three (3) and Two (2) Points will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place fish in the following five categories: Sunfish, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch, White Perch and Crappie.
5. Top finishers will be based on points and any ties will be broken by which fish was entered first. In the event of a tie in total points, the angler that has the single largest fish will win. Anglers will only be allowed to place one fish in each category but can continue to enter fish to improve their standings.
6. A contestant may win ONLY ONE PRIZE.
7. **Contestants may enter fish caught in Lake Hopatcong ONLY!**
8. All persons in a boat must be entered in the contest to qualify for prizes. Contestants may fish any or all parts of this contest.
9. All fish must be weighed-in during contest hours. Any disputes must be resolved at the time of the weigh-in. The decision of the Contest Committee will be final and binding! The Weigh Master has the right to retain, cut open or inspect any fish.
10. **TAKE A KID FISHING:** A contestant may enter a child who is under age 16 in this contest for a \$5 entry fee. The child with the largest fish will win a Rod & Reel Combo. Ties will be broken by which fish was weighed in first.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.kneedeepclub.org

ENTRY FORM

KNEE DEEP CLUB

“LAKE HOPATCONG PANFISH CONTEST”

_____ \$20 KNEE DEEP CLUB MEMBER ENTRY FEE (Membership No. _____)

_____ \$25 NON-MEMBER ENTRY FEE

_____ \$5 KID ENTRY FEE

Include this Entry Form with your check or money order payable to “KNEE DEEP CLUB”

Drop it off at one of our Weigh Stations or mail it to PO Box 404, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

_____ Check here and enclose an additional \$30 if you would like to become a member of the Knee Deep Club.

PRINT NAME: _____ PHONE # () _____

STREET/TOWN/ZIP: _____

*I have read the **LIABILITY RELEASE** printed on the reverse side (PAGE 2) and/or the page which follows this page on our website marked as PAGE 2.*

SIGNATURE: _____

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LAKE HOPATCONG

Sussex and Morris Counties



2026 Knee Deep Club Fishing Contest Schedule

January TBD	Ice Fishing Contest # 1
February TBD	Ice Fishing Contest # 2
March TBD	Ice Fishing Contest # 3
April 19	Pickeral & Trout Contests
May 2 & 3	Spring Walleye Contest
May 24	Panfish Challenge
June 21	Stew Lant Bass Contest
July 11 & 12	Summer Hybrid Striped Bass Contest
August 8 & 9	Catfish Contest
September 19 & 20	Fall Hybrid Striped Bass Contest
October 10 & 11	Fall Walleye Contest

FISHING CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

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KNEE DEEP CLUB WEIGH STATIONS

1. DOWS BOAT RENTAL – NOLAN’S POINT
2. LAKE’S END MARINA – LANDING

LIABILITY RELEASE: In signing this agreement I hereby release Knee Deep Club, its officers, agents, employees and sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs or expenses relating to injury of any persons or any property which I may sustain or which I may cause by reason of participating in or in conjunction with this contest. I further agree that I will never sue Knee Deep Club for damages on account of any injury or damage I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future. In the event the Knee Deep Club is sued because of my actions, I expressly agree to indemnify and hold Knee Deep Club harmless from any liability whatsoever including court costs and attorney’s fees arising with respect to such actions. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue Knee Deep Club I also am waiving my rights of recovery from Knee Deep Club or its insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf.

I SIGNIFY BY MY SIGNATURE ON PAGE 1 OF THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM THAT I