



South Dakota Rural Electric Cooperative 2025 Walleye Fishing Tournament

*Cow Creek Recreation Area Boat Ramp
Saturday, June 7, 2025 • 7 a.m.-4 p.m. (CDT)*

Rules Meeting, Calcutta & Fish Fry

June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The Outpost Lodge, 28229 Cow Creek Road Pierre, S.D.

Phone number for The Outpost Lodge: 605-264-5450

Anyone pre-fishing that would like to donate fish for the fish fry, please give their cleaned fish to Brandon Brake, owner of the Outpost Lodge.

Awards Banquet

June 7 at 6 p.m. at The Outpost Lodge

Additional banquet tickets for adult non-participants are available for \$25 each and children ages 12 and under for \$15 each.

Please Note: Out of courtesy to the Outpost Lodge, no outside alcohol is allowed in the Quonset during the Calcutta and the Banquet. All alcohol beverages need to be purchased at the bar located in the Quonset.

Contestants must follow tournament rules and all federal and state boating and fishing laws and regulations. Any violations will result in disqualification.

PRIZE MONEY

*Based on a 39-team tournament
(Amount might change based on team numbers)*

1st Place – \$700

5th Place – \$225

2nd Place – \$450

6th Place – \$200

3rd Place – \$300

7th Place – \$175

4th Place – \$250

8th Place – \$150

Largest Walleye – \$100

Odd Fish Pot - \$20 per boat pays one place

TOURNAMENT RULES

ELIGIBILITY: Two- or three-person teams. At least one member of each team must be an employee, retired employee or director of a South Dakota rural electric cooperative or a company which is recognized as a supplier of goods and/or services to rural electric cooperatives or an associate member of SDREA. The second and third team members, although not required to have ties to the rural electric program, may not be a person who has participated as a professional in any fishing tournament or who has at any time engaged in the business of providing fishing guide services as their principal source of income. The Tournament Committee may remove anyone from the tournament if sufficient information is obtained to indicate a violation of this rule.

All participants must have a valid South Dakota fishing license.

All team members must check in at rules meeting at 6:30 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, June 6, 2025, to sign waivers.

In the case of day-of rules meeting/tournament illness, a team member substitution may be made, but the substitute must conform to all of the above rules, including a signed waiver.

ENTRY FEE: \$75 per person paid via Credit Card or electronic funds transfer when registration is completed online at <https://www.sdrea.coop/events-and-trainings> and click on 2025 SDREC Walleye Tournament.

Entries must be received by May 23, 2025.

FISHING HOURS: Tournament hours will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CDT)

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Artificial or live lures may be used. Each contestant may use two rods. Only tournament participants are allowed in the boat. Contestants are responsible for providing all bait, tackle and equipment.

FISHING AREA: Lake Oahe. North boundary is Bush's Landing boat dock. South boundary is the face of Oahe Dam. All participants must check in with tourney officials on the road immediately above the Cow Creek boat ramp prior to launching at Cow Creek or trailering North. Tourney officials will be available by 5:15 a.m. (CDT) at Cow Creek.

TAKE LIMIT AND SCORING: Each team will be allowed to keep their limit of walleyes but only eight (8) walleyes will be weighed back with prizes based on most weight, pounds and ounces. Of the eight walleyes weighed back, only two may be more than 20 inches.

WEIGH-IN: Weigh-in will be held at the Outpost Lodge. All teams must check in at the weigh-in station by 4 p.m. (CDT), whether they catch fish or not. Any team(s) not checked in by 4 p.m. (CDT) will be disqualified. (Please note that while on the river, cellular phones may alternate between Central and Mountain time zones.) Please do not drain boat in weigh-in area.



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