

## VFW Fishing Regulations (Updated Nov 2020)

The Post will establish a fishing log in order to record fish removed from the pond. This log allows us to properly manage the pond's resources and to restock each spring, as necessary, to restore fish populations.

The Post will provide every fisherman with a copy of these regulations to sign/acknowledge. The signed copy will be maintained at the post as a matter of record.

Slot limit restrictions ONLY apply to large mouth bass. The term "bluegill" will refer to any bream, shellcracker, coppernose or bluegill.

Any angler intending to remove fish must be in possession of a means to measure (bump board, measuring tape etc.)

Catch and Release **ONLY** for Large Mouth Bass (LMB) during the spring spawning months of Feb/Mar/Apr.

After these months (May-Jan), LMB between 10" and 13" may be kept. This means that only bass between these measurements (OVER 10" and UNDER 13") may be kept. Limit of 10 fish per day per fisherman.

Bluegill must be over 4 inches to keep. Limit 20 fish per day per fisherman.

Crappie of any size may be kept at any time.

Catfish of any size may be kept at any time.

All fishermen will be card carrying members of our VFW post and in good standing with regards to dues. Card carrying members may bring guests to fish at the pond. NO guests or visitors will fish unless accompanied by a VFW member in good standing. Member will be responsible for their guest's conduct at the post. The member will inform their guests of these rules.

Live bait may be used (minnows, golden shiners, creek chubs, mosquito fish). Gizzard shad and blueback herring MAY NOT be used. Also, bream/bluegill caught at pond will not be used as bait.

Any items brought into the fishing area (bottles/cups/beer cans/bait containers etc) will be removed by the individuals bringing the items. The member will dispose of any trash in and around the area they fish.

These regulations are not to discourage fishing at our post. These measures will insure a healthy fish population and good catch rates for everyone fishing at the pond. One of the draws to our post is the pond. If we manage our fish population wisely, we will once again have a premier fishing spot for our members. We implore all those fishing to comply with these regulations.

First violation - Verbal/Documented Warning

Second violation - Loss of fishing privledges for one month.

Third violation - Loss of fishing access to the pond for six months.

Fouth violation - Loss of all fishing access/privledges at the post.

Hopefully, we will not have any members get a fourth violation. If we do, then obviously there is a real problem member in our midst.

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Members Signature

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Date