Event Logistics:

Location: Lake Nacimiento
Pick-up: 6:40 AM - 7:00 AM
Drop-off: ~1:00 PM
Check-in: 7:45 AM - 8:00 AM
Event Start Time: 8:10 AM
Event End Time: 12:00 PM

Equipment:

We strongly encourage all participants to bring their own fishing equipment to the tournament, as using gear you are familiar with will give you the best chance of success. For members who do not have their own equipment, club-owned gear will be available for a $5 rental fee, which includes one fishing rod and basic tackle.

Drivers:

Fishing Club will provide a limited number of drivers for members who need transportation to the tournament. Since the drive is approximately **one hour each way**, we strongly encourage riders to ask their driver if they would like to be compensated for gas. Contributing toward gas costs is greatly appreciated and helps support the members volunteering their time and vehicles to provide transportation.

Rewards

The **1st Place team** will each receive a **Daiwa Shogun Spinning Combo** along with a **mystery tackle goodie bag** filled with assorted fishing lures and tackle.

The prize is intended to give the winner a quality setup they can continue using beyond the tournament, along with some extra tackle to add to their collection.

1st Place Prize:

- Daiwa Shogun Spinning Combo
- Mystery tackle goodie bag with assorted lures and fishing tackle

Please note: The final prize package is subject to change depending on the total number of tournament participants and entrance fees collected. FINALIZED REWARD WILL BE ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Registration & Team Assignments

The **$10 tournament entrance fee must be submitted by Wednesday, September 9,** to register for the tournament officially. Participants who have not paid by the deadline will not be included in the final team assignments.

A **Venmo/Zelle payment link will be posted on Sunday, September 5,** for members to register and submit their entrance fee officially. Registration will remain open until **Wednesday, September 9**.

A spreadsheet listing the **official teams and available drivers** will be published on **Thursday, September 10**.

Once the spreadsheet is posted, **each participant is responsible for contacting their assigned driver directly to coordinate pickup details**. Please reach out promptly so transportation plans can be confirmed ahead of the tournament.

Tournament Rules

- **Entrance Fee:** All participants are required to pay a $10 entrance fee to participate in this event
- **Shore Fishing Only:** All fishing must be done from the shoreline. Boats, kayaks, paddleboards, or any other watercraft are not permitted.
- **Species:** BASS ONLY
- **Three-Fish Limit:** Each group may submit a maximum of **three fish** toward their tournament score.
- **Fish Documentation:** Every submitted fish must have clear video showing its **size and weight, along with a video proving the fish was released safely.** It can be all in one video, but **ONLY VIDEOS ARE ACCEPTED,** no photos.
- **Fair Play:** All fish must be caught by the participant submitting them during official tournament hours. Sharing, transferring, or submitting another participant's catch is prohibited.
- **Tournament Hours:** Only fish caught between **8:10 AM and 12:00 PM** will count toward tournament results.
- **Follow Fishing Regulations:** All participants are responsible for following applicable California fishing laws, including licensing requirements, species regulations, and size or possession limits.
- **Respect the Area:** Participants must clean up all fishing line, tackle packaging, food wrappers, and other trash before leaving.

- **Sportsmanship:** Respect other club members, anglers, drivers, and the public. Unsafe or unsportsmanlike behavior may result in disqualification.
- **Final Decisions:** Tournament organizers will sum up each group's combined weighted total and name a winner at the end of the tournament!

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to bring my own fishing gear?

We strongly recommend bringing your own equipment, as using gear you are familiar with will give you the best chance of success. If you do not have your own gear, the club will have a limited amount of equipment available for a **$5 rental fee**, which includes a rod and basic tackle.

Can I choose a teammate?

Yes. If you would like to be paired with a specific teammate, please reach out to Nick, Christine, or Jose before teams are finalized. We will do our best to accommodate requests while still keeping teams as fair and balanced as possible.

Is the $5 gear fee included in the $10 entrance fee?

No. The **$10 entrance fee** covers tournament registration. The **$5 gear fee** only applies to participants who need to borrow club-owned equipment.

Do I need my own transportation?

Fishing Club will provide a limited number of drivers for members who need rides. However, transportation availability is not guaranteed, so please register early.

Do I need to pay my driver for gas?

Gas compensation is not required, but it is strongly encouraged. Since the tournament location is approximately **one hour away**, please ask your driver if they would like help covering gas costs.

How will I know who my driver is?

A spreadsheet containing the **official teams and available drivers** will be published on **Thursday, September 10**. Once it is posted, you are

responsible for contacting your assigned driver and coordinating pickup details.

When is the registration deadline?

Registration will open on **Sunday, September 5** through Venmo/Zelle and will close on **Thursday, September 10**. Your **$10 entrance fee must be submitted by the deadline** to officially participate.

How will teams be decided?

Participants will complete a short fishing experience and skill-level form. Club officers will use the responses to create teams that are as balanced and fair as possible.

Is this tournament shore fishing only?

Yes. This is a **shore-fishing-only tournament**. Boats, kayaks, paddleboards, and other watercraft will not be permitted.

How many fish can I submit?

Each participant may submit a maximum of **three fish** toward their tournament score.

What pictures do I need to take?

Each submitted fish must have clear photo documentation showing its **size and weight**. A clear photo of the scale displaying the fish's weight is required for the catch to count.

What time does the tournament start and end?

Participants should arrive at the PAC by **6:40 AM**, with departure at **7:00 AM**. Check-in at the fishing location will take place from **7:40–8:00 AM**, and the tournament will run from **8:10 AM–12:00 PM**. Everyone should plan to be back by approximately **1:00 PM**.

What is the tournament prize?

The current planned **1st Place prize** is a **Daiwa Shogun Spinning Combo**

along with a **mystery tackle goodie bag** containing assorted lures and fishing tackle.

Are the prizes guaranteed?

The announced prize package is **subject to change depending on the number of tournament participants and the total entrance fees collected**.

What happens if there is a scoring dispute or rule violation?

Tournament organizers will review the situation and make the final decision regarding scoring disputes, questionable submissions, rule violations, or disqualifications.

Do we need a Fishing License?

Yes, for Lake Nacimiento, it is required by California State Law you have a Sport Fishing License.

Rates: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Fishing

Long Term and Short Term Rates

Resident Sport Fishing	$64.54	Available for any resident 16 years of age or older.
Nonresident Sport Fishing	$174.14	Available for any non-resident 16 years of age or older.

Title	2026 Fee	Description
One-day Sport Fishing License	$21.09	Allows a resident or nonresident to fish for one specified day. One-day sport fishing licenses are exempt from the Ocean Enhancement Validation requirement.
Two-day Sport Fishing License	$32.40	Allows a resident or nonresident to fish for two consecutive days. Two-day sport fishing licenses are exempt from the Ocean Enhancement Validation requirement.
Ten-day Nonresident Sport Fishing License	$64.54	Allows a nonresident to fish for ten consecutive days.