

# 2025 Sun Valley Single Fly

# Official Tournament Rules & Information

#### **TEAMS**

### **SOLO FLIGHTS (1 Angler, 1 Fly rules)**

- Sun Valley Open (Open to all anglers)
- Women's Open (Female anglers over 15 yrs old)
- Junior Open (Anglers under 15 yrs old)

## **DUO FLIGHTS (2 Anglers, One-Fly rules)**

• Guide/Client Flight

# TEAM FLIGHTS (4 Anglers, 2 Rods, 2 Flies, 1 Fly rules)

- Team Open Flight (any 4 anglers)
- Family Open Flight (any 4 anglers with 1 angler being under 15 yrs old OR over 60 yrs old)

#### **EVENT FLIES**

- Each angler must select and register 1 fly per event, plus provide a 2nd identical fly for prizing.
- Only 1 fly may be used during the event. If lost, scoring ends for that angler.
- Any conventional fly pattern (dry, wet, terrestrial, nymph, or streamer) is allowed.
- Flies must be tied on a single barbless hook or one with the barb pushed down.
- Broken hooks may be re-sharpened.
- Strike indicators must be under 1 inch in any dimension; flies cannot be used as indicators.
- No fish attractors of any kind are allowed.
- Flies may be repaired using glue or original materials, but no re-tying or added materials are permitted.

#### **FISHING PROCEDURES**

- All federal, state, and Idaho Fish & Game regulations must be followed, including those on fishing, boating, and invasive species.
- Guides are allowed (pro or amateur) but may not touch an angler's fly, rod, or leader during fishing.
- Tournament officials may disqualify any angler who violates these rules.
- Only approved BLM and Forest Service access points may be used; a list will be provided at registration. Follow all posted regulations.
- Anglers may fish any of the 30 public access points on the Big Wood River (map provided). Once a site is chosen, anglers and their group must stay together and may not switch locations.

#### **DUO FLIGHT RULES**

- Duos fish 1 fly total, 1 angler at a time.
- May share any number of rods, but only 1 fly may be used.
- Each angler must fish for at least 60 minutes.

#### **TEAM & FAMILY FLIGHT RULES**

- Teams must have 4 anglers.
- Only one rod and one fly may be in use at a time.
- Each team member must fish for at least 30 minutes.
- Only team members may handle the fly, rod, or fish (for measurement).

#### **SCORING**

- All fishing is catch-and-release and scored on the honor system.
- Use the scorecard provided at registration.
  After fishing, text a photo or call in your score to the official number.
- Fish under 8" = 1 point.
- Fish 8" or more = 5 points, plus 1 bonus point per inch over 8" (e.g. 9" = 6 pts).
- Measure fish in the water with the provided tape. Round to the nearest whole inch.
- To reduce the handling of trout, if the angler touches the leader while a fish is "on", it counts as a 1-point catch (no bonus unless measured).
- 3 bonus points for finishing with your original fly.
- Highest total score wins the flight.

# Under 8" - 1 point 8" - 5 points 9" - 6 points 10" - 7 points 11" - 8 points 12" - 9 points 13" - 10 points 14" - 11 points 15" - 12 points 16" - 13 points 17" - 14 points

# **Bonus points!**

Add 3 points to total score if angler completes tournament with fly intact.