

**SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FISHING TOURNAMENTS:
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1. If organizations, to include fishing clubs or local businesses, sponsor an event that is open to the public and invitational in nature, and if that event exclusively uses a Corps of Engineer's administered river access facility, a special events permit may be required, regardless of group size. Examples of this kind of activity include ice fishing tournaments, bass tournaments, walleye tournaments, etc.
2. If the event consists of private membership participation only, and is closed to the public and not invitational in nature, a special events permit may still be required. Special Events Permits may be required for fishing clubs with more than 15 boats in attendance, and for groups with special needs that adversely effect normal public use of the facility. Corps of Engineer Ranger field stations having jurisdiction over the affected recreational facility will determine permit requirements.
3. Special Events Permits are required due to the limited carrying capacity of most Corps of Engineer's Mississippi River access facilities and the need to maintain access for the public at large. Prior knowledge of tournament events will assist in providing a safe and quality recreational experience for all recreation site customers. Event sponsors are reminded that individual day use launching fees or a current annual day use launch sticker are required by all event participants.

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