

2025 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships  
Presented by **Utz**  
Invitation



**Location:** Welcome to Pittsburgh, PA - The City of Bridges! Built on innovation, long gone are the days of Pittsburgh's smoke filled skies. Pittsburgh has been transformed from Brownfield sites into a sleek, contemporary city with an emphasis on technology, medicine and everything Black and Gold! Enjoy a day of fishing in the World's Most Scenic Urban Fishing Tournament™ which includes spectacular views from Mount Washington, the confluence at Point State Park, the expansive playground on the North Shore and a plethora of bridges spanning three majestic rivers teeming with trophy fish!



**Species:** The Official Fish for 2025 is Bass: Largemouth or Smallmouth.

**Date:** Saturday, August 2, 2025: 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**Purpose:** The 2025 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships presented by **Utz** are produced and managed by Great Prairie™ Sports, a 501c3. The purpose of the event is to:

1. Produce an annual event on the first Saturday in August to bond the local community.
2. Produce an annual event to engage youth in fishing.
3. Showcase the strength of the Greater Pittsburgh corporate base.
4. Attract anglers from around the world to visit Pittsburgh for the weekend.
5. Lure companies to the area for their headquarters and/or new manufacturing facilities.
6. Raise funds for the development and programming of the future Great Prairie™ Horse Park.

**Sponsors:** In addition to **Utz**, we are grateful for the event support from all of our sponsors:

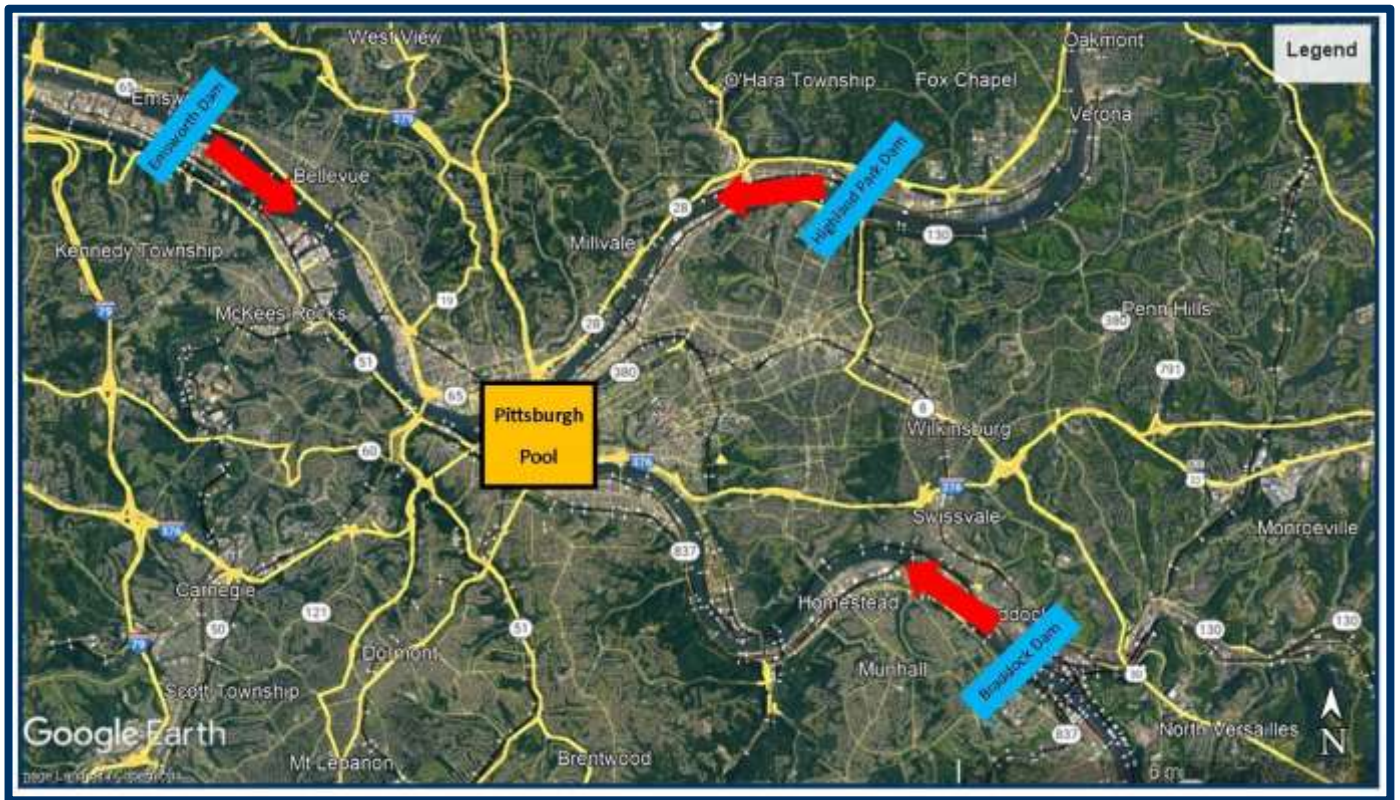


**Categories:** Participants can select to compete in two different categories: casting from the Shore or Watercraft. For the purpose of this event, a Watercraft vessel is defined as a boat, Jet Ski, canoe, kayak, Stand Up Paddle, etc. Fishing from the docks is considered Shore fishing.

**Age Division:** Participants will compete in one of two categories: Adult (18+) or Youth ( $\leq 17$ ). Those who are positioned to win their Age/Category divisions will be required to show identification as to their date of birth.

**Venue:** The 2025 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships presented by **Utz** will be contested on the “Pittsburgh Pool” which consists of approximately 24 miles of Pittsburgh’s three rivers. The casting area on the Pittsburgh Poll consists of and limited to:

1. Allegheny River: below the Highland Park Lock and Dam 2
2. Monongahela River: below the Braddock Locks and Dam 2
3. Ohio River: above the Emsworth Locks and Dam



**Lock Availability:** Below is The Army Corps of Engineers’ operating hours of the three locks that create the Pittsburgh Pool. Please plan accordingly:

Pittsburgh Pool	River	Phone	Hours
Highland Park Lock and Dam	Allegheny	412-661-2217	6 AM-Midnight
Braddock Locks & Dam	Monongahela	412-271-1272	24/7
Emsworth Locks and Dam	Ohio	412-766-6213	24/7

**River Traffic:** River traffic will experience more watercraft than usual this day. Not only with those participating, but the Gateway Clipper and Monongahela/Ohio River Barges will be operating as they normally do. Let's not let the phrase "fishing for men" mean any number of river rescues this day. The best River Rescue staff is an unused River Rescue staff. Stay safe.

**Official Photograph and the Sound of Pittsburgh:** At 12:00 PM, the official photograph will be captured of Point State Park and the three rivers from the Duquesne Incline area. This photo will be posted on Facebook for you to download. Also, for those participating on Watercraft (and fully reading this Invitation), let's hear the horns ring the "Sound of Pittsburgh" at 12:01 PM for 5 seconds. Hopefully, the Gateway Clipper Fleet and the Monongahela/Ohio River Barges will join and allow thousands to hear the "Sound of Pittsburgh."

### Awards Ceremony:

Join us for the Awards Ceremony in the Borough of Millvale. Those who are in queue for a Division Award, we will conduct an **Audit from 5:00-5:15 PM**. Once all of the potential Champions are verified, a short ceremony and presentation will occur. Please join us at the RiverFront Pavilion, 70 River Front Drive, Millvale, PA 15209. If using GPS, "70 River Front Drive" is the nearest address. *If participants are leading a category, but not present for the audit they will not be awarded.* We will Audit the next candidate on the list until a winner is certified. You must be present at the Audit to win! We will award Four (4) Champions:



Age Category	Fishing From:	
	Shore	Watercraft
Adult (18+)	\$100	\$100
Youth (≤17)	\$100	\$100

The amounts awarded will be determined based on a percentage of the amount of total registration fees – the more participants there are, the higher the awards will be (more than the minimum amount of \$100). Additionally, we will award the Longest Fish of Any Species caught and the Shortest Official Fish caught. "Official Fish" means the fish's metrics have been uploaded as one of the five fish on your stringer.

### Post Awards Ceremony:

After the Awards Ceremony, visit the many restaurants located in Millvale:

[Chamber of Commerce Millvale, PA](#)

### Format:

1. Only those who have registered via Reel LiveWell app in the Shore/Watercraft-Adult/Youth categories are eligible for awards.
2. Participants in the 2025 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships presented



by **Utz** can select to compete in one of two different categories: fishing from the Shore or Watercraft as well as Adult (18+)/Youth ( $\leq 17$ ). For the purpose of this event, a Watercraft vessel is defined as a boat, Jet Ski, canoe, kayak, Stand-Up-Paddle, etc.

3. Participants can only register in one category. Participants cannot compete in both categories.
4. The contest will be judged on the length of each fish, not the weight. Use care when measuring and capturing an accurate photo of the fish's length with both the fish and the measurement tape in the same photo.
5. The contest will be a stringer of each angler's total length of five (5) Bass: small/largemouth. The app will automatically delete the shortest Bass caught as you input fish one the stringer limit is 5.
6. All photos need to be done through the Reel LiveWell app. You cannot capture a photo on your device and then upload it into the Reel LiveWell app. However, once you capture the photo on your device through the app, the photo will automatically be saved onto your device.
7. Again, you must upload photos through the Reel LiveWell app and not from files saved on your device. Feel free to take as many photos/videos as you like, but the photo taken through the app will be confirmation of the catch.
8. Once landed, each angler will then need to take a photo of the fish's length (with a fishing board or tape measure below the fish), measuring from mouth to tail. If using a tape measure, both the mouth and tape measure must be touching the same object to accurately measure the catch. If there are gaps in measurement, the catch will be disqualified. Take a photo of the angler holding the fish through the app. The photo will be captured through the Reel LiveWell app and then you'll also need to upload data about the catch into the Reel LiveWell app as well. Be sure to watch the orientation video prior to the event.
9. ***A tape measure used on the fish can add length to the fish. Any photo with a measuring tape on the fish will be disqualified. The tape measure must be placed below the fish.***
10. Since it will take about 7 minutes to complete this task, you are encouraged to upload all information immediately after the fish is released. Do not wait until the end of the day to upload data. There is a hard cutoff at 2:07 PM for the event. All data needs to be uploaded into Reel LiveWell app to qualify for prizes. If you are in the process of uploading the data of your catch and get blocked at 2:07 PM before all data has been uploaded, that fish will not count towards your stringer.
11. Again, you are encouraged to fully understand how to navigate and upload data into Reel LiveWell prior to the event and do so after each fish is caught.
12. Winners of each of the four categories (Watercraft/Land and Adult/Youth) will be audited on fish length, angler/fish photo and angler age (driver's license or birth certificate). All of those data points must be met. We will double check driver's license/photo ID to your registration information.



13. Plan on Pennsylvania Boat and Fish Commission being active this day. All anglers (if of age) will need a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License and all boaters will need to have current registration, insurance and vests.
14. This is a ***catch and release event***. As soon as you have obtain the fish's length and a photo of that angler claiming the catch, please immediately release the fish.
15. In the event of a tie of total length of fish caught (regardless of the number of fish caught), the tiebreaker will be judged by the longest official fish on your stringer.
16. **The 2025 Official Fish is Bass: Largemouth or Smallmouth.**

**Time:** Though the event concludes at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 2, 2025, plan on it taking approximately 7 minutes to input and upload photos and data on the Reel LiveWell app leaderboard. All inputs need to be completed by 2:07 PM. If you are the process of uploading data and get cut off, that fish will not count towards your stringer. Everyone is highly encouraged to use the below links to become familiar with uploading photos and data into the Reel LiveWell app prior to the event. This will save you precious time while fishing and critical time submitting each catch. We cannot stress enough the importance of becoming familiar with the use of the Reel LiveWell app prior to the event. Keep your lines wet!

**Refund/Transfer Policy:** Once registered, no refunds will be offered. If you can't compete for any reason, consider your registration fee a contribution to a 501c3 and we will provide you a donation form. Also, once registered, there will be no transferring of registration fees from one participant to another.

**Weather:** In the event of lightning, all participants are encouraged to immediately seek safety and shelter.

**Pittsburgh Marina and Public Boat Launch Areas:** There are many launch sites available both on and outside of the Pittsburgh Pool, but with limited parking. For example, there are 20 spaces available at the public launch in Sharpsburg; once full, make sure wherever you park it is permitted. [Port of Pittsburgh Commission](#)

**Reel LiveWell Overview Video:**

Watch a 1 minute tutorial on [Entering in a Fish Catch - Reel Live Well](#).



## 2025 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships Rules and Guidelines

### Notes:

1. First Cast is at 7:00 AM – not “close enough” ... not “It’s 7:00 AM somewhere” ... 7:00 AM!
2. Please be aware of where you park, regardless of the launch used.
3. Be sure you have the Reel LiveWell app downloaded on your phone prior to the event.
4. Be sure you are familiar with uploading data into the Reel LiveWell app prior to the event.
5. Plan on the Pennsylvania Boat and Fish Commission being active this day. Make sure you have your fishing license, boat registration and insurance on hand.
6. Please be aware of the Gateway Clipper Fleet and Monongahela/Ohio River Barges and yield to them throughout the duration of the event – especially at noon for the official photo.
7. Allegheny County 911 is fully aware of the event. However, let’s be safe and not use their services. Let’s not use the term “fishing for men” to mean a water rescue. The best day fishing is a safe day of fishing.
8. Any fish uploaded into the system must be caught by that participant. Catching a fish for another participant is prohibited and grounds for disqualification. Grandfathers cannot catch a fish for granddaughter; likewise, grandmother cannot take a fish caught by grandson; etc.
9. This is a Catch and Release event. All fish caught between 7 AM-2 PM must be released.
10. Participants can only catch fish in the “Pittsburgh Pool”. Catching a fish outside of the “Pittsburgh Pool” and releasing it in the “Pittsburgh Pool” is prohibited and grounds for disqualification.
11. Only those who have pre-registered for the event (Shore/Watercraft – Adult/Youth) are eligible for any prize. You will receive a confirmation text message when you register with your unique pin number. Save this text. If you did not receive a confirmation text, you have not registered.
12. For those in position to win their respective **2025 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships presented by Utz** category, we will conduct the audit at 5:00 PM at River Front Pavilion in the Borough of Millvale. Winners must be present and we will audit all driver’s licenses, photos, data and birthdates. The top 5 persons in each competition category should attend the Awards Ceremony in case multiple disqualifications occur.
13. Integrity rules the day – in 2023, two Pennsylvania anglers were caught cheating in a fishing tournament by stuffing fish they caught with lead weight. They were prosecuted. Their action is why we are using length of fish and not weight. Please follow the rules and guidelines, which are presented to create a fair competition for everyone participating. Please do not try to figure out how to gain an advantage around a rule or guideline.
14. There is chatter about another fishing experience happening the same day but produced by another group. That production has no influence on the **2025 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships presented by Utz** nor do we have any influence on that event. We wish them well.
15. The Pittsburgh Pirates will be playing in Denver against the Colorado Rockies that evening.

## 2025 Event Registration:

Registration for the 2025 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships presented by **Utz** is available through the appropriate link with Reel LiveWell:



Registration	
Age	Fee
Adult (18+)	\$20
Youth (≤17)	\$15



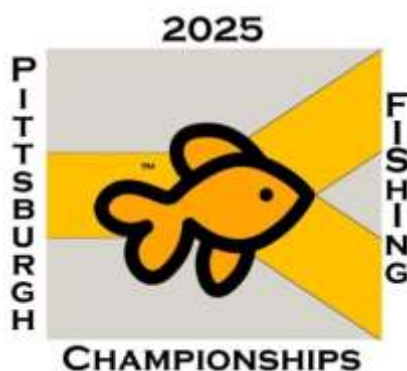
For Youth anglers, please use your age on the date of the event which is Saturday, August 2, 2025. 2025 Registration ends on Friday, August 1, 2025 at 11:59:59 AM.

## Competition Metrics:

The Reel LiveWell app will compute the data. Each participant will need to have their own unique email address and phone number. With your email, you will upload your catch photos and metrics into the Reel LiveWell Tournament Leaderboard. The standings will be updated automatically throughout the day.

**2026:** The 2026 Pittsburgh Fishing Championships will be held on the first Saturday in August 2026 which is Saturday, August 1, 2026.

**Facebook:** All official notices will be announced on the **Pittsburgh Fishing Championships** event page on Facebook. This is where you will find the official photograph and video.

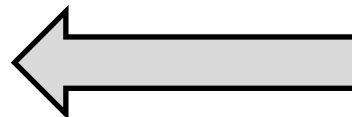


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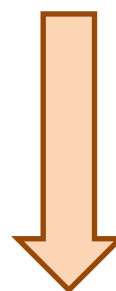
The transformation of the City of Pittsburgh through the decades has been remarkable. If you have never visited Pittsburgh, you will certainly enjoy the sights and the three rivers. Come for fishing and be part of history.



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To this!!

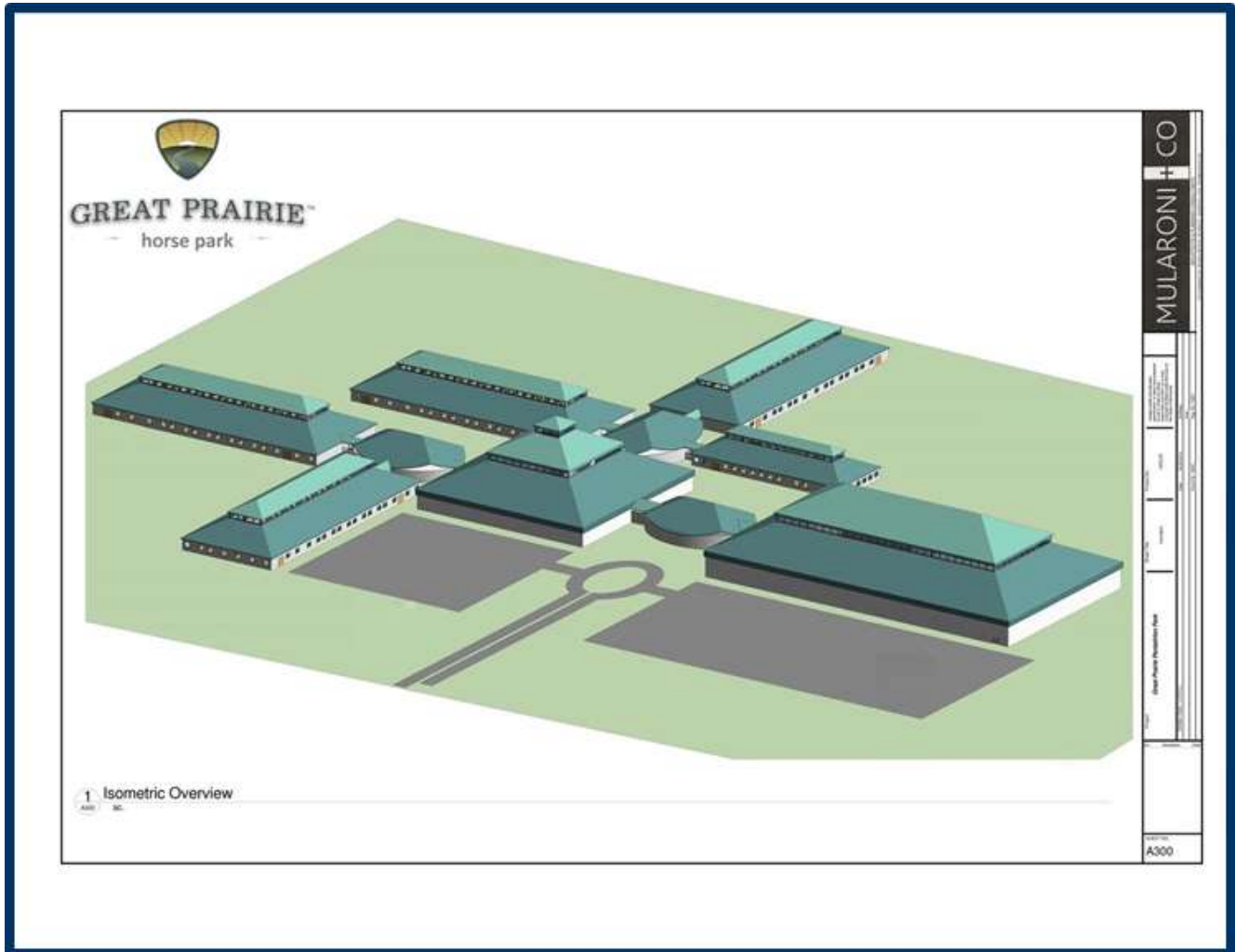


At 12:00 PM, look towards the Duquesne Incline to be part of the official photo. At 12:01 PM, sound your boat horn(s) for 5 seconds to be part of the official video. Both the photo and video



will be posted on the Facebook event page for the Pittsburgh Fishing Championships. Please yield to both the Gateway Clipper fleet and Barge traffic.

Great Prairie Horse Park – Rendering:



*Let's Cast!!™*