

# LAKE HOPATCONG PICKEREL CONTEST

Sunday, April 19, 2026

SPONSORED BY:

THE KNEE DEEP CLUB



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The contest entry fee is \$20 for Knee Deep Club Members and \$25 for non-members (\$20 entry + \$5 non-member fee), and must be submitted with the official contest entry form below. The contest will begin at 5:00 AM on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and will end at 4:00 PM.
2. Mailed-in entries must be received by the Club by Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, regardless of the postmark. In-person Entries can be made at either official Knee Deep Contest Weigh Station until 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. **No one will be allowed to register for this contest after this time. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. The Official Contest Weigh Stations are **WEST SHORE MARINA** at River Styx and **LAKE'S END MARINA** in Landing.
4. **CASH PRIZES** will be based on an 80% payback of entry fees for the three (3) heaviest Pickerel weighed in.
5. **BONUS PLAN** participants for this contest will have their cash prizes increased by 25%
6. **GIFT CERTIFICATES:** Anglers catching the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> heaviest Pickerel will receive a \$20 gift certificate.
7. Top finishers will be based on weight and any ties will be broken by which fish was weighed in first.
8. A contestant may only win one prize. If any of the prizes are not awarded, the prize money will go to the club's stocking fund.
9. **Only Pickerel caught in Lake Hopatcong may be entered.**
10. All persons in a boat must be entered in the contest in order to qualify for prizes. Contestants may fish any or all parts of the contest.
11. All fish must be weighed-in during contest hours. Any disputes must be resolved at the time of the weigh-in. The decision of the Contest Committee will be final and binding. The Weigh Master has the right to retain, cut open or inspect any fish.
12. **There is also a Trout Contest on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Each contest will require a separate entry form and entry fee.**
13. **TAKE A KID FISHING:** A contestant may enter a child who is under age 16 in this contest for a \$5 entry fee. The child with the heaviest Pickerel will win a rod and reel combo. Ties will be broken by which Pickerel was entered first.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT  
[www.kneedeepclub.org](http://www.kneedeepclub.org)

### ENTRY FORM

## KNEE DEEP CLUB

## “LAKE HOPATCONG PICKEREL CONTEST”

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 KNEE DEEP CLUB MEMBER ENTRY FEE (Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 NON-MEMBER ENTRY FEE

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 KID ENTRY FEE

**Include this Entry Form with your check or money order payable to “THE KNEE DEEP CLUB”**

**Drop it off at one of our Weigh Stations or mail it to PO Box 404, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here and enclose an additional \$30 if you would like to become a member of the Knee Deep Club.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET/TOWN/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the **LIABILITY RELEASE** printed  
on the reverse side (PAGE 2) and/or the page which follows  
this page on our website marked as PAGE 2.*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# KNEE DEEP CLUB

## LAKE HOPATCONG

Sussex and Morris Counties



### 2026 Knee Deep Club Fishing Contest Schedule

February 1	Ice Fishing Contest # 1
February 15	Ice Fishing Contest # 2
February 28	Ice Fishing Contest # 3
April 19	Pickeral & Trout Contests
May 2 & 3	Spring Walleye Contest
May 24	Panfish Challenge
June 21	Stew Lant Bass Contest
July 11 & 12	Summer Hybrid Striped Bass Contest
August 8 & 9	Catfish Contest
September 19 & 20	Fall Hybrid Striped Bass Contest
October 10 & 11	Fall Walleye Contest

## FISHING CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### KNEE DEEP CLUB WEIGH STATIONS

1. DOWS BOAT RENTAL – NOLAN’S POINT
2. LAKE’S END MARINA – LANDING
3. WEST SHORE MARINE – RIVER STYX

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** In signing this agreement I hereby release Knee Deep Club, its officers, agents, employees and sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs or expenses relating to injury of any persons or any property which I may sustain or which I may cause by reason of participating in or in conjunction with this contest. I further agree that I will never sue Knee Deep Club for damages on account of any injury or damage I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future. In the event the Knee Deep Club is sued because of my actions, I expressly agree to indemnify and hold Knee Deep Club harmless from any liability whatsoever including court costs and attorney’s fees arising with respect to such actions. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue Knee Deep Club I also am waiving my rights of recovery from Knee Deep Club or its insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf.

**I SIGNIFY BY MY SIGNATURE ON PAGE 1 OF THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE LIABILITY RELEASE**