

## 2025 BLUEGILL CONTEST



### Rules:

1. Open to all 2025 FSFF members. Entrant must be a FSFF member on date the fish was caught.
2. The first day to submit entries is Tuesday **1 April, 2025**. The last day to submit entries is Wednesday, **15 October 2025**.
3. Fish must be caught on a fly via a flyrod. (No live, cut bait or scents may be used.)
4. Fishing may take place in MD, DC, DE, PA, NY, VA, WV, NC, SC, FL, or the FSFF member's current home state.
4. Entries may be bluegills, hybrid bluegills or any member of the Lepomis Genus.
5. This is a catch and release photo contest governed by the honor system.
6. All fish must be alive when photographed and released thereafter.
7. Entries are to be emailed throughout the contest period to Mark Bange, [mbange54@gmail.com](mailto:mbange54@gmail.com) (Positions of entries will be listed on FSFF website throughout year.)
8. Tie breakers are determined by time of entry with preference to earlier entry.
9. Photos must be taken with the fish on top of any standard ruler or fish measuring device that **clearly shows length of the entire fish in inches from mouth to tail. Measure a straight line from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail fin.** A separate photo of the fly is encouraged.
10. Entry email must contain following information: name of contestant, body of water where fish was caught, date fish was caught, name of fly used and recorded length of the bluegill.
11. Longest fish in inches wins the **Largest Fish Category**. Winner will receive a personal plaque and have their name engraved on the clubhouse bluegill plaque. Personal plaques will be awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers.
12. Shortest fish wins the wins the **Smallest Fish Category**. Winner will receive a personal plaque.
13. Entries are limited to one fish per participant for each category of largest and smallest fish. Note that participants may present and substitute a larger or smaller fish during the contest as their entry in each category. But they can have only one fish on each leaderboard at a time.
14. Mark Bange will consult with club officers, if necessary, for rulings on close entries to determine length of entered fish. Clear photos are very helpful.
15. Winners will be recognized and awards presented at our **regular club meeting on November 5, 2025**.