

River Angler of the Year Award, (RAOYA) Rules

- A minimum of 3 anglers must participate in a River event for it to qualify toward RAOYA.
- Only trout/salmonid species count toward RAOYA.
- The River Captain for an event can determine species-specific rules for that event, but still can only be trout/salmonid species.
- Fish must be caught in the river to count.
- The Farm Tournament counts toward RAOYA (salmonid species caught only).
- Foul-hooked fish are not eligible.
- A river angler is permitted to enter a river-caught fish in the Club's Big Fish Award competition.
- **Measurement for RAOYA is by fish length. Applies the same, whether catch & release or catch & keep. If by fish weight needs to be specified different by River Captain. For a one person Daily Possession Limit.**

Point System

Adopt the following points system:

- 10 points for 1st place
8 points for 2nd place
6 points for 3rd place
4 points for not placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd, but caught fish
1 point for attending a River event but no fish caught
- Only Metro West Club members are eligible for RAOYA.
- The person with the most points wins RAOYA.

River/Stream Event Schedule

- All River tournaments must be listed on the MWS schedule at the annual Captains Meeting to qualify toward RAOYA.
- River tournaments must be listed on the "River Events" schedule to qualify toward RAOYA.
- Each River Captain is responsible for setting event-specific rules for:
Boundaries; Schedule; Which trout/salmonid species are eligible

Measurement Rules

Adopt IGFA standard for Catch & Release: "All fish entered for Length Records must be measured by anglers at the site of capture and released so that it swims away on their own and in good condition."

- Fish must be measured using an approved by River Captain measuring device on a flat surface.
- The Fish's snout must be touching the nose stop or starting end of approved measuring device with the mouth closed and free of lures or lifting devices.
- With the fish lying on top of the measuring device, measurements will be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout with the mouth closed to the rear center edge of the tail. No tail pinch.
- All measurements will be made in inches.
- Fish that measure between 1/4 inch increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. Example, a fish that measures between 20-1/4" and 20-1/2" will have a recorded length of 20-1/4 inches.
- Photographs used to enter released fish at the weigh-in must contain the following information:
The full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the position of the mouth and the tail. The fish may be held in position, but must be done in a manner that does not obscure the view of the fish on the tape.
A close up showing the position of the fish's nose and tail on the measuring device.
The angler with the fish.
The rod and reel used to make the catch.