



## **The Lakes' Fishing Rules & Regulations**

### **1. Fishing Permit:**

- A. To fish at The Lakes you must have a fishing permit purchased from The Lakes Clubhouse at 5501 S. Lakeshore Dr.
- B. The cost for an annual (1-year) permit is \$15.
- C. A State permit is not valid for fishing at The Lakes.
- D. The Lakes is a private body of water, and is not part of the Urban Fishing Program.
- E. You must live in The Lakes or be accompanied by a Lakes resident that possesses a valid Lakes fishing permit to fish at the Lakes.
- F. Your license must be worn and visible at all times while fishing.

### **2. Catch & Release at All Times!**

- A. The Lakes is recovering from 2 fish kills (from golden alga) in the last 4 years. There is a very limited supply of fish as we rebuild our fishery. It is imperative that catch and release be practiced!
- B. There is one exception to the catch and release rule: The rainbow trout can be kept from March 1<sup>st</sup>- July 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
- C. Needle-nose pliers should be kept at all times for safe and proper hook removal.

### **3. Fishing:**

- A. A maximum of 1 line per person is permitted for shore anglers.
- B. A maximum of 2 lines per person are permitted for boat anglers.
- C. Unattended lines are absolutely prohibited.
- D. The use of any live baits such as worms, minnows, etc. is prohibited.
- E. We would love to see your pictures and hear your stories! Please forward them to [fishing@thelakesoftempe.com](mailto:fishing@thelakesoftempe.com) for the opportunity to have them included in The Lakes Log and/or on the website.

### **4. Violations:**

- A. If the violator is not a Lakes resident, they are trespassing, and the police can be called.
- B. Anyone fishing at the Lakes without a permit, or who is not a Lakes resident is breaking the law and can be reported!
- C. Never put fish in the lake! Pet store fish are particularly bad! They will breed in the lake and upset the ecosystem!
- D. Your dollars pay to fund the fish in the Lake. Please report ALL suspected violations immediately to help protect our limited resources.
- E. Violations can be reported to the Lakes clubhouse at 480-838-3274 or to [fishing@thelakesoftempe.com](mailto:fishing@thelakesoftempe.com).