

## 3rd Annual Ammonoosuc Three-Fly Catch and Release Tournament Rules

### Teams

- The 3-Fly Tournament - All teams will be made up of two fly anglers.
  - A maximum of 15 teams will make up the tournament.

### Equipment

- Contestants will furnish their own fly-fishing equipment.
- The type of rod and fly reel is the choice of the individual contestant.
  - No real or artificial fish attractants, such as scents, are allowed.
    - Traditional strike indicators are allowed.

### Event Flies

- Anglers will be allowed to bring three flies, of any combination or pattern. Once the flies are lost or unusable, he or she is out unless the other team member donates one of their personal flies. A team that loses all six flies is done for the day.
- Flies must be tied on a single barbless hook, or on a hook with the barb pushed down.

### Fishing Procedure

- NH Fish & Game rules and regulations governing the Ammonoosuc River to will be strictly observed.
  - The river will be divided into ( # Number of Teams) fishable sections.
  - All teams will fish two sessions, one in the late morning and one in the early afternoon. Each session will consist of one and a half hour increments, unless they lose all their allowed flies. Teams will be assigned via a drawing their fishing section for the late morning session and during the break will be assigned a new fishing section for the early afternoon fishing session.

- Each fishable section will be assigned, and we will use an honor system with each team being responsible to record measurements of each caught trout on a scoring sheet.
- Only trout species will be counted in the scoring. For a trout to be counted as “caught” the observer needs to see the trout being landed and released with as little impact to the fish as possible.
- Fishing Sessions on the Ammonoosuc River will be from 11:00 AM with registration beginning at 10:00 AM. Daily scoring ends for the contestant when his three flies become irretrievably lost. The contestant whose fishing has ended may continue to support his team member through advice and other encouragement.

### Scoring

- The teams will record the total number of fish caught, the length of each fish and the cumulative number of inches. Only fish handled by the angler and successfully released will count as caught fish.  
The highest cumulative length of each fish caught determines the winner.
- Fish are to be measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the relaxed tail.

### Penalties

- A \$1 penalty will be assessed for any fish killed or ruled by the to be unable to survive. The fish will not be counted as a caught fish.
- Any contestant that hooks his teammate, a competing team member or an observer will be assessed a \$5 penalty.
- Any contestant that foul hooks a trout (on a location other than the trout’s mouth) by snagging or other hook set will be assessed a \$1 penalty.
- All penalties will be collected at the end of the fishing day and donated to the Dr Richard J Schilling Fund as a contribution from that angler.

Registration for \$75 per team with a maximum of 15 teams available.

**\*\* More event details will be posted in the coming weeks \*\***

## **ABOUT THE ANNUAL**

### **DR. R. J. SCHILLING & NH TROUT UNLIMITED COMMUNITY FLY FISHING CELEBRATION AND THE DR. RICHARD J. SCHILLING FUND**

**Dr. Richard J. Schilling (1928-2018) was a surgeon, oilman and philanthropist whose ultimate concern was putting others before himself. The festival originates from Dr. Schilling's bequest to introduce children and beginners the sport of fly fishing as a means of fostering personal relationships and developing mentorship opportunities, thereby providing dignity and confidence to children. Dr. Schilling (“Opa,” or “grandfather,” as so many called him) also believed in fly**

**fishing as a means to instill an appreciation for habitat conservation leading to healthier communities.**

**New Hampshire Trout Unlimited and the Dr. Richard J. Schilling Fund share Opa's belief that when people slow down and appreciate the great blessing of natural beauty that we enjoy in the North Country, including the natural treasure of the Ammonoosuc River, it makes our lives, our children and our communities healthier. The Trout Unlimited-Dr. R. J. Schilling Fly Fishing Celebration is dedicated to Opa's ideals, and to instilling within others the confidence to take up the sport of fly fishing to the benefit of our children and wider community.**

**Funds raised at the Celebration will benefit the Dr. Richard J. Schilling Fund, dedicated to furthering human dignity and elevating communities, and will be specifically earmarked to send children to NH TU's Youth Trout Camp, held annually each summer in Pittsburg. This camp enables youth to learn about fly fishing, trout habitat, and cold water conservation. Funds will also be used for Trout Camp equipment and supplies. We thank the Schilling family and our fellow sponsors for such generous support.**

***"The Dr. Richard J. Schilling Fly Fishing Celebration***

*honors our grandfather, Opa, who taught us compassion in  
life*

*and patience in the stream. The Dr. Richard J. Schilling  
Fund is*

*established to convey his passion for fly fishing to our  
community, and to get the kids into the stream. As Opa  
said..."*

*‘Get away from the rest of the world, slow down,  
and watch your fly drift.’”*

*- Jeffrey B, Cozzens, Littleton, NH*

*“I want to emphasize to all how deeply I feel about  
exposing young people to the outdoors and fly fishing.*

*I started at age 14 in Northern Michigan.*

*Every year since, I have fished and sat on banks or logs to enjoy nature whether or not I caught fish. The thrill has always been being away from the rest of the world and watching my fly drift alongside a log in the stream. Please, young people, try it and become absorbed in it as I did. Be patient and enjoy nature and learn. You can do it and enjoy it for the rest of your life, as I have.”*

*- Dr. Richard J. Schilling, Glen Lake, MI*