

There needs to be a set fee charged for hosting a tournament. There has been tons of money lost out on by ND communities as the larger national tournament refuse to host a tournament here. The money that isn't being brought in far out ways the money the G&F is charging to host a tournament. The cities and chambers that are trying to promote themselves are being handcuffed by this extreme cost to these organizations for hosting a tournament in our state. There are plenty of other states that welcome with open arms the tournaments to their state/cities for promotional opportunities from the publicity of the event, and the week leading up to the actual event from the anglers fishing the event. There is no need for them to come to ND to be fleeced by the G&F for trying to help bring tourism dollars into our state. I have read some of the larger national events are actually paid by CVB/ cities to host events as the ROI is very good some of the larger national events. Secondly from a weekend angler stand point you have a few "larger local" tournaments people save up throughout the year to participate in, and with no cap the cost to the tournament organizers being forced to give so much of entry fee to the G&F that the pay back to the anglers becomes less desirable, and the average angler just can't justify fishing the tournament anymore.