

## **Garmin Youth Angler of the Year Eligibility 2026**

- Birth Year of 2009 or more recent.
- Youth Anglers are awarded points at each of the seven sanctioned NOWT events.
- The angler who gains the most points from their top two tournaments will be crowned NOWT Youth Angler of the Year.
- The points system is calculated the same as the traditional NOWT Angler of the Year is calculated.
- Formula:  $(1 - (\text{team placing} / \text{size of field})) \times 100$ . Field size will be the greater of 75 teams and actual number of teams.
  - o Example: the first place team of a 55 team event is as follows  $(1 - (1/55)) \times 100 = 98.182$  points.
  - o Same example with 115 teams would be  $(1 - (1/115)) \times 100 = 99.130$  points.
- 10 bonus points will be given to each team that launches at least 1 day. This means a team finishing last will get 10 points for their participation. Disqualification from tournament due to rule violation results in 0 points.
- Only points gained in the anglers top two finishes among the seven events will be used to determine the “Youth Angler of the Year” points.
- Should two or more anglers tie at the end of the year for “Youth Angler of the Year” the rankings will be determined by their third best event. If this does not break the tie the fifth tournament rank will be used and so on using all seven events. If this does not break the tie the anglers will be deemed to be co-“Anglers of the Year” and the prize will be split. Prize Allocations
- Each registered youth angler of an NOWT event is eligible to win NOWT prizes and the “Youth Angler of the Year” title.
- The 2026 prize is a Garmin Livescope Plus with an Echo Map UHD2 9 inch Chart Plotter.