

571—44.2(321G,321I,461A,462A,481A) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

“Accredited postsecondary institution or program” means an institution or program listed in the U.S. Department of Education’s database of accredited postsecondary institutions and programs.

“Administrative processing fee” means the fee collected for the processing of each special event application that is submitted.

“All-terrain vehicle” or *“ATV”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321I.1(1)“a.”

“Bass fishing tournament” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 483A.39. For purposes of this chapter, “bass fishing tournament” is included in the definition of “special event” unless otherwise specified.

“Catfish fishing tournament” means an event with the purpose of fishing for catfish from boats that meets the definition of “fishing tournament.” For purposes of this chapter, “catfish fishing tournament” is included in the definition of “special event” unless otherwise specified.

“Centralized special events application system” means the web-based system used by applicants to submit applications for special events as permitted under this chapter. Approved applications will be placed on a calendar of events web page, accessible from the department’s homepage, to inform the general public of scheduled events on public, or when applicable, private, land, water, and ice.

“Department” means the Iowa department of natural resources.

“Field and retriever meet or trial” means the same as described in Iowa Code section 481A.22. For purposes of this chapter, “field and retriever meet or trial” is included in the definition of “special event” unless otherwise specified.

“Fishing tournament” means any organized fishing event, except for department-sponsored fishing events held for educational purposes, involving any of the following: (1) six or more boats or 12 or more participants, except for waters of the Mississippi River, where the number of boats shall be 20 or more and the number of participants shall be 40 or more; (2) an entry fee is charged; or (3) prizes or other inducements are awarded. Additionally, a “virtual fishing tournament,” also known as a “catch-photo-release” tournament, is a fishing tournament where fish are not possessed (i.e., not placed in a live well) by the angler but instead are photographed and released upon catching. An “aggregated virtual fishing tournament” occurs when all participants are present on one body of water simultaneously. A “distributed virtual fishing tournament” occurs when participants are present on two or more bodies of water. Additionally, only five or fewer participants may be present on any one body of water simultaneously, and the tournament may occur over an extended time frame. For purposes of this chapter, “fishing tournament” is included in the definition of “special event” unless otherwise specified.

“Friends group” means an organization incorporated under Iowa Code chapter 504 or prior statutory authority as a not-for-profit group that has been formed solely for the purpose of promoting and enhancing a particular state park, recreation area, or the Iowa state park system, or any combination of the three.

“Off-road motorcycle” or *“ORM”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321I.1(16).

“Off-road utility vehicle” or *“ORV”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321I.1(17).

“Permit” means a document issued by the department that enumerates all stipulations, requirements, and contingencies that the applicant must accept and adhere to throughout the duration of the approved special event.

“Public land” means land under the jurisdiction of the natural resource commission.

“Public water” means the same as “navigable waters” as defined in Iowa Code section 462A.2(22) and “waters of this state under the jurisdiction of the commission” as defined in Iowa Code section 462A.2(45).

“Sailing school” means an organization that provides basic and advanced sailing instruction by U.S. Sailing-certified instructors and is affiliated with a yacht club, an accredited postsecondary institution or program, a private or public primary or secondary school, a scouting organization, or a religious institution.

“Snowmobile” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321G.1(26).

“Special event” means either of the following occurring on public land, water, or ice:

1. An organized race, tournament, exhibition, demonstration, or other planned event in which an admission fee is charged, prizes are awarded, or competition occurs between participants;

2. A planned event that, due to its nature, potential or actual size, or length, would likely adversely impact the use of the area by the public.

“*Vessel*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 462A.2(40).

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