

CHOCTAWHATCHEE CATFISH ROUND-UP

Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st, 2013 from 4 pm Friday till noon Saturday.

Rules and Regulations

1. REGISTRATION will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31st at the Caryville landing on Hwy 90 and will continue until midnight on Friday May 31st. All contestants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult
2. TOURNAMENT HOURS will be from 4p.m. CDT, Friday, May 31st until 12 noon on Saturday June 1st CDT. The first 300 registered entries will start at 4pm. All others will start at 4:10pm.
3. OFFICIAL STARTING TIME will be at 4pm CDT Friday.
4. TOURNAMENT RULES MEETING will be held 30 minutes prior to official start.
5. DECISIONS of the judges and tournament officials shall be final in all matters.
6. SAFE BOATING conduct is required of ALL contestants at ALL times. Caution and safety MUST be observed at all times. Each contestant MUST have a USCG approved life jacket in addition to all other USCG equipment in the boat. ALL children under the age of 16 shall wear a life jacket at all times.
7. SPORTSMANSHIP All cotestants are expected to practice good sportsmanship, safety courtesy and conservation. Anyone may be disqualified due to an infraction of these rules and/or principles. **DRUNKENESS** on the part of any contestant shall be ample cause for disqualification! ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS SHALL BE OBEYED AT ALL TIMES.
8. BOAT CHECK is mandatory and will be performed during sign in and prior to launch!
9. CHECK POINT The official check point/weigh in is Caryville landing.
10. **ALL BOATS MUST LAUNCH AND LOAD AT CARYVILLE LANDING ONLY!!!**
11. OFF LIMITS No contestant may fish prior to the official start except for bait.
12. BOAT IDENTIFICATION Each boat will be given an official identification number that must remain on the boat during the tournament.
13. **LANDING FISH ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT AND LANDED FROM A REGISTERED BOAT. NO TROT LINES, BUSH HOOKS, CAST NETS OR SHOCKING DEVICES MAY BE USED TO CATCH FISH!!!**
River patrol and Florida Fish and Game will be out inspecting boats.
14. **TACKLE ONLY CONVENTIONAL FISHING TACKLE MAY BE USED(i.e. ROD AND REEL)!!!**
15. ELECTRONIC GEAR such as depth finders, graphs, GPS, LCR and PH meters are permitted.
16. ELIGIBLE FISH All freshwater catfish are eligible for prizes and must be alive at weigh-in.
17. SIZE AND LIMIT All fish must be at least 14 inches long to be weighed in.
18. WEIGH IN All fish **MUST BE ALIVE AT WEIGH IN. ALL CHANNEL CATS WILL BE RELEASED.**
19. BOATERS All partners must be available at weigh in to sign weigh slip.
20. WEIGH IN HOURS Weigh in will be held anytime from 4pm Friday till 1am Saturday, then from 5 am Saturday until 12 noon Saturday.
21. TIES Ties will be decided by tournament officials and all decisions are final.
22. **POLYGRAPH/VOICE STRESS ANALYSIS TEST will be administered to the Tournament winner and to one other winner at the discretion of the tournament officials. ALL entrants are subject to polygraph/voice stress analysis test at the discretion of tournament officials.**
23. ALL PRIZES ARE GUARANTEED.
24. MONITORING The Tournament officials reserve the right to monitor all applicants and participants during the tournament and also reserves the sole and exclusive right to exclude any person or persons, regardless of reason, from participation in the tournament.
25. PRIZES ALL prize winners must be present to win. This includes door prizes and any other promotional drawings that may be held during the tournament.