

6th ANNUAL GATOR CLASSIC CATFISH TOURNAMENT 2016

Friday, Aug 12 and Saturday, Aug 13, 2016

RULES & REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION will begin AT 9 a.m. Friday, Aug 12, 2016 at Gaskin Park Landing and continue until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug 12, 2016. Advance registration is advisable. Advance registration is REQUIRED to have boats inspected at any authorized landing other than Gaskin Park Landing. To register in advance, mail the attached registration form with your entry fee of \$50.00 postmarked by Jul 22, 2015 and \$55.00 if paid AFTER Aug 10, 2016 to GATOR CLASSIC Catfish Tournament, PO Box 1289, Wewahitchka, FL 32465. You may also turn your application & registration fee in to Wewahitchka City Annex at 318 South 7 Street, Wewahitchka, FL.

TOURNAMENT HOURS will be from 4 p.m. Central Time, Friday, Aug 12, 2016 and until 12 noon, Central Time on Saturday, Aug 13, 2016. OFFICIAL STARTING TIME will be at 4 p.m. Central Time, Friday, Aug 12, 2016 however, participants are allowed to register until 10:00 p.m., Friday, Aug 12, 2016.

TOURNAMENT RULES MEETING will be held thirty minutes prior to official start.

DECISIONS of the judges and tournament officials shall be final in all matters.

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 Coast Guard approved life jacket in addition to other required Coast Guard equipment in the boat.

All children under the age of 16 MUST wear a life jacket at all times.

SPORTSMANSHIP: All contestants are expected to practice good sportsmanship, safety, courtesy, and conservation. Contestants may be disqualified due to an infraction of these rules and/or principles. Drunkenness on the part of any contestant shall be ample cause for immediate disqualification.

ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAW SHALL BE OBEYED AT ALL TIMES.

BOAT CHECK: Anyone who pre-registers before Aug 10, 2016 can have their boat checked at the official landing that they are launching from: Hickory Landing, Bristol Landing, Estiffanulga Landing, Gaskin Park Landing. IF YOU ARE NOT PRE-REGISTERED YOU MUST HAVE YOUR BOAT INSPECTED AT GASKIN PARK LANDING.

CHECK POINT: The official check point is Gaskin Park Landing.

FOUR LANDING START: All boats must be inspected prior to launching. Launch and start tournament at the following landings: Gaskin Park Landing, Bristol Landing, Estiffanulga Landing, and Owl Creek-Hickory Landing. Pre-registered fishermen may TRAILER OUT from these 4 official landing @ 4pm CST. Friday, Aug 12, 2016.

OFF LIMITS: No contestant may fish prior to the official start, except for bait. Boats are not allowed to go through the locks at the Lake Seminole Dam.

BOAT/FISHERMAN IDENTIFICATION: Each boat will be given an official identification number that must remain in the boat during the tournament. Each Fisherman will be given an official ID# that must be used to weigh in fish.

LANDING FISH: All fish must be caught and landed from a registered boat. No trotlines, no bush hooks, no cast nets, and no shocking. River Patrol will be out!! Fishing from a pontoon boat is allowed and fishermen may leave and return to the pontoon via a smaller boat. All occupants of the registered boat must be registered fishermen.

NO FISHERMAN MAY HAVE ASSISTANCE IN LANDING A FISH UNTIL THE FISH OR THE LEADER HAS BROKEN THE SURFACE OF THE WATER

TACKLE: Only conventional fishing tackle may be used.

ELECTRONIC GEAR: Depth finders, graphs, GPS, LCR, and PH meters are permitted.

ELIGIBLE FISH: Only Channel Cat (which includes all freshwater catfish) and Flathead Catfish are eligible.

SIZE AND BAG LIMIT: All fish must be at least 14 inches long to be weighed.

WEIGH-IN: All fish must be alive to be weighed. The GATOR CLASSIC Catfish Tournament reserves the rights to use photos or video taken in conjunction with the tournament. SCALES WILL NOT BE CLOSED Preliminary weigh-ins will be held during tournament hours 4 pm CST Friday, Aug 12, 2016 to noon Saturday, Aug 13, 2016.

TIES: Ties will be decided by tournament officials (ties will be further discussed at the meeting prior to tournament).

LIE DETECTOR TESTS will be administered to the first place winner; and to one other entry at the discretion of the tournament officials. All entrants into the tournament are subject to a lie detector test at the discretion of the tournament officials.

MONITORING: Officials of the GATOR CLASSIC Catfish Tournament reserves the right to monitor applicants and participants. Officials of the GATOR CLASSIC Catfish Tournament also reserves sole and exclusive right to exclude any person or persons, regardless of reason, from participation in the tournament.

PRIZES: All prizes are guaranteed. It is the Winner(s) responsibility to pay all applicable taxes. To be eligible for the "most combined individual flathead poundage" prize, fisherman may **ONLY MISS ONE** tournament on the whole Trail.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN DOOR PRIZES!!!