

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GATOR CLASSIC CATFISH TOURNAMENT**  
**FRIDAY, AUG 25 AND SATURDAY, AUG 26, 2017**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**REGISTRATION** will begin At 10 am. Friday, **Aug 25, 2017** at Gaskin Park Landing and continue until 10 pm. on Friday, **Aug 25, 2017**. Advanced registration is advisable. Advanced 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 postmarked by **Aug 21, 2017** to Wewahitchka Search and Rescue P O Box 555, Wewahitchka, FL 32465. You may also turn in your application & registration fee in to Wewahitchka City Annex at 318 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Wewahitchka, FL 32465.

**TOURNAMENT HOURS** will be from 4 pm. Central Time, Friday, **Aug 25, 2016** until 12 noon, CST on Saturday, **Aug 26, 2017**. Official Start time will be at 4 pm. CST Friday, **Aug 26, 2017** however, participants we be allowed to register until 10 pm. Friday, **Aug 25, 2017**.

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

**TIES** will be decided by tournament officials. Ties will be discussed further at the meeting prior to tournament.

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

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

**SAFE BOATING** conduct, Caution and Safety is required of ALL contestants 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 Laws shall be obeyed at ALL times.**

**BOAT CHECK:** Anyone who pre-registers before **Aug 21, 2017** can have their boat inspected at the official landing that they are launching from. (See **FOUR LANDING START** for a list of the permitted landings.) If you are not pre-registered you **MUST** have your boat inspected at Gaskin Park Landing. ALL boats **MUST** be inspected prior to launching.

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

**FOUR LANDING START:** Launch and start tournament at the following landings: Gaskin Park Landing, Bristol Landing, Estiffanulga Landing and Owl Creek/Hickory Landing. Pre-Registered fisherman may **TRAILER OUT** from these 4 official landings @ 4 pm. CST Friday **August 25, 2017**.

**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 and official ID # that must be used to weigh in fish.

**LANDING FISH:** All fish must be caught and landed from a registered boat. No trot lines, 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 fisherman.

**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 Wewahitchka Search and Rescue reserves the right 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.

**MONITORING:** Officials of the **GATOR CLASSIC** Catfish Tournament reserves the right to monitor applicants and participants. Officials of the Tournament also reserve 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 responsibility of the Winner(s) to pay all applicable taxes. To be eligible for the "most combined individual Flathead poundage" prize, fishermen may **ONLY MISS ONE** tournament on the whole trail.

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN DOOR PRIZES!!!**

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