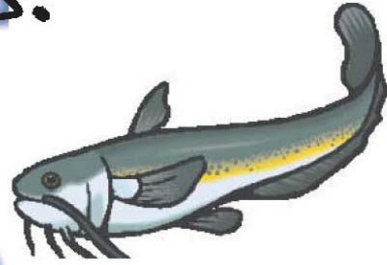


The Rednecks vs. da Coonasses Cattfish Rodeo



Rules.....you gotta have rules! (and we have some good un's.)

Note: Final Revision (8-12-2010). This revision supersedes all previous revisions. Final revision also available online at www.RiverFrontTikiHut.com and www.Saritasbr.com and copies will be available at Sarita's, The Tiki Hut, and Thunder Bayou Store, (our registration points).

Note: This is a "unique" fishing tournament and many rules used in other tournaments do not apply. Please read carefully!

We have two categories in this tournament:

6 Biggest Fish	Single Biggest Fish
50% 1st place	50% 1st place
30% 2nd place	30% 2nd place
20% 3rd place	20% 3rd place

PAYBACK: Payback will be 100% in the above categories. Of the entrance fee, 50% goes to the team / individual that catches the 6 biggest fish (combined weight) and 50% goes to the team / individual that catches the single biggest fish. For example, if the entry fees are \$1,000 we will have \$500 for the 6 biggest fish (broken down in the percentages above) and \$500 for the single biggest fish (also broken down in the percentages above). [You can place and win in both categories.](#)

GOAL: The goal of this tournament is to see who can catch the biggest catfish by any means {legally} necessary. Hoop nets, trot lines, slat traps, jug lines, noodling, spear fishing, rod & reel, are all permitted. Note: Must obey all state and federal laws. Note: Hoop nets below Interstate 12 in the Amite-Blind Rivers / Diversion Canal area are permitted only with a commercial license. Please check local laws.

Fish must be good condition and become the property of the tournament after weigh-in.

SAFETY AND SPORTSMANSHIP: All fishing and boating rules and regulations will apply. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated.

RULES: The following rules will be used. Interpretation of the rules shall be left up to the Tournament Committee. Violations of any of these rules will result in disqualification. All Committee decisions are final.

WAIVER DISCLAIMER: It is expressly understood that participants in this tournament enter at their own risk and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of said tournament, shall be exempt from any liability what so ever for liable, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury, or death suffered by any participant, entrant, vessel, and equipment, companions, and guests, boat captains, mates, crewmembers, which may occur during or in conjunction with this tournament. By signing the official tournament registration form, the boat owner, captain and mate(s), anglers and guests consent that the tournament may use with out payment or restriction any photographs, video footage, in which he or she may appear for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial, or promotional material.

REGISTRATION: All boats must be registered in writing.

(Entry Fee is \$50.00 / boat). Registration at the following locations:

1. The Riverfront Tiki Hut 225-675-6000
2. Sarita's Mexican Grill and Cantina 225-675-4503
3. Thunder Bayou Store 225-675-3621

Deadline for registration is 10:00 AM, Saturday, Sept 4th, 2010.

Each boat will designate a captain who will sign the boat/team entry form and take responsibility for his/her team. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse entry of any person, group, or boat.

WEATHER: The tournament does **not** provide a weather committee and it is a **captain's choice tournament**. All team captains, members, boat owners, and all other participants are responsible to determine that their craft is sea-worthy and are advised and encouraged to be familiar with the current local weather conditions and forecasts to determine if the conditions permit the safety of the boat, crew, anglers, and guests to proceed to departure to sea and return in a safe and prudent manner. The tournament reserves the right to postpone the tournament and use a back-up date as determined by the tournament committee.

FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS: The weight of the eligible fish submitted for weigh-in is subject to state of Louisiana and/or federal laws. All tournament boats must possess current and valid Louisiana Fishing licenses and any other permits as required by applicable law at the time of weigh-in. Any team without valid permits and/or licensing are in violation of state and or federal law and may have their fish disqualified at time of weigh-in.

TOURNAMENT HOURS: The tournament officially starts at 12:01 AM Friday, Sept. 3rd. The tournament ends at 2:00 PM Sunday, Sept. 5th, with the winners announced shortly thereafter and prizes awarded. **Note: You do NOT have to be at Sarita's / The Tiki Hut when the tournament commences.** You may start anywhere.

Condition of Fish: All fish are subject to autopsy. No frozen or decomposed fish will be accepted. **Any attempt to defraud or cheat in the Rodeo, in any way, will**

automatically disqualify the offender and all his/her fish, (as determined by the rules committee). Fish become the property of the tournament after weigh-in.

BOUNDARIES: Fish wherever you like. No boundaries. Remember, fish must be in good condition at weigh-in.

PEOPLE ON BOAT: The tournament does not restrict the # of people fishing from the boat, # of rod & reels, etc.

BAIT: No limitations on bait, however, must obey state / federal law. Bait can be caught prior to the tournament. However, hoop baits, trot lines, etc. can not be baited until 12:01 AM Friday, Sept 3rd.

PROTEST: Protests must be submitted, in writing, to the Tournament Committee before the conclusion of the weigh-in. All decisions made by the Committee are final.

PARTICIPANTS: Any and all participants entering the tournament agree that all decisions made by the tournament committee are final.

SCORING: In the first category, the total weight for 6 fish will determine the winners.

Catfish brought to the weigh in must have been taken during Tournament hours. No more than 6 fish can be brought to the weigh in. No culling of the fish at or near the dock is allowed.

Note: Participants are NOT REQUIRED to bring in all 6 fish at once (to be weighed).

However, once a fish has been weighed, it can't be replaced or substituted later by another fish later in the tournament.

WEIGH-INS: Scales will be positioned on the deck at The Tiki Hut and will officially open at 8:00 AM, Saturday, Sept. 4th and close {*for the day*} at 8:00 PM, Saturday, Sept 4th. Scales will re-open Sunday, Sept. 5th at 8:00 AM. ***The line to the scales will officially close at 2:00 PM, Sunday, Sept. 5th. Only participants in line at the scales at 2:00 PM will have their fish weighed. Late arrivals, even a few minutes late, will NOT be counted.*** Weights of the fish (and winners) will be announced after the scale has closed.

No exceptions for any reason (strictly adhered to).

OFFICIAL CLOCK: Tournament Directors will hold and maintain the official clock.

Contestants are responsible for synchronizing the official time.

In the event of a categorical tie, (highly unlikely) the first fish entered wins. Decisions by the WEIGH MASTER are final!

Absolutely no culling of fish at the dock / weigh in or trading, transferring fish between boats at any time during the tournament is not allowed. This is an automatic disqualification.

NOTE: After the tournament begins, two or more boats congregating (close enough to pass fish) will be disqualified. The only exception is in the case of an emergency. Mechanical breakdown—your boat's condition and efficiency is equally as important as your fishing skills. All teams/boats are responsible for getting their fish to the weigh station aboard their own boat or by vehicle.

Inclement Weather: Rain, scattered showers, etc., will not stop the tournament. Hurricanes, unsafe boating weather, etc. will postpone the tournament. The rain out date for this tournament is the weekend of Oct. 9th, 2010. (LSU playing away at Florida)

Welding machines, generators, and dynamite are strictly prohibited!

This is a south Louisiana family event and those participating or attending are requested to conduct themselves appropriately and have a great time!

Note: There are no Rednecks or Coonass "Teams" or categories. This is simply the name of the tournament. (All the good names were already taken and we had to come up with something).

If you have questions, please call 225-675-6000 (leave message).

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