

Historic Weldon, N.C.

“Catfish Challenge” Tournament Rules

- 1. Launching Time:** ALL boats must launch from Weldon boat landing. Lines in 6p.m–7:30p.m. on Friday, May 19. (NO EXCEPTIONS). Lines out Saturday, May 20 at 11:30am. ALL ANGLERS must be present and in line at 12p.m. to weigh in at River Falls Park Pavilion; awards to follow.
- 2. Boundaries:** Weldon boat landing to Hwy. 258 Bridge.
- 3. Weigh In:** Individual Angler **can weigh in either ONE(1) or TWO(2-MAX) Catfish.** Each angler has zip tags for the Catfish you want to weigh. Once the Catfish is tagged, it will be weighed. If you remove or damage the tag before weight in, that tag is voided. Suggestion from tournament officials is that you tag your Catfish right before you bring them in for weigh-in. Catfish that appears to be altered in any form; either biologically or artificially, will be disqualified. Catfish presented for official weigh-in are subject to internal and external examination by tournament officials. Any angler who displays poor sportsmanship or violates tournament rules will be disqualified. The angler with the largest overall weight will win. Each registered angler must weigh in their Catfish only; no substitutes or weighing in another anglers Catfish. Each angler will have a number and must present it at weigh in to be eligible for prize money. In the event of a tie, the angler who weighs in first will be declared the winner. The weigh masters decision will be FINAL.
- 4. Rules and Regulations:** The Catfish must be caught on HOOK AND LINE; no jug, noodling, bow or any other method of harvesting will be allowed. Any hooks or other items used in the harvest of the fish must be removed prior to presenting the fish for weigh-in. Each angler is required to cooperate with all reasonable requests from officials; including North Carolina Wildlife Officers.
- 5. Altered Catfish:** Any Catfish that appears to be altered in any form other than its normal biological makeup will be ineligible and may disqualify the angler from the tournament. Any foreign objects found in or on the fish being presented for weigh-in will not be allowed. Ice, sinkers, rocks, sand, or any other items found inside the Catfish will be grounds for disqualification. The tournament director or weigh in officials may require the angler to expose the Catfish stomach to determine if it contains an object that would disqualify the Catfish.
- 6. Categories & Prizes:** Based on the weight of ONE(1) or TWO(2- MAX) Catfish weighed in. Payout for the tournament will be 3 places deep. The pot will be based on the number of entries. The tournament will retain 20% of each entry fee for operational cost with the remaining 80% divided up as follows: 1st place 50%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10%. For Example, based on 50 angler entries @ \$30.00 = \$1,500.00-20% Tournament pot would be \$ 1,200.00, 1st place would be \$750.00, 2nd place \$300.00, 3rd place \$150.00; the more entries, the larger the pots. Teen & Guppy Anglers will be competing for trophies, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.
- 7. Adult Calcutta Pool:** Largest Catfish overall for adult anglers. \$10.00 entry fee per adult angler. The payout will be 80% of pot; tournament retains 20%. This is where anglers can win some cash; the more entries, the larger the pot. *Example of possible payout: 20 entries @ \$10.00= \$200.00/80%= \$160.00 payout.*
- 8. Teen & Guppy Calcutta Pool:** Largest Catfish overall; \$5.00 entry fee per angler. Teen & guppy anglers will receive 100% of Calcutta payouts for their division, but not the overall pot. *Proceeds go to helping Historic Weldon promote and revitalize historic landmarks.*

7th Annual "Catfish Challenge" Tournament Registration

Date/Time/Location: Friday, May 19 at 6 p.m. - Saturday, May 20 at 12 p.m., at Weldon Boat Landing, 200 Rockfish Drive. Register on line using Pay Pal at www.historicweldonnc.com or at Weldon Town Hall, 109 Washington Ave, Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. You can also register on Friday, May 19, between 5 p.m. – 7:30p.m. at River Falls Park Pavilion (located beside N.C. Wildlife Boat Ramp). Organizers reserve the right to postpone tournament activity if Roanoke River at Weldon is deemed unfishable due to weather or other uncontrollable acts outside the control of tournament directors. Credit will be given for entry in next year's event.

Adult Angler Name: _____ **Angler Number** _____
(Tournament will assign number)

Teen Angler Name: _____ **Angler Number** _____
(15 -10) (Tournament will assign number)

Guppy Angler Name: _____ **Angler Number** _____
(9 & under) (Tournament will assign number)

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

Address: Street _____ Town _____ State _____

Email Address: _____

Adult Angler: _____ \$30.00 **Teen** _____ \$10.00 **Guppy** _____ \$5.00 \$ _____

Calcutta Entry is per angler. The angler must catch the fish it weighs for the Calcutta. This is a honor system and anyone found to violate this rule will be disqualified from the prize.

Calcutta Entry: Adult ___ \$10.00 Teen _____ \$5.00 Guppy _____ \$5.00 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Release: *I have read and am familiar with the official rules and regulations. In signing this application, I hereby waive and release all contestants, sponsors, tournament officials and each entity associated with this tournament from all claims, injury or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I understand that I may be subject to a polygraph before winnings are paid or be disqualified from any winnings if found in violation of any state or tournament rules. It is the responsibility of each angler/guardian to ensure your safety on and off the river at all times during the tournament. Each angler assumes the risk involved and release liability by signing this entry form. All teen & guppy angles must have a guardian or legal custodian sign this release before being allowed to participate. Any questions regarding tournament rules need to be directed to tournament officials: Each angler must fill out, pay and be assigned a number before being eligible for prizes.*

Angler, Guardian or Legal Custodian Signature

May 19, 2017
Date