





*14<sup>th</sup> Annual "Big River Roundup"*

*Flathead Catfish Tournament*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**ENTRY #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BOAT #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX:**     **ADULT**         **CHILD**

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application I am enclosing my entry fee of \$ 50.00 (Adult Entry Pre-Registration) or \$ 55.00 (Adult Day of Event) or (\$ 25.00 "Kid's Category" only 15 years old and under) payable to the **BLOUNTSTOWN ROTARY CLUB**. In signing this application, I hereby release all other contestants, the host sponsors and tournament officials from all claims or injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to refund this entry fee if they choose for any reason not to accept my application. I grant my permission to the Tournament committee to use any photos taken of me during the tournament along with my name for public relations purposes only.

I agree to abide by any and all tournament rules, regulations, and laws and conduct myself in high standards while involved in the tournament. I understand that any violations will result in my expulsion from the tournament. By executing this document, I consent to the Blountstown Rotary Club having sole and complete discretion as to what constitutes a violation and agree that the Blountstown Rotary Club's judgement is binding and final. I swear that the facts listed herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Fisherman's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BIG RIVER ROUNDUP FLATHEAD CATFISH TOURNAMENT

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> & Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

\*\*\*\*\*Rules & Regulations\*\*\*\*\*

1. GENERAL REGISTRATION: will begin at 9:00 AM CT Friday, May 22, 2009 at the Blountstown Landing and will continue until 6:00 PM CT. Registration on Saturday, May 23, 2009 will be held from 6:00 AM CT to 10:00 AM CT.  
PRE-REGISTRATION: **ENDS ON CLOSE OF BUSINESS DAY MAY 21, 2009 AT 5:00 PM CT** either by mailed applications received or in person. Advance registration is advisable, **AND IS REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALTERNATE LAUNCH SITES NO EXCEPTIONS!** (SEE RULES) To register in advance, mail attached registration form with your ADULT ENTRY FEE of \$50.00 OR for the KID'S ONLY CATEGORY \$25.00 (must be 15 years old and under!!!) To **Blountstown Rotary Club, P.O. Box 161, Blountstown, Florida 32424.**
2. DECISIONS of the judges and the tournament officials shall be final in all matters.
3. 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.
4. TACKLE: Only conventional fishing tackle may be used. **NO** trot lines, bush hooks, cast nets, and shocking devices are allowed!
5. ELECTRONIC GEAR: Depth finders, graphs, LCRs and PH meters are permitted.
6. OFFICIAL STARTING TIME will be at 4:00 PM CT Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, however, participants are allowed to enter any time between 4:00 PM CT Friday until 1:00 AM CT Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and from 6:00 AM CT to 10:00 AM CT on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
7. WEIGH-IN: Preliminary weigh-ins will be held any time between 4:00 PM CT to 2:00 AM CT, (Friday night). Final weigh-in will be held at 12:00 PM CT on Saturday, May 23, 2009. **ALL ENTRY FISH MUST BE WEIGHED IN AT OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN CHECKPOINT - NEAL LANDING, BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA.**
8. BOATERS: During and at the weigh-in of all entry fish, boaters/participants/partners must stay together until after their fish have been weighed. Boaters/participants/partners must sign each weigh-in slip.
9. LANDING FISH: All entry fish must be caught and landed from a boat **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
10. OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN CHECK POINT: All contestants must leave from approved boat launch sites and return to NEAL LANDING OFFICIAL CHECK POINT for all entry fish to be weighed in.
11. ENTRY BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Each boat will be given an official identification number that must remain in the boat during the tournament.
12. ELIGIBLE ENTRY FISH: Flathead Catfish and Channel Catfish (CHANNEL CATFISH MUST BE AT LEAST 14 INCHES LONG TO BE ELIGIBLE). Registered participants 15 years and under entered into the "Kid's Only" Category may only weigh and officially enter **CHANNEL CATFISH IN "KID'S ONLY" CATEGORY**. However, registered participants 15 years old and under are also eligible to weigh-in and officially enter Flathead Catfish in the adult category as well.
13. BAG LIMIT: No bag limit on Flathead Catfish.
14. TOURNAMENT TIES: Ties will be decided by tournament officials and will be final.
15. OFF LIMITS: No contestant may begin fishing or leave any approved launch site prior to the official tournament start. Boats are **NOT** allowed to go through the locks at the Seminole Dam. All entry Boats must be inspected prior to launch at Blountstown Landing. **AFTER COMPLETED BOAT INSPECTION PARTICIPANT MAY LAUNCH FROM FOUR (4) APPROVED LAUNCH SITES: 1) BLOUNTSTOWN - NEAL LANDING, 2) OWL'S CREEK, 3) ESTIFFANUGA LANDING, AND 4) WEWAHITCHICA - GASKIN PARK LANDING.** Any exceptions will be determined otherwise by tournament officials.
16. TOURNAMENT RULES may be discussed with tournament officials at any time; however, participants are encouraged to resolve any questions prior to the official start of the tournament.
17. BOAT INSPECTION AND PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: Boats may be inspected at approved launch sites. **ALL PARTICIPANTS LAUNCHING FROM SITES "OTHER THAN" NEAL LANDING MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED FOR TOURNAMENT PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS DAY THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009 AT 5:00 PM CT.**
18. 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/intoxication or if participant is considered unsafe to himself/herself or other event participants shall be ample cause for immediate disqualification by tournament officials. **ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS SHALL BE OBEYED AT ALL TIMES.**
19. TOURNAMENT HOURS will be from 4:00 PM CT Friday, May 22, 2009 until 12:00 PM CT Saturday, May 23, 2009.
20. A LIE DETECTOR TEST will be administered to any contestant that breaks the State Record; the test will also be administered to the first place winner of the tournament and also to one other winner than the first place winner as determined by a random drawing of all winners; and will be administered to any contestant at the discretion of the tournament officials or the tournament director.
21. PRIZES: All prizes are guaranteed. \$ 50,000.00 will be awarded to the contestant who breaks the State of Florida Flathead Catfish record during the official tournament start/end times, and pending all rules and conditions provided by the tournament insurance company have been followed, and provided that the winner passes a polygraph test. A copy of rules and conditions can be requested from the tournament officials at (850) 674-8053 or picked up at the registration desk at the tournament. Should the State Record be broken more than once during the tournament, the grand prize will be awarded to the contestant that holds the record at the **END** of the official tournament time.