



The Bad Cat Classic is hosted by UF/IFAS Extension Holmes County. The mission of this tournament is to involve youth in outdoor recreation and conservation. All proceeds from this contest will go to the Randy Adams Memorial with the mission to purchase lifetime hunting & fishing licenses for youth in the Holmes County, FL.

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Official Rules and Regulations - 2023

1. This is a team event. Teams are defined by boat, with no limit to person per boat. Team Captain must be at least 18 years of age.
2. IF no team members are 17 years of age or younger, team must pay \$100 fee. This allows teams to fish without youth on team, however they must pay the fee. Fee is not included in the payout totals.
3. All teams participating are doing so at their own risk. Teams agree not to hold the University of Florida, Holmes County Board of County Commissioners, or any associated persons/sponsor liable for any damage, injury, or claims resulting from contestant's participation in this tournament.
4. Teams must comply with State Laws of the water they are fishing. Any violation of any State Laws will be grounds for disqualification.
5. Registration fees will be paid in cash and prizes will be paid back in cash.
6. Following registration, no refunds will be given to contestants. If a team should choose to withdraw.
7. Registration will be completed on a first come, first served basis starting at 4:00 PM.
8. All teams are required to check in between 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Caryville Boat Landing the day of the event and be present at the mandatory team meeting at 5:30 PM.
9. Boats are subject to checks prior to the start of the tournament.
10. The tournament/fishing will begin at 6:00 PM on Saturday August 26, 2023.
11. Teams will be allowed to launch from any location on the Choctawhatchee River but can't leave Caryville Boat Landing until 6:00 PM.
12. Teams must compete from a boat and remain in the boat during competition. Fishing within 50 yards of a competitor's boat, which was first anchored, is prohibited.
13. All fish weighed must be caught by rod and reel only. No catfish may be taken from trot, jug, or limb lines.
14. Teams must comply with state fishing and boating regulations, including the use of PFDs and kill switches. Fishing and boating licenses are the responsibility of team members.
15. Fishing will begin at 6:00 PM CST.
16. All participants must be in the weigh-in line at the Caryville Boat Landing by 10:00 AM on Sunday August 27, 2023. There will be an opportunity to weigh-in early. Times will be finalized at the team meeting. All teams will be required to be in line by or before 10 AM CST. No exceptions.
17. Any legal commercial or natural bait will be allowed. No fishing known chum holes.
18. Only Blue cats, Channel cats, and Flathead catfish will be weighed.
19. A team limit of (3) three fish, ALIVE & IN GOOD CONDITION, will be weighed in.

20. Culling must be done prior to adding fish to weigh in container. Once fish are placed in container they cannot be replaced with another fish.
21. The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, etc. to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is prohibited.
22. In case of a tie in a position, monies will be added together, and then divided equally: i.e. tie in (4th) fourth place; fourth and fifth place monies will be added together and divided equal. The next payout will be sixth place. Tie in big fish, monies will be divided equally between both teams.
23. Any protest must be made, in writing with a \$50 non-refundable deposit, to the tournament director within 30 minutes after weigh-in and must state rule or rules that were broken.
24. All adult team members are subject to a polygraph test.
25. Any team having a member who fails or refuses to take a polygraph test or whose condition does not permit administration of a test because of contestant's use of alcohol or drugs will be disqualified.
26. The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
27. Unsportsmanlike conduct may be grounds for disqualification if circumstances require.
28. Decisions of Tournament Director will be final.

Target Weight Adult

Individuals can enter the Target Weight Contest. The individual who catches the fish that is closest to the target weight will be the winner. This is entered as an individual and the fish presented for weight must have been caught by the individual who entered. All individuals entered are subject to a polygraph test at the desegregation of the tournament director.

Target Weight Youth

Individuals can enter the Target Weight Contest. The individual who catches the fish that is closest to the target weight will be the winner. This is entered as an individual and the fish presented for weight must have been caught by the individual who entered. Youth will not be subject to polygraph test, however adults on the youth participants team will be, at the desegregation of the tournament director.

Big Cat Adult

Individuals can enter the Big Cat Contest which is simply the largest fish caught by an adult participating in the tournament. This is entered as an individual and the fish presented for weight must have been caught by the individual who entered the Big Cat category. All individuals entered are subject to a polygraph test at the desegregation of the tournament director.

Big Cat Youth

Individuals can enter the Big Cat Contest, which is simply the largest fish caught by any tournament contestant 17 years of age or younger. This is entered as an individual and the fish presented for weight must have been caught by the individual who entered the Big Cat category. Youth will not be subject to polygraph test, however adults on the youth participants team will be, at the desegregation of the tournament director.