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Angling Abridged Rules



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General Information

Guiding Bodies

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Venue

Red River Cats

Entry Deadline

July 15, 2023

Events List

All events are Unisex (18+)

- Individual Weight
 - Total weight of competitor's 5 heaviest fish
- Team Weight:
 - Total weight of teams 10 heaviest fish

The Individual and Team competitions are separate events. It is not required that a person enter the individual event to participate in the team competition.

Strict adherence of all rules is expected by all competitors.

Active competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY**.

Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors whether police or fire. This includes across country lines.

Communications shall be available at each venue and preparations made in case it is necessary to summon emergency services.



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Sport Equipment

Competitors must supply their own fishing equipment suitable for the type of angling being held. **Competitors will have the opportunity to rent rods & reels from Red River Cats see [Competitor's Equipment & Tackle for details](#). Rental equipment requests must be done by email no later than March 31st, 2023. Please email info@redrivercats.com for all equipment rentals.**

Landing nets are allowed for landing the fish. Landing nets will be available for rental as well. **Please email info@redrivercats.com for all equipment rentals.**

Only non-metallic keepnets with a minimum diameter of 40 cm and a minimum length of 250 cm may be used.

Several keepnets may be used.

Competition Format

Scheduling

Scheduled for 2 days of competition. See [Sport Schedule](#) for details.

Day 1: individual event.

Day 2: team event.

A briefing will be held the evening before the event to explain, demonstrate and assist competitors with rule interpretation, the species of fish to be caught and to define the fishing area.

The tournament hours will be 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. (1 hour break at 12pm). All fishing activity will be conducted between these hours.

All competitors should arrive no later than 7:30 am to provide for ample time to park vehicles, prepare and meet with partners. This will also provide ample time for pre-tournament information to be given to competitors.

Competition schedule:

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration



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8:30 - 8:55 a.m.	Bait & equipment inspection.
9:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Morning competition starts. (1 horn blast)
11:55 a.m.	Signal for 5 minutes until break. (2 horn blasts)
12:00 p.m.	Signal for end of morning competition. (3 horn blasts)
12:00 - 1:00p.m.	Lunch break
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Afternoon competition starts. (1 horn blast)
3:55 p.m.	Signal for 5 minutes until the end of the competition. (2 horn blasts)
4:00 p.m.	Signal for end of competition. (5 horn blasts)

Scoring

Scoring is determined by the pounds and ounces of each competitor's catch.

Only the following fish species will be accepted for weighing and must be no shorter than 25 cm in length to be eligible to be weighed.

- Channel Catfish
- Carp
- Freshwater Drum

No regurgitated forage or other foreign matter may be placed in fish. The daily weight limit will be the 5 heaviest fish for each competitor; however competitors may present an unlimited number of fish for scoring provided they meet the minimum length and are not presented dead. Dead fish presented for weighing will be penalized 1000 grams.

The minimum length limit for fish will be 25cm. Fish presented for measurement that fail to measure to the prescribed length limit will not count towards the competitor's total points.

Upon catching a fish, the competitor will signal to one of the scorekeepers and the fish will be weighed immediately and released. The weight will be entered into the official tournament score sheet by a tournament official and the fish will be released by the tournament official. The competitor will sign the score sheet to verify the fish's weight. Dead fish presented for measurement will not be scored.

Fish presented for measurement after the 12:00 p.m. (lunch break - 3 horn blasts) and 4:00 p.m. (Competition end - 5 horn blasts) will not be entered into the competitor's total.



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Ties

Ties will be resolved by;

- firstly: by the heaviest of all fish scored.
- secondly: by the total number of fish scored for the tournament.

If a tie remains, then the awards will be distributed equally among the tied contestants.

Awards

Medals are awarded First through Third Place (1st – 3rd).

Sport Rules

Interpretation and Enforcement

Interpretation and enforcement of all rules will be at the discretion of the tournament director. Each competitor agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a tournament rule may result in, but is not limited to, weight loss, the loss of weight up to a particular time in the tournament day, the loss of weight for the entire day, the loss of the longest fish for the day, and disqualification from the entire tournament. Protests and/or appeals are to be made in writing within 30 minutes of the end of the competition. The WPFGE directors will convene and make a determination of the appeal if it can not be done so at the tournament level.

Participation

All contestants must have a valid official qualification of the tournament for the waters they fish, however no form of a Manitoba fishing license will be required for the games. Competitors only need to get their own Manitoba fishing licenses if they plan on fishing outside of competition days.

Team entry

This tournament will be limited to 100 teams.

The team must consist of two anglers. Teams will be composed of partners who wish to fish as a team and register as a team. Teams must be placed according to the WPFGE General rules.



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Individual angler entry

This tournament will be limited to 200 anglers. This number may be increased at the discretion of the WPFG tournament officials.

Purchasing of information

The purchasing of, or bartering for, information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters, including but not limited to GPS waypoints (other than through commercially available sources) is not permitted. The hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted after the opening ceremonies for the WPFG. The purchasing of, or bartering for, or asking for fishing locations from another contestant during the tournament hours is strictly prohibited and will cause for both contestants to be disqualified from the entire tournament.

Registration and pre-tournament meeting

There will be separate meetings for the Team and Individual competitions. All participants in the Individual competition must attend the Team pairing immediately following the pre-tournament meeting in order to exchange details including their team member's lodging information, contact details, and exact location to meet prior to competition starting.

Pairings for Team Event

Any person entering the Team event that does not enter with selected teammates will be paired by the WPFG tournament committee through a random draw and will receive notice with their teammates name at the pre-tournament pairings meeting. All contestants must contact their assigned teammate at the pre-tournament meeting. Teammates should advise each other of their respective lodging and phone numbers and establish a meeting time and place for the following morning's competition.

Safety

Safety must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to comply with relevant regulations. At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed, or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Competitors may leave the shore and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is imminent. They must, however, stay within sight of each other.



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Sportsmanship

All competitors are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, and to the WPPFG.

Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the rules for the WPPFG tournament.
- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during registration or tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure.
- Abuse of, or addiction to, mind-altering substances.
- Use of any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules.
- Anglers are asked to keep a 25-foot distance between anglers.
- Smoking is not allowed when a tournament official is taking a measurement.

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, the WPPFG shall have the right to disqualify a contestant after consulting with a WPPFG director.

The use of mobile communication devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., during tournament hours is strictly prohibited except in an emergency (severe weather, breakdowns, etc.) or to communicate with the tournament director.

Permitted fishing methods

Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the rod in hand.

All hooks must be BARBLESS in accordance with provincial regulations. Any fish caught with a barbed hook will not be scored. All fish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. All lures must adhere to provincial regulations. Artificial lures may be used, except for pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits. Alabama rigs and similar umbrella-type rigs are limited to a maximum of three wires with a maximum of three spinners, one lure and three hooks (single or treble) unless provincial regulations are more restrictive, in which case state regulations prevail. Only ONE fishing rod may be used at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is strictly prohibited. trolling is defined as operating the combustion engine to extend



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a cast or lengthen a retrieve. All fish caught while sight-fishing must be hooked inside the mouth and immediately shown for verification.

From the time of the bait & equipment inspection until the signal for end of competition, it is forbidden to leave the position. In addition, nothing may be taken from a car or put in a car. In case of urgent necessity, the inspectors must be consulted. Free choice of fishing rod. Fishing should be done with one rod, with or without a float, and with only one single hook. The total rod length must not exceed 4 meters. When using this rod, the competitor may not in any way cross the imaginary line perpendicular to the bank that forms the boundary of their course. Only one rod may be above the water at any time. It is permitted to keep several rods in reserve – provided they are not baited – but only one rod at a time can be used for fishing. When caught, the fish must first be unhooked and put into the keepnet before another rod can be /cast.

The transfer of fish from one keepnet to another is prohibited. (Unless by a tournament official).

The competitors must unhook and handle the fish caught in such a way that no mutilation occurs, and the fish can be returned undamaged. After weighing by the inspectors, all fish caught must be returned to the water immediately.

Permitted Bait

Permitted types of bait are frozen minnows, salted minnows, live minnows, frogs, nightcrawlers, shrimp, corn, and Tullibee. These baits will be available for purchase at the tournament venue.

Prohibited bait

Red (and otherwise colored) maggots or pinkies, bloodworms and jokers are prohibited. All other types of artificial bait, other than imitations of the above- mentioned permitted types of bait, are also prohibited.

Feed

No feed will be allowed.

Permitted fishing locations

All fishing must be conducted from the shore. At no time may a contestant leave the shore unless of an emergency.



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The cutting of trees, bushes and/or logs after the start of the pre-tournament meeting and/or the removal of official local, provincial or federal barricades at any time to make an area more accessible is strictly prohibited and may result in your disqualification from the tournament. The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system is strictly prohibited and will result in your disqualification from the tournament.

In the event of equipment failure or an emergency, the tournament director must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so.

Any contestant returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition under the supervision of the tournament director or his designated tournament official. It is the sole responsibility of the contestants to locate the tournament director to request a restart. Partners must always remain together and within sight of each other until the weigh-in verification is signed. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks are permitted.

Live fish

Every effort must be made to keep fish alive. Dead fish will not be permitted for scoring.

Limits

Individual Competition:

The daily limit will be five (5) fish for each competitor. Anglers may present unlimited fish for scoring if they meet the species requirements, minimum length requirements, and are not dead.

Team Competition:

The daily limit will be ten (10) fish for each team. Teams may present unlimited fish for scoring if they meet the species requirements, minimum length requirements, and are not dead.