



2026 Madisonville Gar Rodeo

Bowfishing Rules

The following rules shall apply to any person/s entering into and fishing in the Madisonville Gar Rodeo fishing contest as per the sign in sheets and paid entry fee provided at the official sign in locations. All entrants agree to abide by the following rules and will be subject to disqualification in the event of a violation as interpreted by Madisonville Gar Rodeo officials.

1. All participants in every division, **MUST CHECK-IN** at the weigh station between 12pm-6pm on Friday July 24 at the Madisonville Park at 1007 Pine Street.

Late check-ins will be accepted, but registration will close at 6pm, July 25, when the weigh station is opened.

At check-in all participants will receive a wristband. Fish will not be weighed if participant does not have a wristband.
(If wristband is lost, we will verify check-in within our records.)
2. Everyone participating, or in the boat, must be registered for at least one of the 6 Madisonville Gar Rodeo Divisions. (Liability Reasons)

Any participant(s) found competing with an unregistered participant will be disqualified from the tournament.
3. All gar must be caught in waterways within the State of Louisiana.
4. **No fish will be weighed after 6pm on Saturday July 25.**
5. The recorded weight will be the combined total weight of the participant's top 3 gar submitted.
6. Gar is the only species of fish that can be submitted under the Bowfishing Division.
7. Bow used to capture fish must be presented at time of weigh-in.
8. Anyone caught tampering with gar prior to weigh-in will be disqualified.

9. Arguing with Madisonville Gar Rodeo weigh in officials will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.
10. **Gar can be stored on ice.**
11. Anyone caught cheating will be immediately disqualified.
12. Absolutely no fighting, disorderly conduct or illegal activities at the weigh in station. Violations can result in automatic disqualification.
13. All entrants agree to abide by local laws regardless of their fishing location in the state of Louisiana.
14. Anyone caught disposing fish on local public roads or waterways will be disqualified. Gar Rodeo Staff will advise participants the rules of disposal.
15. All fish weighed will receive a distinct marking to eliminate multiple weigh-in attempts.

After reading the rules above, and registering for this event, you are waiving any liability from the parties listed below. When registering for this event, you agree the Madisonville Gar Rodeo, Casey Cares Community Charities, the Town of Madisonville, its members, sponsors, affiliates, agents and volunteers will not be held responsible for any and all losses, costs, claims, damages, injuries, death, liability, or other causes of action, rising out of or in any way connected with participation in this activity.