

23rd ANNUAL DICK BELL CATFISH TOURNAMENT

1. The tournament is scheduled from 7-11 AM on Saturday, June 4, 2022 in Wahpeton, North Dakota on the Red River. Tournament headquarters are at the Kidder Recreation Area in north Wahpeton. Entrance is 4th Street North and Dabill Drive (just north of 18th Avenue). Registration will be at the Henry Knight Masons Shelter. Fish will be weighed at tournament headquarters.
2. The entry fee is \$10. Fishermen can use boats or fish from shore. All boats will be inspected before and after the tournament. A water hydrant and hose are available for cleanup. Registration starts at 6:45 AM and ends at 8 AM. Early registration is encouraged.
3. Ages 1-18 can enter (1) a free youth division with trophies awarded for the ten largest catfish and \$50 for the largest catfish or (2) \$10 cash division with adults.
4. This is a live-release tournament. No culling or high grading is allowed. Only one catfish over 24" is allowed for each individual and the minimum size is 14" to be entered in the tourney.
5. Prizes will be awarded on a 100% payback scale immediately after places are announced. 10% of the tournament proceeds will be used for Red River development projects at the Kidder Recreation Area. The Red River Area Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring a \$100 cash prize for the largest catfish in the adult division and \$50 cash prize for the largest catfish in the youth division. Cash prizes will be awarded for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth largest catfish with remaining funds from entry fees (30% - 1st, 25% - 2nd, 20% - 3rd, 15% - 4th & 10% - 5th). Fishermen are eligible for only one prize. If there is a tie, first person who registers takes the top place.
6. All current ND Game and Fish fishing regulations must be followed. If any contestant violates a NDGF regulation, he / she will be immediately disqualified.
7. Liability: the Wahpeton Park Board, Red River Area Sportsmen's Club, tournament sponsors and officials do not accept any liability of any sort. Officials' decisions are final.
8. Tournament Manager: Justin Kratz, 1614 North 7th Street, Wahpeton, ND 58075 or 701-210-2128 or kratzinit@gmail.com.
9. Eight ounce penalty for each fish that is deemed by tournament judges as unlikely to live. Dead catfish will not be weighed. No catfish can be placed on a stringer; any angler who does will be disqualified from the tournament. Catfish will be live released immediately after weigh-in. Judges' decision is binding on live release clause.
10. Fishing and Weigh-In Times: 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Catfish will be weighed immediately after return to the access site. Presentation of awards will follow last weigh-in.
11. The tournament boundary will be the Red River, starting at the confluence just north of the Dakota Avenue bridge and continuing northward.
12. This is a catfish tournament only! No other fish species qualify for the tournament.
13. No alcohol is allowed in the boats, by shore fishermen and tournament officials.
14. The Red River is a special fishery that needs caring and responsible management. We ask that fishermen take special care in handling catfish. Help us manage a quality tournament. Boat fishermen should use an efficient live well. All water must be drained from live wells and bait wells prior to leaving the river. All aquatic vegetation must be removed from boats, trailers, motors, fishing equipment, etc. Thank you.

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ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

The undersigned has read and understands the rules and releases the tournament officials, Wahpeton Park Board, Red River Area Sportsmen's Club and tournament sponsors from any liability associated with the 23rd Annual Dick Bell Catfish Tournament.

Signature _____

Date _____