



ACCA SUMMER CATFISH DERBY

2017 Official Rules and Regulations

- * \$60.00 Participation fee, per angler (participation fee covers 1 and/or 2 nights of tournament participation).
- * This is a catch & release tournament- All catfish must be caught on rod and reel only.
- * All tournament catfish will be released. No dead fish will be weighed in. Once catfish is removed from official scale, fish will be allowed 15 minutes to recuperate, (if necessary). Any fish that does not swim away after the recuperation period will be disqualified. All catfish will be tagged by the ACCA and returned to the same body of water that the tournament is being held.
- * **This is a stringer-less tournament.** Any catfish brought to weigh-in on a stringer or with fresh puncture wounds will result in immediate disqualification. The ACCA recommends keeping fish in an aerated live well or basket/weigh sling while waiting to be weighed-in.
- * All 2017 Arizona Game and Fish Regulations apply.
- * 35 MPH speed limit on water between sunset and sunrise.
- * You may fish for bait any time before or during the event.
- * You may NOT fish for catfish on July 14th before 4pm and/or before officially registering in the tournament. If you are observed fishing for catfish before the tournament starts, you will be disqualified.
- * Only 1 fish per person can be weighed in for each day's weigh-in. (Unless participating in the \$20- 4/5th additional buy-in, then (2) catfish are permitted to be weighed-in daily.
- * All participants must acknowledge and sign registration form agreeing to all rules pertaining to this event in order to participate.
- * Arizona fishing licenses are the responsibility of the angler and will be checked upon registration, (10 years old and older as required per 2017 AZGFD regulations)
- * Any LEGAL commercial or natural bait may be used, (consult the AZGFD regulations with questions).
- * In the event of a tie, a coin flip conducted by the tournament director will determine the winner. ONE FLIP, FINAL!
- * Any protests must be made in writing and presented to the Tournament Director within the designated weigh-in period. A protest must state which rules have been broken.
- * In the event of any issue or discrepancy, the final decision shall be made by a predetermined panel of non-participating ACCA members. Their decision will be final.
- * There will be two weigh-ins: Saturday July 15th at 10am and ending at 11am, and a final weigh-in on Sunday July 16th at 9am and ending at 10am.- Late weigh-ins will result in disqualification. Exceptions will be made by a predetermined panel of non-participating ACCA members. THEIR DECISION ON ANY ISSUE WILL BE FINAL.
- * Cash will be awarded for 1st-3rd place heaviest weighing catfish of the main tournament event.
- * No fish will be weighed-in prior to scheduled weigh-in times.
- * Those participating in the \$20 Carp option- Both live and dead carp will be allowed to be weighed-in.
- * No anchoring within 50 yards of another boat unless permission is granted by 1st anchored boat.
- * Participants are responsible for their own insurance. The ACCA assumes no responsibility for losses or accidents sustained by participants or their guests.
- * The ACCA reserves the right to polygraph participants that place in the event at their discretion. Any participant who fails or refuses to take a polygraph test will be disqualified.
- * Unsportsmanlike conduct may be the grounds for disqualification, if circumstances require. Decision of the Tournament Director will be final. Please present yourself in such a way as we can all be proud- The better image we project to our sponsors and Arizona's youth, the more highlight the sport of catfishing will receive.

Release:

At the request of the Arizona Catfish Conservation Association, any randomly selected individual that qualifies for a prize must submit to and pass a POLYGRAPH TEST and/or any other test deemed necessary to determine compliance with tournament rules. If that individual fails the test, the individual will be disqualified. The decision of the test examiner will be final. Contestants agree to release the Arizona Catfish Conservation Association and its sponsors for these events from any liability arising from the administration of the test/or the decision of the test examiner. Contestants also agree that any mention of names or use of photographic likeness may be used by the Arizona Catfish Conservation Association and its sponsors for promotional purposes.

All decisions regarding compliance with these rules and the interpretation of these rules will be made by the tournament director and the governing board of the Arizona Catfish Conservation Association which reserves the right to make additional reasonable rules for the conduct of their tournaments if circumstances require. The Arizona Catfish Conservation Association does not discriminate for reasons of race, creed, color, or national origin and we abide by all rules set forth in the American Disabilities Act.

