Van Wert Parks & Recreation

Catfish Tournament

Date: July 27, 2019
Time: 6pm-11:30pm
Location: Van Wert Reservoir #2

Registration Form

Fee: $50 per Boat (15 Boat Max)

Fisherman #1
Name: ___________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________________
Emergency Contact: ________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________________

Fisherman #2
Name: ___________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________
Emergency Contact: ________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________________

- All Fisherman MUST have a signed waiver form completed
- Fisherman must possess an active fishing & boat must be registered
- Boats may ONLY use a trolling motor
- 15 max boats teams of two fisherman or Single fisherman
- All Fisherman must follow all ODNR rules & regulations

Your Form & Payment can be mailed to the:
Van Wert Parks & Recreation Department
515 E Main St
Van Wert, Ohio 45891
Van Wert Parks & Recreation Fishing Tournament

RELEASE / WAIVER

I, __________________________________, Of_______________________________________________,

(NAME) (ADDRESS)

The undersigned, hereby acknowledge my receipt of permission to participate in the 1st Annual Catfish Tournament sponsored by the Van Wert Parks & Recreation at the Van Wert Reservoir #2, on July 27, 2019, as a guest of The City of Van Wert.

In consideration of the permission and privilege allowed me hereunder, I do hereby specifically agree that I will indemnify, save and hold harmless the City of Van Wert, Van Wert Parks & Recreation, its agents and all persons whether participants or spectators of the tournament, from any and all losses, claims, actions, or proceeding of every kind and character which may be presented or initiated to recover money, property, or damages for any injuries to persons, or injurious results, or any damages to property suffered during the conduct of the above described event and arising directly or indirectly from any activity by me as a participant.

I freely assume all risks, hazards, and losses that may befall me in connection with my exercise of the permission and privilege allowed me hereunder.

__________________________________________
(PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE) (DATE)

If above is under the age of 18, signature required below:

__________________________________________
(PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE) (DATE)
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(PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)  (DATE)
Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. All state & federal fishing and boating laws and regulations will be enforced. Example: During night tournaments all boats must have their navigation lights on at all times.
2. All boats are **ONLY** permitted to use a trolling motor. Gas and Diesel motors may be attached to boat, but may **NOT** be used.
3. Absolutely **NO** alcohol or drugs is to be consumed during tournament hours or on City property.
4. Cheating will not be tolerated. Any fisherman or individual caught cheating will be disqualified with no refund of entry fee.
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. This type of conduct is grounds for being disqualified. No refund will be given if disqualification occurs.
6. The Van Wert Parks & Recreation reserves the right to cancel a tournament due to weather or reservoir like conditions. If a tournament is running for more than two hours it will be official and winners will be announced.
7. Swapping or trading fish before or during the weigh-in is **NOT PERMITTED**. This is grounds for immediate disqualification.
8. If a team (two) brings more than two 28” or larger to weigh-in that team will be disqualified. There is no exception to this rule as it is a **STATE LAW**. Single fisherman is permitted one 28” or larger fish to weigh-ins. If the fish is on the line of 28” it will be considered 28”.
9. All fish must be alive for weigh-in. If you have a questionable fish, that fish has 1 minute to gill before it can be weighed. If your fish does not gill in that minute a 5LBS penalty will be issued.
10. 1 Angler from each team must be present 15 minutes before tournament starts for a meeting.
11. Boats may only be in water 30 minutes prior to tournament. All boats must be within a reasonable distance from the loading dock. No boat will be permitted early access to any certain fishing “spot” or location. Before a boat enters the water and before the tournament starts, their fish well must be empty and checked.
12. A Horn will be used to sound the start of the tournament
13. Any live/dead bait may be used
14. No chumming or baiting holes
15. No communication between teams is permitted. That includes cell phones/texting, marine radios, pictures or any other means of communication.
16. A team consists of a max of two fisherman. A **MAX** of 4 rods per boat are permitted. A single fisherman is permitted a **MAX** of 2 rods.
17. All boats must keep distance of at least 75 feet apart from other boats. The first boat to a certain location gains possession of that spot.
18. 6 fish limits. All fish must be a minimum of 16” long, **ONLY** one 28” fish is to be weighed in per person on a team. If a single fisherman, you are only permitted **ONE** 28” fish.
19. Fish **MUST** be caught with only a rod and reel.
20. Stringers are permitted, but for the fish’s safety please put through bottom lip. Not the gills. Before weigh in. All fish must be off stringers.
21. In the event of a tie. The tie will be broken with the biggest fish’s total weight. In the event of a second tie. The winnings will be divided up equally between two winners.
22. Payouts **IF** all 15 boat slots are met would be: 1st $400, 2nd $150, 3rd $50, Big Fish $50. Proceeds will be used to pay for expenses used for Children’s Fishing Tournament in June.
23. Weigh-in will start exactly 30 minutes after the tournament ends. 12am
24. Penalties that can be assessed at weigh-in are as follows: Undersize fish brought to weigh in will not be weighed and a 5 LBS deduction will occur. If you bring more then two fish over 28” to weigh in your team will be disqualified. If a dead fish is brought to weigh-in a 5 LBS deduction will occur. Fish has 1 minute to gill once at scales.
25. Final rule belongs to Tournament Director or Van Wert Parks & Recreation Personnel.