

Catawba



Classic

Official Rules & Regulations

**Fishing Tournament
on the Catawba River**

September 27, 2014

Presented by the Catawba Indian Nation

- 1. Participation and Eligibility:** All ages welcome. Sign in at 8:00 AM at the Longhouse.
- 2. Dates:** Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 8:00am-1:00pm with official winnings by 2:00pm.
- 3. Fishing Location:** The Catawba River only! Check in, & awards ceremony will be held in "weigh in" area at Longhouse.
- 4. Rain Date and Restrictions:** TBA
- 5. Know & understand the rules**
- 6. Format and Scoring:** Based on weight of the fish & length. Length will be determined if there is a need for a tie breaker (based on biggest fish). Bring three (3) of your heaviest, biggest fish for a total weigh in. Out of those three fish chose one to submit for the biggest fish contest.
- 7. Prizes for winners:** Winners of the collective weight of three (3) fish will receive 1st- \$100 gift card, 2nd place \$50 gift card & 3rd place \$20 gift card.
- 8. Fishing Regulations:** Each participant must abide by the current fishing regulations and laws designated by the Department of Natural Resources and the State of South Carolina.



9. Permitted Fishing Methods: All fish must be caught via hook and line on a hand-held rod by bait or artificial lure. All fish must be caught via kayak, canoe, wadding or bank fishing is allowed. No gas motor boats allowed! You may use a small trolling motor. All fish must be caught by rod and reel in the Catawba River or its tributaries (creeks or streams).

10. Safety: Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each participant is required to follow South Carolina water regulations including possession of approved personal flotation devices (PFD). You are responsible for your own PFD.

11. Communications: The use of mobile communication is allowed. Please be respectful of other fishermen.

12. Sportsmanship: All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation. If you are caught cheating you will be disqualified (DQ'd). This rule extends throughout the event.

13. Fish at your own risk!

15. Rules Interpretation/changes: Rules interpretation and any possible changes will be left exclusively to the Catawba Catfish Classic representatives.

- The weight of the fish & the length – will determine the winner.
- All fish must be alive at weigh-in.
- Only catfish or the bullhead families are eligible.
- You do not have to be present to get your prize (if you win).
- Fish may not be caught using cast nets or *noodling*.
- Fishing must occur between 8:00am – 1:00pm on 9/27/2014 to be eligible. Weigh-ins will begin at 1:00 pm no earlier. Must sign-in by 8:00 am.
- No cheating or you will be DQ'd!

