



## **N.T.T.C Tournament Rules and Fees**

### **Membership (Optional)**

Membership is sold as a family membership to all persons living in the same household.

Membership cost will be \$30.00 annually.

All paid memberships include an N.T.T.C towel and the remaining money will be used 100% to the benefit of the chapter.

Membership is subject to approval by N.T.T.C President, Vice President and Directors.

Membership fees must accompany Membership Application.

Membership is purchased with the understanding that all Tournament Rules must be obeyed.

Members receive a reduced entry fee \$60

Special member's only tournaments in the off season with 90 % payout

Member only raffles

Any record (lake, state or world) caught and weighed in during an N.T.T.C tournament will receive a bonus. In the event that two anglers obtain a lake, state or world record in one tournament, the largest catch will receive payouts as indicated. \$100 and 1 year free membership for lake record\*. \$500 and 3 years free membership for state record. \$1,000 and a lifetime membership for world record. N.T.T.C reserves the right to request a polygraph prior to payout for any record catch.

\*Channel cats excluded

### **Entry Fees**

All entry fees to tournaments must be paid prior to the start of the tournament. Cash only will be accepted at the tournament site, no checks will be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with the President or Vice President. No team will be allowed to fish without first paying the entry fee, with the exception of the Tournament Directors.

Tournament Entry Fees:

Non-member teams: \$80.00

Member teams: \$60.00

The big fish jackpot payout will be \$100 at each tournament per 10 teams.

### **Payout**

80% payback on entry fees over the year plus prizes.

1 place will be paid for every 5 entries entered at the tournament. (15 teams/5 = 3 places) no more than 5 cash places per tournament. ALL cash winners MUST provide additional information to receive cash payouts.

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

No alcoholic beverages may be in the possession of any team during tournament hours or at the weigh-in line.

### **Protest**

All protest brought to the Tournament Director must be in writing with-in (5) minutes of the conclusion of the weigh-in. The Tournament Director's rulings will be final.

### **Guides**

A Guide is defined as a person who promotes him/herself for the purpose of monetary gain while taking clients fishing, whether from a vessel or from the shores of a lake, river or other body of water. A person who promotes him/herself as a "Catfish Guide"• is prohibited from fishing any N.T.T.C tournament on a body of water in which he/she has acted as a guide within the 5 days prior to a tournament on said body of water.

## **Weigh-In Procedures**

A member of each team must be in the weigh in line by the dead line, teams not in the line by that time will not be allowed to weigh their fish. The number of fish and species will be placed on the weigh-in form and they will continue to the scales where their fish will be weighed. The weight will placed on the form. No changes will be made after the form is signed. No alcoholic beverages may be in the possession of any team during tournament hours or at the weigh in. All shirts worn at the weigh-in must have sleeves and not contain any inappropriate logos.

## **Rules and Regulations**

N.T.T.C tournament Officials, Officers, or Board of Directors shall reserve the right to bar or refuse tournament entry or association membership to any person or team.

All State and Local Fishing laws and Boating Regulations for the state we are fishing in must be followed; you are responsible to know these rules prior to tournament.

NO TROT LINES, JUG LINES, LIMB LINES, YO-YO's or DROP LINES. All fish must be caught on a rod and reel. Anyone caught with the above will be DISQUALIFIED and any and all prizes will be forfeited. All lines will be attached to a reel in such a manner as to bring it completely to the boat without the aid of any device or by hand.

Only 10 (ten) rods per team allowed in the boat while fishing unless otherwise restricted by law. 4 (four) replacement reels are allowed.

Hook Limits; only 2 (two) hooks per line will be allowed. All hooks must be attached to the main line of the reel being used.

Any live bait, dead bait or artificial bait may be used.

Fishing from the bank will be allowed. If fishing with a partner he/she must be within 25' of each other during tournament hours.

All boats must have a current registration.

Once the tournament has STARTED it will end at the Scheduled time. If inclement weather occurs before the Start of the tournament, a vote will be taken by the members present as to fish or not. Safety is a MUST and will come first. No tournament will be canceled without a vote of the members.

Each team must decide a captain for the team and mark the team captain's name on the registration form at the first tournament fished. A substitute may be used for either partner at a tournament if a member is unable to attend. If the team decides to split up, the points will go with the captain.

A team consists of no more than two persons. Members of a team must fish together from the same boat.

Only 5 (five) fish per team will be weighed- in. 3 (three) pound penalty will be deducted from total weight on dead fish weighed in.

No fish will be allowed to be brought to the weigh-in on a stringer of any kind or dragged to the weigh-in. All fish must be brought to the weigh in line with a container. N.T.T.C will have some available for use but suggest you have your own to allow yourself to weigh-in with plenty of time. N.T.T.C is a catch and release tournament and the stress level of the fish must be a minimum. There will be a 10 (ten) pound penalty for violation.

Only Blue, Channel and Flathead Catfish will be weighed-in. No fish may be tied off to a tree or any other object and left. Once a team places a fish either on a string or in a live well it must remain in their immediate procession unless it is being released. In the event of a tie, the team with the biggest fish will win. If a tie still exists the team with the most fish will be declared the winner.

Chumming is allowed on the day of the tournament only.

Pre-Fishing: All pre fishing must be done by sunset the day prior to the tournament.

All tournaments are catch and release. To preserve our resources, all fish brought the scales will become the property of N.T.T.C and will be released back into the body of water from which they came.

North Texas Trophy Cats and its tournament officials and sponsors are not responsible for any accidents, injuries or lost equipment.

By signing the entry form all contestants give North Texas Trophy Cats and all sponsors permission to take and use any and all photographs, still and motion. All pictures, negatives and filming done by N.T.T.C or any sponsors are the sole property of them and contestants have no claims written or oral to them.

By signing the entry form you understand that North Texas Trophy Cats and its tournament officials and sponsors are not responsible for any accidents, injuries or lost equipment.

A team may be joined by another person only if that person is LEGALLY handicapped or under the age of 12. All other rules must be followed and a third person may not help catch or land a fish if the other 2 members of the team are already in the process of catching or landing a fish.

Rules are subject to change without notice.

### **Tournament Hours**

The start time will be given prior to the tournament. No fishing will be allowed after 2:00pm the day of the tournament. You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:00pm, at which time the scales will then open. Registration will begin no later than one hour before the scheduled start time. You must have a boat inspection before the tournament begins by an N.T.T.C. representative, you will receive a marker from an N.T.T.C. representative as proof of inspection. You must present the marker at the time of weigh-in. Those unable to present a marker will not be permitted to participate in the weigh-in.

### **Polygraph Test**

Polygraph tests may be performed at random. Any team failing a Polygraph Test will be disqualified