



CITY PARK 64TH BIG BASS RODEO & FISHTIVAL

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Registration: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. **Fishtival:** 9:00 a.m.-noon (free)

Fishing: Begins at 6:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Entry fee: \$10 (13 and older) \$5 (12 and under)



5 Fishing Categories

Each individual may ONLY register in ONE of the following five categories

- BASS**-by Spinning, Spincast or Bait Casting Reels. Any age.
- BASS**-Fly rod and reel only. Any age.
- TEAM EVENT-RIO GRANDE ROUNDUP** (Cichlids). Team may have 1-10 members. Any age.
- JUNIOR ANGLERS**-12 years and younger only-catching the heaviest bream or cichlid
- CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE**-Event is only for past winners of the BASS fishing categories (bait casting, spinning or fly). Any age. Year won: _____

You must provide your own bait!

Please read Rules & Regulations for details on bait type permitted, bringing fish to weighmaster, and restrictions.



BONUS

CATFISH KIDS: Anyone 16 years or under may also bring in one live catfish. Awards given to the three youths who bring in the three single heaviest catfish. Must be registered in rodeo to qualify for bonus.

BASS, Champions Challenge or Junior Angler Registration:

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Rio Grande Roundup Team Registration:

Team Name: _____

1. _____ Age _____

6. _____ Age _____

2. _____ Age _____

7. _____ Age _____

3. _____ Age _____

8. _____ Age _____

4. _____ Age _____

9. _____ Age _____

5. _____ Age _____

10. _____ Age _____



Visit the Big Bass Rodeo website at:
www.neworleanscitypark.com/bigbass
 after March 1st for details, download registration forms, rules/regulations and a fishing map.
 Watch for information on FACEBOOK: Big Bass Rodeo



Rules and Regulations

General RULES:

1. By submitting a registration form, a registrant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations listed and will accept the decision of the Weigh Master as final. Everyone between the ages of 16 and 70 should have a valid state fishing license. Before fishing, every angler must register and pay at the designated registration table (or other designated site). A registrant can fish in only one category, and must indicate the category on the registration form. Anglers are expected to exercise courtesy at all times toward fellow anglers. Evidence of poor sportsmanship will be cause for disqualification. All minors must be under the supervision of an adult.

2. All fish entered must be caught in the park on rodeo day and within the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Those starting before 6:30 a.m. will automatically be disqualified. All fish entered in the rodeo must be brought to the Weigh Master's station no later than 11:00 a.m. No fish will be accepted after this time. Only LIVE fish will be weighed except category Team Rio Grande where fish do not have to be alive. Time will go by the OFFICIAL CLOCK at the Weigh Master station. This is a catch-and-release event (except for cichlids). All fish must be left with the Weigh Master. Please bring your own container to transport your live fish to the Weigh Master station. Judging will be on the basis of weight. Ties will be decided by "first fish to be weighed in". There are no limitations on rod weight or strength of line in any category.

3. Only one award per angler or team in a category except the Paul Kalman award given to the angler age 12 or under catching the heaviest bass (BASS category) or the Joe Courcelle award given to the angler age 13 or above catching the heaviest bass (BASS category).. Catfish Kids is a bonus and not a category thus an angler age 16 or under may win in his/her registered category and also win the Catfish Kids bonus. Only one award per angler for Catfish Kids (angler cannot win two awards in Catfish Kids even if they bring in the two heaviest catfish). Anglers must be registered in one of the five categories to qualify for Catfish Kids bonus.

CATEGORIES:

BASS:

There are two separate bass divisions based on type of equipment used:

By Baitcasting/Spinning/Spincast reels-angler must use a level wind casting reel, conventional spinning or spin-casting reel. Only artificial bait allowed, no live bait in BASS divisions.

By Fly Casting-angler must use a conventional fly-fishing rod & reel and fly-fishing line.

- a. Only artificial bait allowed in BASS divisions. Natural bait (live bait such as worms, crickets, etc.) is not permitted
- b. Once you win 1st place in a specific category, you may not qualify to win an award in that bass category again but you may fish in Champion's Challenge. You may fish Champion's Challenge each year even if you are a winner.
- c. Adults are allowed to bring in one bass for the category in which registered; those 12 and under not limited to the number of bass they may enter for the category but only the heaviest one will be considered for winning purposes.
- d. Open to all age groups.

Team Event-Rio Grande Roundup:

The three teams who bring in the heaviest stringers (cumulative weight) of Rio Grande cichlids will be given an award. Team may consist of 1-10 members. Each member of the team must enter and pay a registration fee. No bream or crappie—cichlids only. Any type or rod/reel, cane pole, crappie pole is allowed. Either live bait or artificial is allowed. Open to all age groups.

Junior Anglers:

This event is just for those 12 years and under. Awards given to the three youths who bring in the single heaviest bream or cichlid (i.e., one youth may bring in either a cichlid or bream but that individual may only win one award). Any type of rod/reel, cane pole, crappie pole is allowed. Either live bait or artificial is allowed.

Champions Challenge:

This event is only for past winners in a BASS category (baitcasting, spinning or fly). No live bait permitted; may use fly, baitcasting, spincast or spinning tackle. One award will be given for heaviest bass. Open to all age groups.

BONUS: (MUST BE REGISTERED IN RODEO TO QUALIFY FOR BONUS)

Anyone 16 years or under may also bring in one (live) catfish. Awards given to the three youths who bring in the three single heaviest catfish. Any type of rod/reel, cane pole, crappie pole is allowed. Either live bait or artificial is allowed.