

## MONTANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION

The Montana Catfish Association was established in the spring of 2006. Our main objective is to promote the sport of catfishing and specifically catfish in the great state of Montana and the region.

Our mission is to: increase communication among catfish anglers, educate, improve and increase public access for all warm water fish. We will continue to work closely with Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks to further expand and maintain catfish ecosystems and habitat. Montana Cats fully promotes and encourages selective harvest and Catch Photograph Release on all big catfish.

Catfishing is a rapidly growing sport. Tackle, rod, reel and boat manufacturers can no longer ignore the Catfish angler. There are numerous professional/amateur Catfish tournaments held across the country. Montana Cats encourages everyone interested to compete in these tournaments. Catfish tournaments have added legitimacy to our sport as well as an increased knowledge of Catfish behavior and tendencies. We currently offer a four tournament Montana Cats Championship circuit.

These tournaments and others around the state help us meet those objectives through increasing angler awareness and exposing people throughout the state, region and host communities on pertinent issues facing the Channel Catfish. All of our tournaments are OVER 100% payback. That means 100% CASH payback from entries and thousands of dollars in additional prizes. We're in it for the fishermen, communities and Channel Catfish. Welcome to the group!

### STAY CONNECTED

Do you want to stay connected with current events and announcements of the Montana Catfish Association? Join our catfish discussion on our message board at [www.montanacats.yuku.com](http://www.montanacats.yuku.com) or [www.montanacats.com](http://www.montanacats.com)

Join our facebook group page **MONTANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION** and our four facebook tournament pages Yellowstone Challenge, Milk River Catfish Classic, NE Montana Monster Cat Roundup and the Missouri River Catfish Clash.

**Also don't forget to fill in your email on the registration form for instant updates!**

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## 13th Annual Missouri River Catfish Clash Catfish Tournament



Missouri River / Williston, ND  
**AUGUST 19th, 2023**

### BOAT ANGLERS ONLY

**\$100 Per Two Person Team**  
**\$100 Optional Side Pot ENTRY**  
**100% CASH PAYBACK**

(Figures based on 60 team field)

1st PLACE- \$1300	6th PLACE- \$500
2nd PLACE- \$950	7th PLACE- \$400
3rd PLACE- \$750	8th PLACE- \$300
4th PLACE- \$650	9th PLACE- \$250
5th PLACE- \$600	10th PLACE- \$200

**PLACES 11-15- PRIZES**

**BIG FISH AWARD- \$100 & B'n'M ROD**

Any questions or for more information contact:

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Or visit us online at  
[www.montanacats.com](http://www.montanacats.com)

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY: 8-18-23

CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION...6:00-7:00 P.M.

Midway Junction Bar: Williston, ND. Come enjoy some conversation and fish stories with your fellow competitors.

RULES MEETING.....7:00 P.M.

Midway Junction Bar: Williston, ND

SOCIAL.....7:00-10:00– P.M.

Midway Junction Bar, Williston, ND.

### SATURDAY: 8-19-23

CHECK-IN.....8:00-9:00 A.M.

All teams must check in at Lewis and Clark Bridge. Ramp/tournament headquarters.

RELEASE.....9:00 A.M.

Teams will be released in flights to ensure safe release.

WEIGH-IN.....5:00 P.M. All teams MUST CHECK IN by this time or be disqualified. Regardless if you have fish to weigh, check in is mandatory for all teams.

AWARDS CEREMONY.....Following LIVE-weigh-ins, cash, prizes, trophies, door prizes, pictures. Invite your friends and family to come enjoy the festivities.

## MONTANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION 2023 TOUR SCHEDULE

May 13th: Yellowstone Challenge (Huntley, MT)

June 3rd: Milk River Catfish Classic (Glasgow, MT)

July 15th: Monster Cat Roundup (Sidney, MT)

August 19th: Missouri River Catfish Clash

(Williston, ND)

## Missouri River Catfish Clash RULES

**Entry Fees and Deadlines:** Entry fee is \$100.00 a team; this will automatically enter your team into both the tournament and the big fish contests. Entries are non-refundable and may not be resold. Mail-in entries must be received by Wednesday, August 16th, 2023. No entries will be accepted after the social begins. **Pre-fishing cutoff 6:00 P.M., Friday 8/18.**

**Eligibility:** Tournament is limited to 60 teams on a first come first serve basis. Contestants must enter as a two-person team. No Changes to teams may be made after the Calcutta begins. Any person 14 or younger must be teamed with someone at least 18 years of age. Each team member must sign this form. Each team member must have a current North Dakota fishing license.

**Boundaries:** The boundaries stretch from the Legion Park fishing access for the East boundary to the "Confluence" of the Missouri / Yellowstone Rivers for the west boundary. All fishing accesses in between are legal to fish, including tributaries. If fishing on private property you must get permission from landowner before fishing. Trenton Lake is outside of the boundaries.

**Limits:** Limits: The limit is five catfish per team. The total weight of all your catfish will determine who wins the tournament. (For example: Team #1 catches two catfish weighing a total of 8 lbs. And Team #2 catches their limit of five cats weighing 7 lbs. Team #1 has more weight even though they failed to catch their limit.) If a team is in possession of more than five catfish during the tournament or at the weigh in station they will be disqualified.

**Catch and Release:** All of the catfish caught during the tournament hours will be released back into the Missouri River. The Release of all fish must be done by tournament officials ONLY!

**State and Local Ordinances:** ND Game and Fish rules and regulations must be abided by & violations will result in disqualification.

**Weigh-In:** Will begin at the weigh in station at exactly 5:00. If you have not arrived, you will be disqualified. Fish MUST be alive! All dead fish will be discarded and not weighed. The Six-person tournament committee will determine whether a fish has been tampered with, altered in anyway, or caught on a setline and will disqualify them if needed. NO STRINGERS will be allowed at the weigh in station, you must have the fish removed from stringers and in proper storage container before arrival. Fish on stringers will not be weighed.

**Bait:** Any legal bait is allowed during tournament hours.

**Rods:** Two rods per person (in water) and two hooks per line MAX.

**Ties:** The following will be used to break ties. Regular tournament will be awarded to the team that caught their limit of five catfish, if both teams caught their limit, it will then be awarded to the team with the heaviest catfish. Big fish contest will be split between the two winners if the weight of the catfish is the same.

Identification: Team ID must be worn and visible at all times.

**BOAT ONLY-** Every team must have their vessel at the bridge before 9:00 a.m. for check-in. Boats must remain on the river until their fish are weighed. NO transfer of live fish off of the Missouri River, only to the designated weigh station. All teams must fish from gas powered vessel.

**Identification:** Team ID must be visible at all times. Teams are required to place team number stickers on boats in a visible location as to be easily identified by security boats. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in disqualification.

**Patrols and Officials:** These individuals will have the right to check your catch amount and approximate weight. They may also count rods and check for any illegal fishing tactics.

**More Rules** \* Team members must stay together. (No splitting up at any time.)

\* Asking Catfish Security about other team's weights is prohibited. \* No other people, but the two fishermen on the team, are allowed at the fishing site at all times. \* No fishing within 100 yards of another team during tournament hours.

## 2023 Missouri River Catfish Clash Tournament Entry

(Please print all information below to ensure entry)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, I agree to the rules and regulations set forth by the Montana Catfish Association and Missouri River Catfish Clash tournament committee. I release with my signature all sponsors, officials, volunteers and the Montana Catfish Association from any and all responsibility and liability.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of Boat \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Entry: \$100

Optional Side Pot Entry \$100

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Montana Catfish Association** & mail to:

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