

Satilla Riverkeeper presents
The A.J. Strickland “King of the River”
Satilla River Fishing Tournament
Saturday, May 4, 2019

2019 Rules, Regulations, and Requirements

Entry fee is \$25 per fisherman for anyone age 16 and over. Youth under 16 years of age can fish for free when accompanied by an adult over 18 years old on the same team. Entry fee includes a one-year membership with the Satilla Riverkeeper, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect, restore, and educate about the Satilla River.

Cash prizes of more than \$1,000 will be awarded to team winners in each category. Each youth participant will receive a special take home gift AND will be entered into a raffle drawing for door prizes provided. All anglers (adult and youth) are eligible to enter cash prize categories.

All entry fees and registration forms sent by US Mail must be postmarked on Monday, April 29, 2019. Online registration will close at 5PM on May 3rd, 2019.

Each team must consist of a minimum of two fishermen, no one is to fish as an individual. The maximum number of participants per team fishing from a motorized boat is the U.S. Coast Guard maximum persons capacity for the vessel. Single kayaks must fish in pairs (buddy system) with a minimum of two kayaks. Each canoe must carry a minimum of two team members. Your team is also allowed to fish from the bank. A team may weigh in any fish caught by any member of the team. Only one fish per team will be weighed for each category. No additional team members can be added to the team after registration closes.

Fishing will begin at 6:30AM on May 4th, 2019 anywhere on public waters of the Satilla River or its tributaries. Scales will open at 12PM at the Blackshear City Park (200 SW Central Ave, Blackshear, GA, 31516). **All anglers must be in weigh-in line by 4:00PM to be eligible for prizes.**

The tournament will be held rain or shine. In the event of threatening weather, contestants are reminded to observe safety first and are responsible to determine the extent of their participation.

RULES:

All state and federal laws and regulations will be observed. Any infraction of these laws and regulations may result in disqualification. It is the responsibility of the entrant to be familiar with these laws and regulations.

All anglers 16 and over are required to have a current fishing license in their possession while fishing.

Trotlines, jugs, and bush hooks are NOT allowed during the tournament. Fishing poles are the only gear allowed during the tournament.

Weigh-in opens at 12PM on May 4th, 2019. In order to be eligible for prizes an entrant must be in the weigh-in line by 4PM May 4th, 2019. If you are not in the weigh-in line, at 4PM your team and any fish caught by your team will not be eligible for prizes.

Catch and release is encouraged by the Satilla Riverkeeper. A live fish tank will be provided at weigh-in for live catches to be returned to the river.

Fish with discolored eyes and/or discolored gills may be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee determines all disqualifications or disputes, and the decision of the committee is final. Winners will be determined, and prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament. Any protest must be in writing and must be submitted to the Tournament Committee within 30 minutes of weigh-in.

This is a family event. Any contestant suspected of consuming alcohol during the fishing event and during weigh-in may be disqualified.

Prizes

Cash prizes for teams will be awarded in the following categories:

- **'Red Myers' Largest Redbreast** *sponsored by John S. Meyers. P.C., Attorney at Law* pays \$125.
- **Largest Native Catfish** *sponsored by PrimeSouth Bank* pays \$100. (Flathead catfish are not eligible.)
- **Largest Panfish** (other than Redbreast) *sponsored by Tindall Enterprises, Blackshear* pays \$100.
- **Largest Largemouth Bass** *sponsored by Douglas Rotary Club* pays \$100.
- **Largest Bowfin (mudfish)** *sponsored by Capt. Bert's Quality Lures* pays \$100.

'Junior Strickland' Grand Slam Prize *sponsored by AJ Strickland's Family* pays \$300. Prize will be awarded to the team with the largest fish in three of the five categories listed. Fish from all five categories will be considered but only the largest in any three can be entered in this category.

Largest Redbreast Stringer Prize *sponsored by Brantley Telephone Company* pays \$300. Prize and bragging rights will be awarded to the team with the three largest redbreast total weight.

*Largest fish is defined as the heaviest fish by weight. Only one fish per team will be weighed for each category except the Grand Slam and Largest Redbreast Stringer in which three total fish will be weighed.

In the event of a tie, the cash prize will be split evenly among those holding the tie.

The Satilla Riverkeeper is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible. Sponsorships are available.

More information is available at www.satillariverkeeper.org