

EOR Catfish Extravaganza Rules & Regulations

1. All state and federal fishing & boating laws/regulations must be followed! Note, **you will need to present a valid copy of your 2026 fishing license at time of weigh-in** in order to qualify your fish. This event is open to both Ohio and West Virginia licensed anglers. Event will be held on the Ohio River proper. **Any angler** fishing from the banks of Ohio River on Ohio side will be subject to Ohio fishing regulations. **Any angler** fishing from a boat, or banks of Ohio River on West Virginia side are subject to WV fishing regulations in pursuant to WV & OH Reciprocal Agreement Publication 404. Please review both booklets offered for free by both WV and OH Division of Wildlife on fishing the OH River. We will offer these booklets for free while our supplies last.
2. This is a “catch and release” event. **It must be visibly alive or it won't be weighed.** Do NOT use Stringer through the gills.
3. There will be a **(2)** fish limit of any assorted approved species of catfish. Only 1 fish 35” or greater.
4. Winners will be determined by their overall weight of their catch. **Fish must be at least 1 pound or greater to qualify to be weighed in.** Our scales have final say! In case of a tie overall length will be next determining factor.
5. Species of catfish include: Bullhead, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Blue Catfish. ”
Please refer to 2026 Oh/WV Fishing Regulations for daily size and possession limits.
6. This is a rod and reel event. No jug lines, trout lines, and Hawg Poles / Diddy Bank Poles permitted. Only up to three poles per person to be used regardless if fishing from boat or shore. Registration begins at 3pm Saturday June 13th at Bellaire Football Field until 8pm. Anyone who has not turned in both payment and a signed and dated registration form will not be qualified to participate in the winnings. Payout totals will be updated and posted by 9pm Saturday June 13th. There will be cash payouts for 1st, (guaranteed \$500) 2nd Place winners, and assorted gift basket for 3rd place. Door Prize(s), **BONUS Payout \$150:** top shore fish weighed in if you do not place first or second. 50/50 drawing & raffles, will be announced and handed out at the end of the tournament. If any winners are not present they will be contacted, and will need to make arrangements for a pick up.

7. Absolutely no drugs or alcoholic beverages permitted, or acceptable during event. Anyone clearly impaired will be disqualified from the event.
8. Cheating will not be permitted! We ask all participants not to fish before 7pm the day of the event. At this time it is by honor system. We reserve the right to call for a mandatory meeting prior to the event if needed. Also as tempting as it might be; no chumming or baiting of potential fishing spots.
9. Weigh-ins will begin at Bellaire, OH boat launch upper parking lot at 12am. Remember the person who caught the fish must be the person bringing in the fish to be weighed with your valid fishing license and a signed turned in tournament card with total number of fish and signed by said person. No exceptions. Also once weighed in you are done! Whether you weighed in 1 or 2 fish you may not return later and bring any more fish to the weigh-in and be added to your total. Nor trade out for a larger fish. Weigh-ins will end promptly at 6am. You must be pulling up to boat dock at this time, or pulling onto parking in order to have your catch qualify to be weighed at 6:00 am.
10. 1st Place will receive 60% of entrance fee donations. 2nd Place will receive 40% of registration fee and for 3rd Place a gift basket assortment put together from donations of our sponsors. Biggest fish will be 100% payout of total amount received for this category.
11. Boaters, you will only be able to launch from Bellaire boat launch. ALL boats must be available for inspection of live-wells, and total number of poles per person to be used.
12. All fees are considered a charitable donation to Relevant Worship Center and are **nonrefundable**. The proceeds from this event will help offset costs for future events for the youth of RWC and outreach programs for youth in Ohio Valley; if deemed necessary to postpone event due to bad weather or river level ridiculously high. The event will be rescheduled for the following weekend.
13. While fishing in event both live, and dead bait are perfectly acceptable. If you choose to use these baits (bluegill, carp, sucker, etc....) please check state and federal laws regarding the use and obtaining said bait.
14. **Each individual participating in this event does so at their own risk. Everyone is responsible for his or her own safety, and being knowledgeable of any laws governing fishing the Ohio River. We the volunteers, any of the sponsors, and RWC cannot assume nor accept any risk, or be held liable for injury, or accountable for negligence of any of**

the participants engaged in this event. If any questions about the law in regarding the fishing of the river; please contact your local Wildlife Officer for further clarification, or go online and use references provided by each state. Thank you

15. We encourage good sportsmanship as well as having a good time. If someone is already at a potential spot you wish to fish; get permission first before encroaching your way onto the spot. Be respectful of others and your fellow competitors. Always get permission to access and fish from private property. As for boaters, please do not drop anchor and set up right in front of a shore/bank angler. Also be mindful not to wake anyone fishing from shore if at all possible. Boaters, be aware of barges moving up and down river at all hours of the night.

16. Finally this is our sixth time offering this charitable event. If anyone has any suggestions or comments for future events we would be glad to hear from you. We hope that you are saved and plugged into a local God filled church. If not, we would be honored to have you come visit us, or check us out at our website RWCOV.org or Facebook. Anyone wishing to be prayed for, or have prayer request, you may feel free to ask one of our volunteers, and we will gladly go aside and honor your request.

2026
OHIO CATFISH EXTRAVAGANZA TOURNAMENT
ENTRY & WAIVER FORM

Name of Participant: _____ Under 18 Y or N
(Please Print)

Good Contact Phone #:_()_____

Registration fee of: \$25.00 per participant plus \$10.00 gift to event **TOTAL \$35.00**

OPTIONAL: \$5.00 Enter Biggest Catfish: Y or N

Total Paid: _____

Boat & 50/50 Raffle are a separate cost to be entered

Please note, by signing this form you agree you have read the rules and regulations of this event and agree to abide by them. You understand this is a charitable event, and your donation/ gifts(s) to participate is/are nonrefundable. You will follow all state and federal laws governing fishing as well as boating on the Ohio River if applicable. At time of weigh-in you will be turning in fish that only you have caught, and will be able to present a valid 2026 fishing license. **You also agree to accept full responsibility of yourself, and anyone in your party if applicable, to take the necessary precautions for your own safety and theirs on land as well as on the water.** We the volunteers, Relevant Worship Center & T.R.A.C. of the Ohio Valley, and our sponsors are not responsible, nor assume liability, or held accountable for any actions of wrong doing, negligence, or vandalism on behalf of any of the participants. Any such behavior during the event is prohibited! Anyone participating under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No exceptions. **You also agree to a photo release to allow us take and post photos of you participating in the event with or without fish, or our events page and any press release following event.** Local media will be contacted.

Signature of participant:

_____ Date: _____