

2nd Annual Trinity Outdoors Frogging Rules and Regulations

Saturday June 3, 2017

1. Participants and Eligibility:

The tournament is open to all persons (male and female). A TEAM CONSIST OF 2 People or 1 Person. If a person chooses to fish from a boat the person operating the combustion engine is 18 years of age or older. Anyone under the age of 17 and younger will be considered a minor. Both members must hold a valid Louisiana fishing license. An adult choosing a minor as a partner will take full responsibility for that minor. Tournament Weigh Officials will be TRINITY OUTDOORS TRAINED OFFICIALS.

2. Registration:

Early Registration is necessary. Teams wanting to register can also come to Hurricane Off Road on Friday June 2nd, 2017. Each team must fill out and sign (1) registration form. For a second entry the team must fill out a separate registration form. Fees can be received by cash or check (**no service fee**) OR online registration (**\$10.00 Service Fee**). A late fee of **\$25.00** will be charged to any team registering after 8:00pm on Friday June 2nd, 2017. There will be no applications accepted after 10:00pm on tournament day.

it is the responsibility and mandatory of each team to have a team member at the registration rules meeting on Friday June 2nd, 2017. This is to ensure all tournament rules and regulations are followed and questions are followed correctly and will also be open to the public.

3. Sportsmanship:

All competitors are expected to show common courtesy to other competitors and non-competitors alike. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS will be allowed in any tournament boat or vehicle during the tournament hours. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or violates the fish and game laws of the State of Louisiana will be disqualified. Any competitor(s) who are caught cheating will be disqualified for life.

4. Safety:

All safety precautions and safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Unsafe operation of a tournament boat will result in team disqualification. Team members must wear USCG approved life vests while the main combustion engine is in gear. In an emergency, or when safety dictates, one or both team members may take their catch and get in another team's boat to return to their launch site. The affected team member(s) may not fish from the rescue boat.

5. Boat Equipment:

Safety equipment adequate to pass Coast Guard regulation must be in boat at all times. All boats must be equipped with a combustible **kill switch, functional running lights, and live well. No combustible engine that exceeds the BIA horsepower rating for said boat will be allowed.** Carelessness or unsafe operation of any boat and motor shall not be tolerated and is grounds for disqualification. Each boat should have a functional bilge pump and attempts must be made to keep the fish alive. IF you are not using a boat all other safety requirements apply to the ATV or UTV you are using.

6. Pre-tournament practice:

Anglers are not permitted to catch FROGS at any time prior to the tournament and transport them to be released in another part of the tournament waters to establish a population of frogs in a selected area. **A POLYGRAPH will be issued at the tournament.**

7. Permitted fishing water:

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All creeks & canals, ponds or lakes shall be permitted fishing waters. No fishing permitted within fifty (50) yards of another competitor's boat or land location which was first anchored or secured in a fixed position. CB radio, walkie-talkie, fixed or portable phones cannot be used between competitor's during tournament hours to locate or acquire fish. No competitors shall have a non-competitor scout out a hole or hold a hole for him during tournament hours to obtain fish. Waters that are posted (off limits, no fishing, no trespassing and private property) by the State or Local authorities or any posted water where the public is not allowed and is off limits to all competitors.

8. Check-in:

FROGS will be checked in beginning at 9:00 am on the morning of the tournament (6-3-17) at **Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles**. After being checked, FROGS will be thoroughly inspected for cheating. ***We are asking that the teams think about donating their catch to TRINITY OUTDOORS DISABLED ADVENTURES, LLC for blessing more families but it isn't mandatory.***

9. Fishing Hours:

No competitor may begin fishing before 8:00 pm (Friday, June 2nd, 2017). All teams must be checked in by 9:00am on tournament day (Saturday, June 3rd, 2017) or you will be disqualified. **Check in site is located at the Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles and all teams must be there by 9:00 am for staging and weigh in will begin at 10:00 am on tournament day or that team will be disqualified. No exceptions.** ALL frog creel will be inspected with a metal detector for added weights and ANY team caught trying to cheat will be disqualified and their entire creel will be confiscated for inspection purposes. Your team and names will then be released to other tournament directors statewide so that you and your team are not permitted to fish in any and all tournaments.

10. RULES & Penalties:

*Length requirements (measured from the tip of the muzzle to the posterior end of the body between the hind legs.

* Bullfrogs harvested MUST be 5 inches or larger.

*Teams who have not reported in at the **Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles** in Lake Charles by 9:00am on tournament day will be disqualified. Minimum length of frog is 5 inches measured on a gold rule type straight/flat board. Any team weighing in Frogs shorter than 5 inches will have **WILL HAVE THAT FROG REMOVED** from their creel and not weighed in. Limit is 20 Frogs per entry paid. **ONLY 2 ENTRIES PER TEAM** Any team with more than 20 frogs in their creel in the weigh-in area or attempting to weigh more than 20 fish will be disqualified. There will be a 16 oz. (1 pound) reduction per each dead frog that is weighed in. To understand this: You may weigh in a dead frog, but you will be deducted 1 pound from your total weight All state and federal laws will be adhered to during tournament hours.

11. Ties:

The largest FROG of the creel of tied teams will decide the tie, then the second largest FROG. In case of a tie in the big FROG award, the award will be split accordingly.

12. Prizes/Payback:

Any person(s) receiving prizes or prize money are responsible for paying all applicable local and federal taxes. A 1099 IRS form will be given to the winners at the conclusion of the tournament. There will be first and second place awards in the Big FROG entry with 70% payback. **A TEAM guaranteed first place payout will be \$500.00 TOTAL Weight BASED UPON 30 ENTRY TEAMS. \$500.00 Guaranty 1st Place Payout, 2nd Place \$200.00, 3rd Place \$100.00, 4th Place \$50.00 IF there are not 30 entries then there will be a total 70% payback of all tournament entry fees distributed in prize money awards.** Therefore there will be a 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Place payout. If 50 teams register will pay out 6 places (different pay scale.)

Any 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place Team will RECEIVE a FULL FLEDGE POLYGRAPH in order to receive their prize money.

13. Launch Fees:

Any and all launch fees are the responsibility of the tournament teams.

14. Protests:

Protest or complaints must be submitted in writing to the tournament director before the scales are closed and will be given 15 minutes after the scales are closed to complete any objections. The tournament director must be informed of any infractions in private prior to or during weigh-in and it will be discussed amongst the board.

15. Damage:

Damage of any nature to a contestant's boat, equipment, or fishing tackle is the responsibility of the contestant

16. Rule Changes:

Tournament rules are subject to change, if it pertains to safety or cheating with any participant. The tournament director may require assistance from the tournament committee which will consist of the Executive Branch Board. The tournament director has the right to refuse any FROG presented to the weigh-in. The decision of the tournament committee is final in all matters.

Tournament Notes:

1. 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th teams will receive a polygraph test for tournament purposes only. Failure to agree to take the polygraph test will result in disqualification. A polygraph professional will be located on the premises to administer the tests.

2. TRINITY OUTDOORS FISHING Tournament Series will be officially weighing and Randall Murphy will be releasing all live frogs the day of the event.

CREDIT CARD REGISTRATION PAYMENT (\$10.00 Processing Fee)

Scan or Email Registration Forms to

jason.bland@trinitydisabledadventures.com

Credit Card/Debit Card Auto Pay

Visa AmerEx Master Card Discover

Card Number (16 Digits)

Card Expiration Date (MM/YYYY) ____/____

CVV American Express _____ Front of Card

CVV Number any Other Card _____ Any Other Card

AMOUNT INCLUDED: _____

I authorize Trinity Outdoors to automatically charge my credit card for my entry fee. BY signing the space below you are giving TODA permission to proceed with the payment process.

X

I am signing this release to not hold Trinity Outdoors Disabled Adventures, sponsors, or affiliates responsible for personal negligence. I am also signing this release form stating that I have read all the tournament rules and will abide by them.

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Saturday June 3, 2017, Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, LA
\$500.00 Guaranteed First Place Team (with 20 Entries)
Friday June 2, 2017 Registration @ Hurricane Off Road

TEAM # _____ (assigned at registration)
Name1: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Email: _____

Name2: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Email: _____

T.O.D.A. Official Entry Form & Fee:
_____ \$50.00 per 20 Frogs (2 PERSONS TEAM)
_____ \$20.00 per BIG FROG ENTRY (50% Payback)
_____ \$25.00 LATE FEE... Any submissions after 8 pm 6-2-17
_____ \$5.00 for Kids and Adults participating in the frog jumping competitions. Each division is a separate charge.
_____ \$10.00 credit card processing fee
_____ TOTAL

Make Checks Payable to Trinity Outdoors Disabled Adventures
Print and Return

Trinity Outdoors Disabled Adventures
3045 Third Street
Lake Arthur, LA 70592

Scan or Email Registration Forms

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For more details or rules, please call one of the numbers above or go to www.trinitydisabledadventures.com to print out registration forms

Trinity Outdoors Disabled Adventures, LLC (501c3 Non-Profit) has been formed as an outreach ministry. The vision of our group is to provide enough community involvement to see more people with disabilities "STEP OUT" away from the usual way of life, and "STEP INTO" a new way that can build confidence, provide spiritual uplifting, and can surround themselves with others who are experiencing the same challenges in life. Activities such as tennis, golfing, hunting, fishing, and canoeing, kayaking, camping, hiking, and summer camps has been organized to help bring our members together for memorable spiritual experiences of a lifetime. We have volunteers from many parts of our State of Louisiana and are currently spreading into other states. Most of these individuals has a child, a relative, a friend, or is disabled themselves. When people ask what ages, we cater too; I always answer, "There is no age limit. We can cater from 2 years old to 102 years old." OUR mission is to give back, share, encourage, and uplift ANYONE who may be dealing with or have dealt with disabilities. OUR TEAM is made up of GOD loving & sincere individuals who have a passion to uplift the principles our TEAM stands for. **OUR TRACK RECORD CONTINUES TO PROVE ITSELF TRUE as a LOCAL AND STATEWIDE GIVING CHARITY.**

Past trips included deer, predator and hog hunting in Texas, Mississippi, Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama & Louisiana, and along with multiple freshwater and saltwater fishing trips in and around Southern Louisiana including our yearly Friends Fellowship Fishing Extravaganza which draws about 120 disabled individuals a day to just enjoy the outdoors.

"Our organization supports other nonprofits and people who are in need. With the proceeds from our Frogging Tournament we are able to take individuals with disabilities and those who are struggling in normal everyday life into the outdoors and help build their confidence in a Godly atmosphere all the while teaching them about Jesus Christ." Proceeds from this tournament will goes towards operations and also to the improvement of our local 750 acres of land that we are using to provide all-inclusive deer, hog and atv riding trips for people in need.



Festivities Include Lots of Prizes and Family Fun

Friday June 2, 2017:

Registration 6:00 til 10:00 pm

Saturday June 3, 2017:

9:00 am: Stage Frogs

10:00 am: Frog Weigh in Begins

12:45 pm: Frogging Winner Announced

1:00 pm: Frog Jumping Competition, Frog Racing

3:00 pm: Frog Competition Awards Announced

LOTS OF MUSIC, FAMILY FUN, and FOOD

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON PREMISES