



## 2026 West Monroe Gar Rodeo

*The following rules shall apply to any person/s entering into and fishing in the West Monroe Gar Rodeo fishing contest as per the sign in sheets and paid entry fee provided at the official sign in locations. All entrants agree to abide by the following rules and will be subject to disqualification in the event of a violation as interpreted by West Monroe Gar Rodeo officials.*

1. All participants MUST CHECK-IN. Registration is on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Alley Park in downtown West Monroe. The captain's meeting will be at 6:30pm in Alley Park. Shotgun start at 7pm.  
  
Late check-ins/registrations will be accepted at Lazzarre Park from 9pm – 12am August 28 when the weigh station is open.
2. Fish will not be counted or weighed if participant is not registered.
3. Everyone participating, or in the boat, must be registered for at least one of the 7 West Monroe Gar Rodeo Divisions. Maximum of 4 people in the boat for Bowfishing categories.  
  
Any participant(s) found competing with an unregistered participant will be disqualified from the tournament.
4. All gar must be caught in the public waters of the Ouachita River between the Arkansas state line and the Columbia Locks & Dam within the State of Louisiana.
5. Must be in line for Bowfishing Numbers Only weigh-in by 7:00am and all other categories by 10am on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
6. Aside from the Numbers Only Bowfishing category, all other categories will weigh a 3-fish stringer.
7. Anyone tampering with gar prior to weigh-in will be disqualified.
8. Arguing with West Monroe Gar Rodeo weigh in officials will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.

9. Anyone caught cheating will be immediately disqualified.
10. Absolutely no fighting, disorderly conduct or illegal activities at the weigh-in station. Violations can result in automatic disqualification.
11. All entrants agree to abide by local laws regardless of their fishing location in the state of Louisiana.
12. Anyone caught disposing fish on local public roads or waterways will be disqualified. Gar Rodeo Staff will advise participants the rules of disposal.
13. All fish weighed will receive a distinct marking to eliminate multiple weigh-in attempts.

### **Additional Rules to Specific Categories**

14. **Bowfishing Rules**
  - Maximum of 4 people in the boat for bowfishing categories.
  - Numbers Only weigh-in at 7am.
15. **Jug Rules**
  - All gar caught on jug lines must have the leader still attached at weigh-in.
  - No limit on number of jugs that can be used.
16. **Catfish Rules**
  - No limitations on what device or bait is used to catch catfish.
17. **Youth Rules**
  - Participants must be between the ages of 10-15 years old.
  - Participants cannot hold more than one of the top three places on the leaderboard.
  - Participants can use jug, pole or bow to capture gar.
  - Participants must have at least one adult in the boat.

*After reading the rules above, and registering for this event, you are waiving any liability from the parties listed below. When registering for this event, you agree the City of West Monroe, its members, sponsors, affiliates, agents and volunteers will not be held responsible for any and all losses, costs, claims, damages, injuries, death, liability, or other causes of action, rising out of or in any way connected with participation in this activity.*