

2019 Flint River Poker Float Rules & Regulations

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 12:00 Noon at Sprewell Bluff Park on Saturday, May 18, 2019 and – Cost is \$40 per entry (includes ticket pack and t-shirt); \$50 per entry (includes ticket pack, t-shirt, and FLOAT card); \$60 per entry (includes ticket pack, t-shirt, FLOAT card, and 50/50 raffle ticket)

Pre-registration ends May 8, 2019. All entries postmarked by May 8, 2019 are considered pre-registered and the participant may pick up their pre-registration packet at the registration tent at Sprewell Bluff Park between 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. on May 18, 2019. Pre-registered participants will be entered into a special prize drawing where someone will win a YETI 12 Hopper Cooler & is guaranteed a 2019 Flint River Poker Float t-shirt.
If you do not pre-register, you are not guaranteed a t-shirt this year.

1. All entries must abide by Georgia Boating Laws. Safety comes first!
2. More than 1 entry per CRAFT is permitted. More than one entry per person will be permitted.
3. The “owner” of an entry shall be the individual who signs the waiver on the entry form. The owner may be required to provide a state issued photo ID when they pick up their original packet. The owner may then designate another individual to draw their cards at the designated points along the river. All prize money will be made payable and any 1099's issued to the owners of the hands. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
4. There will be no limit on the number of entries accepted.
5. Any evidence of tampering with scorecards will result in disqualification and forfeiture of fees.
6. An owner of a hand (entry) must be 21 years of age.
7. The poker float will begin at 12:00 p.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. You may complete the run at your leisure as long as you have drawn all 5 cards by 4:00 p.m. (6 cards if FLOAT card is purchased). All entries are required to wear a bracelet provided by the event coordinator in order to be able to get out at the Outdoor Center without being charged an additional fee. You will also be given a tag to place on your kayak/canoes.
8. The 5th and final card will be drawn at the top of the boat ramp located at the Flint River Outdoor Center. Any participant who is not in line for check-in at the Outdoor Center by 4:00 p.m. will forfeit their entry fee and cannot continue to the check-in table. **NO EXCEPTIONS, NO REFUNDS!**
9. After receiving your final card at the Flint River Outdoor Center, you will inform the judges of what type of hand you are turning in to compete for the prizes. (Example: If you have A,2,3,4,5 you may inform the judges that you are playing a straight. Another Example may be that you have drawn a 3,5,7,9,J so you may want to play your hand as the lowest hand to compete for the \$100 prize).
10. All entrants will draw their FLOAT (6th) Card if they purchased it, at registration. The 1st and 6th cards will be drawn at the same time on Saturday at the registration tent on May 18. **Cards from all pick-up locations must be picked up by 4:00 p.m.—NO EXCEPTIONS!**
11. All entrants must check-in at Sprewell Bluff Park boat ramp between **10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** on Saturday. **Any participants not checked in by 12:00 p.m. will forfeit their entry fee—NO EXCEPTIONS!**
12. You will draw your 1st and 6th (FLOAT) cards when you receive your registration packet at Sprewell Bluff and may draw your second card after 12:00 p.m. on May 18 at any of the pickup spots along the river between Sprewell Bluff Park and the Flint River Outdoor Center (Hwy 36 Bridge). You will draw your cards from the Water Teams that are stationed along the river. **They will be easily identifiable.**

13. Hands will be scored upon completion beginning at **3 p.m.** in front of the paddle house at the Flint River Outdoor Center.
14. Prizes will be awarded according to the rules of 5 Card Stud. If at any time you draw a duplicate card of the same suit, you must give that card back to the Water Team Dealer and draw another card. You will need to draw from that deck of cards until you draw a card that you do not already have stamped on your punch card.
15. The total number of entries will determine the amount of prize money given away. Prize winners over \$600.00 will receive an IRS Form 1099.
16. Prizes:
- A. A grand prize of a new kayak will be awarded to the highest five card stud hand entered.
 - B. Second through fifth prizes will be awarded to the next highest five card stud hands (ex. Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, etc.)
 - C. The lowest hand of the contest will receive a \$100 cash prize
17. FLOAT Cards:
- A. A FLOAT Card works much like a Mulligan in golf. Upon check-in at the Flint River Outdoor Center boat ramp your scorecard will be turned into the judges. If you purchased a FLOAT Card at the time of registration, each participant will use ONLY 5 of the 6 cards to make the best possible hand. Each entry will be allowed to purchase only one FLOAT Card. Entry must inform judges of what type of hand they are turning in.
 - B. FLOAT Cards will be sold for \$10.00 and must be purchased before the run begins.
18. 50/50 Tickets:
- A. Only registered Poker Float participants may purchase 50/50 tickets at the registration tent (Spewell Bluff) or the judges' check-in table (Flint River Outdoor Center) at the end of the float. Ticket sales will be complete by 4:00 p.m. The Winning ticket will be drawn during the awards presentation.
 - B. 50/50 tickets are sold in \$10.00 lots. Poker Float participants may purchase as many lots as they desire.
 - C. All tickets sold will be combined into one hopper.
 - D. One ticket will be drawn and the winner will receive half of the money collected, the other half will be placed in the Poker Float Event fund. You must be present to win.
19. In case of a tie for the Grand Prize, the judges will determine the winning hand by using the high card, or through a tie breaker of their choice. The winner as determined by the judges will be the Grand Prize winner, the other player will be awarded 2nd place.
- In the case of a tie for 2nd or 3rd place, the prize money for those places will be combined and **divided equally**.
- A tie for 4th place will be decided by the judges based on the high card or through a tie breaker of their choice. The loser of the tie will move into 5th place.
- A tie for 5th place will be decided by the judges based on the high card or through a tie breaker of their choice. The winner of the tie will retain the 5th place position.
20. All prizes will be awarded immediately after the completion of the 4:00 p.m. check-in.

Thanks for your participation!