

# 2026 Flint River Poker Float Rules & Regulations

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00pm at Sprewell Bluff Park on Saturday, June 6, 2026 – Depending on what card packet you would like, the cost varies. First Card Packet is \$45 per entry (includes ticket pack); \$55 per entry (includes ticket pack and FLOAT card); \$65 per entry (includes ticket pack, FLOAT card, and 50/50 raffle card)

Early bird registration ends May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Pre-registration ends Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm. Pre-registered participants may pick up their pre-registration packet at the registration tent at Sprewell Bluff Park between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Any participant not registered by June 3<sup>rd</sup> must register day of event at Sprewell Bluff Park from 10-12pm. Any registrant after May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm is **NOT** guaranteed a Flint River Poker Float T-Shirt. Registrants after May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm may purchase a shirt the day of the float. Extra shirts can be purchased for \$20 first come, first serve at Sprewell Bluff Park on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

## If you do not pre-register, you are NOT guaranteed a Poker Float t-shirt.

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 is permitted. Additional entries will be labeled, "Participants Name #2."
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 picking 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 itself will begin at 12:00 pm at Sprewell Bluff Park and will end at 4:00 pm at the Flint River Outdoor Center. You may complete the float at your own leisure as long as you have drawn all 5 cards and have turned in your entry card to the judging table by 4 pm on June 6. (6 cards if FLOAT card is purchased).
8. All entries are **required to wear a bracelet** provided by the Chamber in-order to be able to get out at the Outdoor Center. The Outdoor Center will charge an additional fee if you **do not have your bracelet** on. You will also be given a tag to place on your kayak/canoes, and a parking slip for your vehicles. Parking slips may be picked up at the Chamber office before the event, or at Sprewell Bluff during registration on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
9. The 5<sup>th</sup> 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!**
10. 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).
11. 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 June 6, 2026. **Cards from all pick-up locations must be picked up by 4:00 p.m.—NO EXCEPTIONS!**
12. All entrants must check-in at Sprewell Bluff Park between **10:00 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!**

13. You will draw your 1st and 6<sup>th</sup> (FLOAT) cards when you receive your registration packet at Sprewell Bluff and may draw your second card after 12:00 p.m. on June 6th 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 by a flag.**

14. Hands will be scored upon completion beginning at **3 p.m.** in front of the paddle house at the Flint River Outdoor Center.

15. 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 same deck of cards until you draw a card that you do not already have stamped on your punch card.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. FLOAT Cards:

A. A FLOAT Card works much like a Mulligan in golf. Upon check-in at the Flint River Outdoor Center boat ramp, you will draw your last card and 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 event begins.

19. 50/50 Tickets:

A. Only registered Poker Float participants may compete in the 50/50 raffle part of the float. You may purchase extra 50/50 tickets, but only if you purchased the \$65 package at the beginning of the float. The Winning card will be drawn during the awards presentation.

B. 50/50 cards are sold in \$10.00 lots. Poker Float participants that originally purchased the \$65 package may purchase as many lots as they desire.

C. All cards sold will be combined into one hopper.

D. One half of a torn card will be drawn. Whomever has the other half of the card drawn 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 with your card.

20. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

In the case of a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> place.

A tie for 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> place position.

21. All prizes will be awarded immediately following completion of the judging of Poker hands.

Thanks for your participation! Call the T-U Chamber if you have questions @ 706-647-9686.