

Tournament Rules



1. All participants must report to Topwater Grill at 5:15 AM on Friday, June 7th for tournament sign-in. The tournament will commence from Topwater Grill at 6:00 AM. All teams must leave from Topwater Grill/Tournament check-in. Participants who don't complete liability waiver will not be allowed to fish in the tournament.
2. Each boat is limited to no more than four anglers, not including the assigned fishing guide, for team competition. All entry fees must be paid when you send in your registration form. You may fill in your teammates or make changes in boat information the morning of the tournament, but all new participants must sign the liability waiver. Unguided teams may not have a professional guide as a team member. All guides must go through the tournament pool.
3. No one may hold side/individual fishing spots, except for those included in the tournament.
4. There is no limit as to the area that may be fished, as long as it is in waters that are open to the public.
5. All boats must check in by 2:00 PM. If you are checked into the harbor then you have made the deadline and your fish will be weighed. There will be no exceptions made. We will go by Verizon Cell Phone Satellite time. Please allow time for unexpected delays getting back to weigh-in.
6. Only fish caught during the tournament hours are eligible. All fish should be fresh and in an edible condition. Fish that have been frozen, gutted, or mutilated will not be eligible and the angler attempting to weigh a fish that is not legal will be disqualified along with team members.
7. Any fish weighed must be legal according to the laws of the State of Texas. Any angler knowingly attempting to weigh a fish that is not legal will be disqualified in all categories including all team members.
8. Although it is legal to retain and tag a Redfish over 28 inches, for the purpose of this tournament a tagged Redfish will not be accepted (Slot reds only 20"-28").
9. All fish entered are subject to inspection and seizure by the Tournament Judge after dissection and/or Tery meter if the Judge feels that the need is necessary.
10. All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Each team member may only fish with one rod and reel at a time.
11. Any boat found to be in breach of tournament rules will be disqualified and will forfeit all fees and awards.
12. Pooling or transfer of fish is strictly prohibited.
13. When a tie exists, with respect to weight, then the first fish/stringer weighed in will be declared the winner, unless the Tournament Judge rules otherwise. The Judge's decision will be final.
14. All anglers must have a current Texas Fishing License and Saltwater Stamp.
15. All team members must be in sight of each other during the tournament hours while fishing.
16. The entire team must use only one boat.
17. **TEAM COMPETITION: Heaviest Stringer:** this competition will include up to five (5) fish of the team's choice. The stringer may include the following options:
 - Five (5) Trout or...
 - Three (3) Trout & Two (2) Redfish
 - * Trout can measure over 25" and it cannot be used as the individual trout if weighed-in with the stringer
 - * Redfish must fit into slot (20" - 28")
 - * We will not weigh all of your fish and let you choose the heaviest. You may only use or weigh a fish one time. (Example: If you weigh a trout for Team it cannot be used for any other category.)
18. All fish will be measured in accordance with TPWD rules on measuring fish. (Check it stick) Pinching of tail to get maximum length will be in place according to TPWD rules.
19. **NOTE: ALL WINNERS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.**