



TOURNAMENT RULES

ENTRY FEE: \$500.00 per Team received by **May 15, 2021**. Late entry fee is \$100.00 and no guarantee of a goodie bag. **Maximum of 4 Anglers** to a Team and one guide/driver per boat. **ALL ANGLERS MUST BE LISTED ON THE REGISTRATION FORM!** Guides/drivers are not allowed to fish unless they are a registered angler on the Team. Upon entry of the tournament, you and your Team are agreeing that you have read the Tournament Rules and Hold Harmless agreements and agree to be bound by it.

- RULES:**
- * One pole per Angler in use at a time.
 - * Live or artificial bait.
 - * Must have a valid (resident or non-resident) fishing license with a saltwater stamp from Texas Parks & Wildlife. You must obey Federal, State and Local laws at all times. Violation of Federal, State and/or Local laws will result in disqualification of you and your team from the event, and may disqualify (at Wildfire's discretion) you and your team from any future tournaments.
 - * Someone may assist an Angler with baiting the hook, casting and netting, but it is the Angler's job to "set the hook" and reel the fish to the boat or net.
 - * The fish weighed-in cannot be altered in any way, and must be fresh and caught on tournament day. If it is found that a fish has been altered, in any way, or that the fish was not caught on tournament day, the Team is automatically disqualified and barred from fishing any future Wildfire Fishing Tournament. **ALL ANGLERS ARE SUBJECT TO AN ONSITE POLYGRAPH TEST AT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS' DISCRETION AND ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE DIRECTORS ARE FINAL!**

DIVISIONS: GUIDED AND NON-GUIDED. If anyone aboard the Boat, or included in the Team, has their guides license or has guided for hire within the last two years (bay or offshore), you must fish in the Guided Division.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING AND CHECK-IN: Check-in/Registration will be begin at 5:30 p.m. and the Captain's Meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 11, 2021, at Redfish Bay Boat House (at Conn Brown Harbor), Aransas Pass, Texas. One member of your Team, must be present at the Captain's Meeting. **Any changes to the Rules will be announced at the Captain's Meeting.**

TOURNAMENT DAY: Saturday, June 12, 2021. Fishing begins at official sunrise. There are no boundaries! Jetty, surf fishing and/or land fishing is NOT PERMITTED. Anglers must use a boat to get to the fishing destination. Anglers can launch at any boat ramp.

WEIGH-IN: 3:30 pm, at Redfish Bay Boat House (at Conn Brown Harbor) – no earlier than 1:30 pm. At least one Angler must be in line with the Team’s stringer no later than 3:30 p.m., NO EXCEPTIONS! Your team must decide which fish to weigh-in prior to approaching the Weigh Master. If your fish is kicked out for any reason, you will not be allowed to supplement with any other fish.

TARGET FISH AND TROPHIES (1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE):

HEAVIEST STRINGER

2 Speckled Trout, each within a minimum of 17” and a maximum of 23”

2 Redfish, each within slot (20” to 28”)

LARGEST TROUT

1 Speckled Trout, within a minimum of 17” and a maximum of 23”, and **MUST BE** separate and not apart of any other stringer.

LARGEST REDEFISH

1 Redfish, within slot (20” to 28”), and **MUST BE** separate and not apart of any other stringer.

YOUTH LARGEST TROUT (16 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER)

1 Speckled Trout, within a minimum of 17” and a maximum of 23”, and **MUST BE** separate and not apart of any other stringer.

YOUTH LARGEST REDEFISH (16 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER)

1 Redfish, within slot (20” to 28”), and **MUST BE** separate and not apart of any other stringer.

LADIES’ LARGEST TROUT

1 Speckled Trout, within a minimum of 17” and a maximum of 23”, and **MUST BE** separate and not apart of any other stringer.

LADIES’ LARGEST REDEFISH

1 Redfish, within slot (20” to 28”), and **MUST BE** separate and not apart of any other stringer.

Someone may assist the YOUTH and LADIES with baiting the hook, casting and netting, but it is the YOUTH and LADIES’ job to “set the hook” and reel the fish to the boat or net.

CASH POTS: \$100.00 each pot in each Division, Guided and Non-Guided. The categories are as follows:

HEAVIEST STRINGER

2 Speckled Trout, each within a minimum of 17” and a maximum of 23”
2 Redfish, each within slot (20” to 28”)

LARGEST TROUT

1 Speckled Trout, within a minimum of 17” and a maximum of 23”

LARGEST REDFISH

1 Redfish, within slot (20” to 28”)

YOUTH LARGEST TROUT (16 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER)

1 Speckled Trout, within a minimum of 17” and a maximum of 23”, and **MUST BE** separate and not apart of any other stringer.

YOUTH LARGEST REDFISH (16 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER)

1 Redfish, within slot (20” to 28”), and **MUST BE** separate and not apart of any other stringer.

LADIES’ LARGEST TROUT

1 Speckled Trout, within a minimum of 17” and a maximum of 23”

LADIES’ LARGEST REDFISH

1 Redfish, within slot (20” to 28”)

TRASH FISH

Skip Jack/Lady Fish

The results of the Cash Pots will be determined by the **TARGET FISH** weighed-in, with the exception of the **TRASH FISH**. The **TRASH FISH** category is a Cash Pot category only. You can buy into as many of the Cash Pots that you want. Each pot will be split 70/30 between a 1st Place and 2nd Place team entered in the Cash Pots. Cash Pots must be purchased at the Captain’s Meeting. Do not send with your entry fee. Trophies and Cash Pots are separate from each other. You can win trophies without winning a Cash Pot and visa-versa. You can win more than one Cash Pot.

No over-size fish will be weighed-in.

In the event of a weigh tie, length will prevail.

DECISIONS OF THE WEIGH MASTER ARE FINAL!

CALCUTTA: Each Team will be auctioned off in the Calcutta, for each Division, Guided and Non-Guided. All participants will have the opportunity to bid on any Team(s) that is believed to win, including their own Team. Once the Calcutta is closed, the highest bidder of each Team(s) will win that Team(s). The winning bidder must pay for their Calcutta purchase(s) after the Captain’s Meeting, by 10:00 p.m. Each Division in the Calcutta will be split 70/30 between 1st Place and 2nd Place Teams entered in the Calcutta.

The results of the Calcutta will consist of the Team's **Heaviest Stringer** weighed-in.

PROTESTS:

Any protest for a re-evaluation by the Weight-Master must be submitted to the Wildfire Director(s), in writing, with a \$100.00 cash deposit no later than 15 minutes following the weigh-in of the last fish. All decisions must be made by the Wildfire Directors and/or the official Weigh-Master, and are final. If the protest is upheld, the cash deposit will be returned to the person submitting the protest, and the protested team being disqualified from the tournament.

Any protest for a polygraph to be administered, must be submitted, in writing, with a \$500.00 cash deposit no later than 15 minutes following the weigh-in of the last fish. The protested team has the option to either accept the protest and deposit \$500.00 cash or forfeit and disqualify their fish. If the protest is upheld, the cash deposit will be returned to the person submitting the protest, and the protested team will lose their cash deposit and be disqualified from the tournament. If the polygraph results are in the favor of the protested team, the cash deposit will be returned to protested team and the person submitting the protest will lose their cash deposit.

No refunds of entry fees or cash pot fees will be granted if a team and/or angler is disqualified.

RELEASE HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY:

Upon entry of Wildfire Fishing Tournament you understand and agree to the following:

In considerations of being allowed to enter the Wildfire Fishing Tournament, each person agrees and contracts release, indemnity and holds harmless Wildfire's Officers, Directors, Employees, Sponsors and Weigh-In Station Directors, Redfish Bay Boathouse, LLC, The City of Aransas Pass, Harbor Nights, LLC, including indemnity for any negligent acts or omissions of the forgoing release and indemnifies parties, from any and all liability, claims, or damages arising out of any matter whatsoever connected with the planning, operations or conduct of the Wildfire Saltwater Fishing Tournament, and including but not limited to claims for personal injury, wrongful death, survival damages, costs, expenses or claims relating in any way to the registering for or fishing in the Wildfire Saltwater Fishing Tournament. Each entry is acting as an independent not under the continuing supervision and control of Wildfire's personnel and agrees that Wildfire's Officers and Directors shall not under any circumstances be liable under or by any reason of this agreement, directly or indirectly, for any accident, injury, breakage or damage to property or person whatsoever growing out of any activities related to the Wildfire Saltwater Fishing Tournament activities. Each fisherman releases Wildfire the right to publish, photograph, and or broadcast any name as a prize winner, and all other matters incidental therein.