



Tournament Rules & Information

Boundaries

- * Fishing is limited to in-shore bay waters only. Boundaries stretch:
 - * From the south tributaries of South Bay to the turning basin on the west end of Port of Brownsville,
 - * To the Highway 106 bridge in Rio Hondo on the Arroyo Colorado,
 - * To the south edge of the East Cut leading to the Port Mansfield Jetty.
- ⚠ Please note: No fishing between or beyond the Port Mansfield Jetty or the Brazos Santiago Jetty (SPI).

Boat Issues

- * Guides are required to be prepared to address any issues regarding mechanical issues that occurs with their boat.
- * Their main concern is safety first, and secondly to keep the team active in the tournament.
- * Most guides have memberships with a boat towing company. And most guides have access to another boat.
- * It is the responsibility of the guide to address any issues that might occur. The guide must contact Tournament Director Sam Bova [281-455-1901](tel:281-455-1901) to report any issues so he can record the time.

Boat Launch

- * All boats and teams must leave from Louie's Backyard for a shotgun start.
- * Once boats take off they CAN NOT leave the water and be trailered to another location. Doing so will result in disqualification.

Challenge Board

- * See Challenge Board & Payouts

Casting & Reeling

- * The Redfish Rodeo will allow guides to assist anglers with casting if they are having a difficult time casting due to a recent injury, or they are new to the sport and tournament fishing.
- * Guides cannot set the hook or reel fish to the net. They may net the fish, remove fish from the hook and rebait the line. Ladies, don't allow your guide to reel your fish in; the entire team will be disqualified and no refunds issued.

Disputes

*This year is the last Redfish Rodeo, there will be no disputes.

Entry Fees

*See Entry Fees & Team Sponsorship

Fishing License

- * You must have a valid Texas fishing license from Texas Parks & Wildlife to fish this tournament.
- * You must adhere to the rules and regulations enforced for TPW. Game Wardens will issue citations for not observing these regulations and could result in being disqualified from the tournament.
- * Don't forget you must have a photo ID with you on the boat.

Guest Tickets

- * Guest tickets are \$125 per person and must be paid online PRIOR Sept. 20th
- * Guest packets will be available for pick up from 3:00 - 4:00 Thursday, Sept. 24 in the hotel board room next to the sales office, team and sponsor check in.

Hiring a Guide for Redfish Rodeo

- * Teams hire and pay their own guide.
- * It's a 2-day ladies only fishing tournament.
- * Fishing dates are Friday, Sept. 25th & Saturday, Sept. 26th.
- * Shotgun start from Louie's Backyard.
- * Sept. 24 - Guides meeting/Meet the team/Kick-Off 5:00 Henrietta's.
- * Guide's must have a current guide's license and proof of liability insurance.
- * It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure their guide is in compliance of both.
- * A husband may guide his wife's team if he meets these two requirements.
- * Charter fees vary, so ask upfront what your guide charges for a half-day charter.
- * Be prepared to pay a deposit to hold tournament dates.
- * Ask if the charter includes bait, if so, what kind, if not, ask how much should the team budget for bait.

Honesty & Fair Play

- * We work hard to maintain the integrity of this tournament. Any team or guide found cheating will be:
- * Disqualified immediately,
- * Reported to other tournaments for cheating.
- * Reported to outdoor law enforcement for immediate arrest.
- * Cheating in fishing tournaments is a felony in Texas.
- * Winning teams are subject to polygraph testing.
- * Accusing a team of cheating without any proof is grounds for disqualification.

Polygraph Testing

- * A polygraph test may be required by the Redfish Rodeo Tournament Directors, or the official weigh master.
- * The test will take place during the Saturday weigh in, so do not leave the area.
- * The individual taking the test will be determined by a tournament director. Refusal to take the test or failing the test will result in disqualification of the team.
- * If you have a heavy stringer on Friday, we strongly advise the team NOT to drink on Saturday as alcohol can and will affect the test results.

Refund Policy

- * Entry fees and sponsorships are non-refundable after the first Friday in September.
- * If the tournament is rescheduled due to increment weather, and a team or individual is unable to participate, most likely a partial refund will given.
- * There are special exceptions to refunds solely based on the tournament owner's decision.

Take Home Fish

- * Teams may keep their weigh-in fish.
- * After weighing, fish will be clipped and placed back in your weigh-in bag.
- * Your guide's fee should include cleaning and packaging fish for you to take home.

Teams

- * Each team will consists of four women anglers and a licensed charter guide.
- * Swag bags, tournament tees, trophies, the magazine design and catering are based on having four anglers per team. However special circumstances may allow a team to fish with less than four on the team.

Team & Sponsor Registration

- * The team captain or a member of the team is required to register and pay for the entire team.
- * Team members will then reimburse whoever made the payment.
- * There is a payment deadline; the fee increases after that date.
- * A team member can register their sponsor as a convenience to the sponsor. Sponsors can pay online, or by check payable to Redfish Rodeo, 147 Spring Branch, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

Team Sponsors

- * See Entry Fees & Team Sponsorship

Tie Breaker

- * Tie breakers are determined by the time recorded on a team's weigh in sheet.

Tipping Guide

- * Gratuity for guides varies, but a good rule of thumb is 15-20% of the daily charter fee or \$100 a day.
- * If your guide places you in the winner's circle, you should super-size that tip!

Tournament Hours

- * Boats will leave from Louis's Backyard at 6:30 am and/or after the sound of the horn.
- * Weigh-in scales are open between noon and 1:00 pm sharp.
- * To be "marked" on time, boats in the water must display their team paddle to the dock committee. Paddles are given to the Team Captains Friday morning.

Safety, Weather, Cancellation

- * If a hurricane is forecasted, the event will be cancelled and rescheduled at the earliest available date possible.
- * Launch times may be delayed due to lightning or heavy rain.
- * Your safety comes first—we'll do everything possible to get teams on the water safely.
- * The tournament reserves the right to stagger teams for the morning launch.

Weigh-in Bags

- * Each morning, team captains will receive a weigh in bag for the fish you plan to weigh in.

Weigh-in Stringers/Sizes & Slots

- * See attached guidelines for details.

Weigh-In Times

- * Scales open at 12:00 pm. both days at Louie's Backyard.
- * Official weigh-in times are 12:00 - 1:00 pm.
- * Teams must be in sight of the committee by 1:00 pm sharp to be considered on time.
- * Team captains will sign and receive a copy of the weigh-in sheet each day.