

TOURNAMENT RULES



1. This Tournament is open to all licensed and law (State and Federal) abiding anglers.
2. All times are central.
3. All participants must abide by the State of Florida Recreational Fishing Rules at all times.
4. **Entry fee is \$200 per boat.**
5. No mutilation of any fish is allowed.
6. No fish may be transferred from one boat to another.
7. All fish must be caught on days of tournament only.
8. Captain and anglers must fish from registered boat.
9. Protests must be in writing and presented to the weigh master before the end of the tournament with a deposit of \$500.00 (cash only). If the alleged violation is found to have occurred, the full deposit will be refunded. If the Tournament Director / Tournament Committee finds no violation, the deposit will not be refunded. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.
10. All anglers fish at their own discretion and risk. The tournament committee shall have the sole discretion to cancel either or both tournament fishing days (for hurricanes, tropical storms, small craft advisories, etc.)
11. One full day of fishing constitutes a tournament.
12. Any fish is subject to inspection.
13. All boats must leave out of Mexico Beach or Gulf County for the tournament.
14. **Weigh-in is from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.** All participants must be in line and acknowledged by the weigh master by 5:30 p.m.
NOTE: Navigating down the canal/road or just entering the marina or parking lot does not constitute being in line. You must be in line, on the dock and acknowledged by the weigh master. You cannot call and ask to be recognized. The horn will sound at 5:30 pm with -0- exceptions and the scales will be put away. DO NOT BE LATE!
15. Fish category winners are presented with cash and plaques for 1st through 3rd place in each of the following categories: 1st place \$1,500, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$250.
16. The grand prize winner will be determined through a point system. Points are awarded for the three heaviest fish in each category as follows: 1st—127, 2nd—73, 3rd—29. The sum of points accumulated for placements in the various categories determines the Grand Prize Winner. You can only win/place once per species. In case of a tie, the first fish weighed is counted.
17. **OPTIONAL ENTRIES:** All boat entries have the option of entering any of the below Jackpot prize categories, which requires an additional fee, per category, you wish to compete in:
Wahoo — \$160, Dolphin — \$160, King Mackerel — \$160.
The heaviest fish per species wins 80% of the pot for that species. Balance goes to expenses and overall payouts.
Kingfish target weight class — \$50 (after you enter main tournament). You can weigh just one fish over this 2 day tournament to try to get closed to target weight of 14.5 lbs. (If tied, first fish weighed wins.) This pot pays 100%.
* REMEMBER: This is completely separate from the tournament.
18. Rules will be reviewed and discussed along with final instructions at the Captains Party on Thursday, July 27th, 2017 that begins at 5:00 pm CST and will be held at the El Governor Motel. The rules will be reviewed following supper that will be provided along with drink specials and live entertainment. There will also be prize giveaways along with a raffle for an Engel Cooler. One free tournament shirt with entry. It is strongly recommended that at least one angler for each team attend the Captains Party.
19. Fish may be transported via vehicle by Captain to Mexico Beach Marina for weigh in.
20. All participants agree to submit to a polygraph as warranted.
21. Rules are subject to discussion and change at the Captains' Party.

NOTE:

All prize money is conditional on a 25 boat minimum entry/participation. Tournament reserves right to allocate 80% of prize money proportionately and/or refund all entries should participation not reach the 25 boat minimum. This would also include the consideration of suspending or cancelling the tournament due to weather conditions.