

# CATI Fishing Tournament

## Rules and Regulations

### Team:

- Team consists of up to four (4) anglers per boat.
- This is a team tournament; guides must be counted as one of the anglers on your team.
- Entry form with complete entry fee must be received before fishing.

### Limits:

- A full stringer will consist of five (5) fish, to include three (3) trout and two (2) redfish.
- Trout must be 18 inches minimum, limit three (3). You may only weigh in one (1) trout 25 inches or over per team.
- Redfish must be between 20" and 28", limit two (2). NO BULL REDS
- This is not an individual tournament; it is a team tournament. Each person may catch their limit, but weigh-in will only consist of the best 3 Trout and the best 2 Redfish per boat, for the team's 5 fish stringer. Please measure and sort the fish you will weigh in prior to entering the weigh in line.
- Illegal fish, per TPWD or tournament rules, brought to the weigh-in will not be weighed and that fish slot will be forfeited.
- No contestant may have more than the TPWD legal possession limit of fish at any time during official Tournament hours.

### Fishing Boundaries:

- East end of West Matagorda Bay (Diversion Channel) to the west end of Mesquite Bay.

### Times:

- **REGISTRATION:** In advance online up to start of fishing hours
- **FISHING HOURS:** Start at 6:00 am Saturday, October 17, 2020
- **WEIGH IN: Opens** at 13:00 pm Saturday, October 17, 2020 at Froggies.
- **WEIGH IN: Closes** at 16:30 pm Saturday, October 17, 2020.
- At least one contestant must be in line at weigh in by 16:30 pm. Late arrivals will be disqualified.
- Final weigh in details will be announced at the captains meeting or published communication.

### General Rules:

- Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation are expected from every participant.
- All fish must be caught with a Rod & Reel according to TPWD regulations.
- Wade Fishing is allowed if within sight of the boat.
- No fish may be accepted from or given to another team/boat.
- A team is not allowed to approach nearer than 50 feet to any other boat while fishing, unless permission has been granted.
- Any ONE fish can only be submitted ONCE.
- Fishing in OFF-LIMITS areas will result in disqualification . OFF -LIMITS areas are defined as but not limited to any and all areas marked by buoys , signage, or barriers with the intent of keeping people out. Any posted, legal, private property, or otherwise off limits areas plus any specific

areas as determined by tournament staff are strictly OFF-LIMITS to anglers. **Anglers may NOT fish, cast a line, or be in the off-limits areas.**

- Official measuring board is the Check-It-Stick.
- In the case of a tie, the first team to weigh in their catch will be deemed the winner.
- Only fish caught during tournament hours (6:00am – 4:30pm) may be weighed-in during official tournament weigh-in hours (1:00pm – 4:30pm) on tournament day.
- Trailering is permissible. There is NO designated launch site for this tournament.
- Contestants may leave from any launch site, at any time. However, no casting until 6:00 am official tournament clock.
- The use of marine radios, or walkie-talkies is strictly PROHIBITED during fishing hours. Communication between anglers without electronic devices is permitted. Emergency calls are permitted, and the Tournament Director is to be notified.
- Emergency, family, and employment related calls are allowed.
- There is to be NO electronic communication between competing anglers, or communication regarding fishing or the tournament during the competition, **includes use of Social Media such as Facebook.**
- This rule is in place to cancel out any “unfair advantages” and the sharing of information that may create an unfair competitive advantage during the competition.
- In the event of foul weather or any other acts of nature, the Tournament will be re-scheduled. No refund or substitution of entry fees for any reason.
- Artificial Division participants must utilize artificial lures at all times and cannot possess any natural bait on their boat during tournament hours.

#### **Legal Stuff:**

- Life Jackets and kill switches are highly encouraged by the tournament committee while boat is in motion.
- Intoxication on the part of any contestant will not be tolerated and will be subject to disqualification.
- Polygraphs may be administered. If the polygraph administrator is unable to perform the polygraph due in their sole opinion to the participant being intoxicated, the entire team will be disqualified.
- All team members must be present to take the polygraph test... NO EXCEPTIONS. Any disagreements with this rule will result in disqualification.
- All federal and state rules/regulations apply, including fish limits and sizes. Violations of any rules or State laws will mean automatic disqualification from the tournament.
- Competitors must meet all TPWD regulations. <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/laws/>
- Competitors must meet all US Coast Guard Regulations. <http://www.uscgboating.org/>
- Illegal fish, per TPWD or tournament rules, brought to the weigh-in will not be weighed and that fish slot will be forfeited.
- Entrants are subject to disqualification from the tournament in the event of any suspected foul play, including, but not limited to, weighing in of fish which appear to have been caught outside of official tournament hours or altering the weight or length of any fish.
- The Tournament shall have sole discretion in these matters. In the event of a disrupted ruling, entrants may be required to take a certified polygraph test.
- All Tournament rules are FINAL.
- Any protest must be filed in writing to the Tournament Director, no later than 4:00 pm on the date of the tournament.
- Directors, Sponsors and Organizers are not responsible for any accident or injury, nor loss or damage, or theft to any property.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL CONTESTANTS!