

# Texas Lady Anglers

## SpookTackleLure Fall Tournament Rules

### Saturday, October 31, 2009

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- A completed and signed entry form by October 24, 2009. Late entrant's fees will be considered on a case-by-case basis. No refunds, transfers or substitutions of entry fees for any reasons. A late entry fee of \$20 per person will be applied to the total due.
- Any tournament official or tournament sponsor entering the tournament in compliance with tournament rules is eligible for any and all prizes.
- All State and Federal penal code laws and all State, Coast Guard, Federal Parks and Wildlife regulations shall apply. Any participant found to be in violation of any tournament rules and State or Federal laws and regulations will be subject to disqualification from the tournament and all future tournaments with forfeiture of any entry tournament fees.
- Participants must have a valid Texas fishing license and saltwater stamp on person.
- Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- **Each Angler may win only one category and will not be allowed a second prize unless it is the door prize giveaway.**
- Official tournament time begins at 6:00 a.m., Saturday, October 31, 2009.
- This is a rain or shine tournament. In the event of a small craft warning, tournament will be delayed to a limit of 2 hours. If it is not safe to fish, drawings will be held to give away prizes. All prizes will be given out – fish or no fish. If participants cannot fish tournament for whatever reason, all monies become a donation to Texas Lady Anglers Association.
- You may have one skipper per boat (skipper not required) should you desire. There is no cost to a skipper if they are not entered in the tournament. Skipper's who are not entered in the tournament can only drive the boat, bait hooks and net fish.
- Youth are considered to be under the age of 15 years and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

#### **DECISIONS:**

- Tournament Committee shall resolve all issues, questions, protest or disputes. Decisions are final.
- Any protest/dispute must be in writing by 3:15 p.m. the day of the tournament.

#### **TACKLE, EQUIPMENT AND PERMITTED FISHING AREAS:**

- All fish must be taken by rod and reel only.
- Live, dead, and artificial baits are allowed. Sport fish may not be used as bait according to State rules and regulations.
- Participants may fish any part of the Galveston Bay Complex. Boat, wade, bank, jetty, kayak, pier or any legal means of fishing is permitted.

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#### WEIGH IN, SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONSERVATION:

- The following categories are allowed:
  - Women's Division Includes:
    - Heaviest Stringer Consisting of One Trout (max 25"), One Slot Redfish, One Flounder
    - Trout Closest to 3 lbs without going over (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)
    - Redfish Closest to 5 lbs without going over (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Men's Division Include – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
    - Heaviest Stringer Consisting of One Trout (max 25"), One Slot Redfish, One Flounder
  - Youth Division Includes – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
    - Any one legal fish Closest to 1½ lbs without going over (Any fish – even a hardhead)
- A stringer does not have to include all three fish. (For example, an angler could weigh in only 1 trout and 1 redfish as a stringer).
- Weigh in will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. No exceptions. Weigh station will be at Highland Bayou Park.
- Fish must be weighed in by the participant who originally caught the fish and must be in the participant's physical possession in the weigh-in line.
- When bringing the fish to the weigh station Participants must tell the weigh master who the fish belongs to in advance of weighing the fish.
- Any artificially weighted or preserved fish will be disqualified and those participants will forfeit any entry or other tournament fees.
- Fish must be maintained in edible condition. Fish that have been frozen, gutted, or mutilated will not be eligible and the participant attempting to weigh in a fish that is not legal will be disqualified. All fish are subject to inspection by the Tournament Director.
- **Although it is legal to retain a redfish over 28 inches, for the purpose of this tournament, the fish must be between 20 and 28 inches including spot tournament entries.**
- **Although it is legal to retain a trout over 25 inches, for purposes of this tournament, the fish must be between 15 and 25 inches.**
- Tournament scale and ruler are the only tournament approved instruments.
- In the event of a tie in weight, participant's weigh in time is the tie-breaker.
- All bag, slot, length, and daily limits must be followed according to State and Local regulations.
- Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from every participant.
- All waste and refuse must be cleaned up before leaving the fishing area and put in waste receptacles.