

Texas Lady Anglers

SpookTackleLure Fall Tournament Rules

Saturday, October 29, 2011

ELIGIBILITY:

- A completed and signed entry form by October 25, 2011. 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 \$10 per person will be applied to the total due. We must have your registration in-hand before tournament.
- 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 a door prize giveaway.**
- Official tournament time begins at Safe Light, Saturday, October 29, 2011.
- 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. A male fisherman can enter and may also be on your boat. If they pay to fish they are eligible to fish this tournament.
- 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 4:05 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 – West boundaries are Christmas/Drum Bay and East boundaries are Trinity Bay including beach front and jetties. 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 (Cash Prizes):**
 - Heaviest Stringer Consisting of One Trout (max 25"), One Slot Redfish, One Flounder
 - Trout Closest to 3 lbs (over or under) **This is a change from last year.**
 - Redfish Closest to 5 lbs (over or under) **This is a change from last year.**
 - Heaviest Flounder
 - Men's Division Includes (Cash Prizes):**
 - Heaviest Stringer Consisting of One Trout (max 25"), One Slot Redfish, One Flounder
 - Youth Division Includes – 1st & 2nd Place (Non-Cash Prize)**
 - Heaviest Fish (Slot Red, Trout, Flounder, Drum, Croaker, Sheepshead or Sand Trout)
- 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 or only 1 redfish as a stringer).
- Weigh in will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th. No exceptions. Weigh station will be at 11146 Sportsman Rd., Galveston, TX.
- 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, redfish must be between 20 and 28 inches.**
- **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 names will be pulled from a hat to decide the winner.
- The length of each fish weighed in will be recorded and in the event of a non-repairable scale malfunction during the weigh-in winners will be determined based on length.
- 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.
- Last but not least, we will have several ladies that will need to be absorbed by other boats. We usually have no trouble placing extras on boats so we hope our skippers will pull through for us again and offer up any extra seats they may have on their boat. Please indicate on your entry form the number of extras you can take. Thank you very much.