

# Reel Wicked Summer Smackdown Fishing Tournament

## General Rules

1. All entrants must read and sign waiver stating they understand and follow all rules and stipulations of the tournament. Entrants will not be allowed to fish until a signed waiver is turned into tournament directors.
2. All fishing areas must be available to the general public.
3. You must have a valid Saltwater Fishing License from TPWD to fish in this tournament. Participants under 17 are not required to have a fishing license, but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
4. All Texas Parks & Wildlife laws apply.
5. Any entrant cited for a TPWD infraction will be automatically disqualified.
6. All fish must be taken by rod and reel only. No cast nets, bow fishing, gigging, etc.
7. All live, dead, or artificial bait is allowed.
8. All entered fish must be caught during tournament hours. No check-in is required before fishing. Tournament hours are from **6:15am to 4:00pm, Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.
9. No land-based fishing will be allowed for Adult Teams. Wade fishing only allowed if area was accessed by boat or kayak for Adult Teams.
10. Anglers must remain within eyesight of each other and their vessel at all times during tournament hours.
11. No fishing outside of the jetties or past the end of the jetties.
12. No fishing within 500 yards of a Ferry landing or within 100 yards of a participating opponent.
13. All fish weighed in must have been caught by registered participants. No borrowed fish.
14. No holding or blocking off any fishing areas by other individuals not participating in tournament.
15. 1 pole per angler allowed in the water at a time.
16. No scales or means of measuring will be available from weighmaster or tournament members prior to official weigh in. You must choose which fish you are entering into the tournament prior to weighing in. **The fish you present to the weighmaster is the fish you enter!**
17. If bait or fish are inside the mouth of the fish when caught, it can remain in the mouth, but it cannot be secured. If it falls out at any time (Including Weigh-In), you may not put it back in.
18. Weighmaster services will be provided by Gulf Coast Weighmaster Services. They are trained to check for freshness of the fish and for any tampering or alterations made to the fish. Any and all decisions of the Weighmaster are **FINAL**.
19. Tournament will proceed rain or shine.
20. This is a launch from anywhere tournament.
21. **At least one member of each team and each kayaker entered must attend Captain's meeting from 7:00-7:30pm on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Chandler's Landing (Dorado's). 518 Bigelow St. Aransas Pass, Tx 78336. Late registrations will be from 5-7pm.**

### Specific Rules for Guided/Non-Guided Division

1. Up to four individuals are allowed per team. Teams may fish with a guide; however, the guide is not allowed to fish on behalf of the team and does not count as one of the team's 4 members.
2. Kayakers are eligible to enter this tournament. However, kayakers will be competing in the same division as the boats.
3. Any teams hiring a Guide for the tournament or any teams that have a Guide as a team-mate **MUST REGISTER UNDER THE GUIDED DIVISION.**
4. **A Guide is anyone that holds a TPWD Guide's License and has taken people fishing in exchange for compensation within the past 6 months.**
5. Participants under 17 will count as one of your team's 4 members.
6. Teams may bring a total of **5 fish** up to the scales consisting of 2 Redfish, 2 Trout, and 1 Redfish for Spot Pot if entered into Spot Pot Side Pot. Any more fish than this brought to the scales and you will be disqualified.
7. Captains must wear kill switch while boat is running.
8. Teams may arrive at their fishing area before tournament hours begin but are **NOT ALLOWED** to start fishing until **6:15am**.

### Weigh In

1. **Weigh in will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 from 2pm-4pm at Chandlers Landing (Dorado's), 518 Bigelow St. Aransas Pass, TX 78336. Any participant not in line by 4pm will be disqualified and not be allowed to weigh in. There will be a person from the tournament committee at the back of the line at 4pm.**
2. Fish not meeting TPWD rules in measurements will be disqualified and **cannot be replaced** with another fish.
3. **NO OVERSIZED FISH ALLOWED IN ANY CATEGORY.**
4. You do not have to have a complete stringer to be able to weigh in for Heavy Stringer Category.
5. Weigh Master has final ruling on all fish related matters.
6. In the event of a tie by weight for any category or side pot, time of weigh in will be the tie breaker.
7. A Check-it Stik Slant Board with the Perfect Trout and Perfect Red pincher will be utilized on all fish entered.
8. You must pick your Heavy Red and Heavy Trout. Weighmaster will not weigh each fish individually or tell you which one to pick. If wrong fish is selected it cannot be replaced with other fish.
9. Any fish that is determined to have been altered or mutilated in any way will result in immediate team disqualification and banned from future tournaments hosted by Reel Wicked. The team will also be reported to TP&W Department.

**Guided/Non-Guided Division Categories**

**Heavy Stringer \$400 Entry Fee:** Heaviest combined weight of (2) Trout 15-20" and (2) Redfish 20-28". 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Place awarded.

**Heaviest Redfish \$50 Entry Fee:** Heaviest Slot Redfish 20-28". Must be Heavy Redfish from Heavy Stringer Category. 1<sup>st</sup> Place awarded. 100% Payout

**Heaviest Trout \$50 Entry Fee:** Heaviest Slot Trout 15-20" Must be Heavy Trout from Heavy Stringer Category. 1<sup>st</sup> Place awarded. 100% Payout

**Spot Pot \$50 Entry Fee:** Redfish with the most spots. Redfish MUST HAVE more than 2 spots to be eligible for entry into Spot Pot. Can be a separate fish from Heavy Stringer. 1<sup>st</sup> Place awarded. 100 % Payout

**Calcutta \$100 Entry Fee:** Calcutta will be awarded to top 2 Heaviest Stringers that are entered into Calcutta. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place awarded. 80/20 split. 100% Payout

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