



Jake Wiatrek Memorial Fishing Tournament

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Official Rules

ARANSAS PASS CIVIC CENTER

700 W. Wheeler Ave. Aransas Pass, TX 78336

1) Teams:

- Maximum of four (4) adult team members allowed per team.
- 1 boat per team
- **This year there will be two divisions. Guided & Non-Guided.**
- **Guided teams may have up to 4 adult team members on the boat, the Guide will NOT be counted as one of the team members.**

***Any teams hiring a Guide for the tournament or any teams that have a Guide as a teammate, MUST REGISTER UNDER THE GUIDED DIVISION.**

***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.**

All Youth entries will remain under one division. There will be no separate Guided/Non-Guided Divisions for Youth.

• We love to include and incorporate the youth's participation in the Jake Wiatrek Memorial Fishing Tournament. Youth (12 & under) do not count as 1 of the 4 adults on the boat

- Examples: (Youth is not required)
 - 4 non guided adults + 1 or more youth
 - 4 adults + 1 guide + 1 or more youth
 - No entry fee for YOUTH
 - Youth will not be provided with an event ticket with registration
 - * If you have any questions regarding your team's makeup, please contact:
 - **Albert Neubauer (210)244-3220 or Colby Skelton (830)391-3847**

2) Registration:

- \$400 per team
- Each team entry includes 4 meal tickets.
- All entry fees must be paid at the time of registration on the Eventbrite link

3) Captain's Meeting:

- When: Friday, July 17, 2026 @ 7:00pm
- Where: Dorados Restaurant & Bar - 518 Bigelow St. Aransas Pass, TX 78336
 - One member of the team must be present for the captain's meeting the night before the tournament
 - Side Pot mystery fish will be announced the evening of Captains Meeting

4) Weigh In:

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**Official Time is San Antonio Frost Bank Time*

- One member of the team must sign in with weigh-in official and be in line with your fish before 3:59 PM
- Weigh-in fish must be sorted/separated before you approach the weigh-in table
- Bring only the fish you are using to the weigh-in table
- Fish can be used in multiple categories; however, each team is only eligible to win one prize. You will be awarded the highest paying category.
- Side pot fish are eligible to be used as part of your stringer and as a heavy red/trout entry • Any illegal fish OVER or UNDER stringer requirements listed below will be removed from the stringer and cannot be replaced with another fish. State and local laws apply, **a game warden may be present.**

ANY FISH DEEMED ALTERED IN ANY WAY, OR NOT CAUGHT DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS, WILL DISQUALIFY THE ENTIRE TEAM.

Weigh-Master's Decision will be final: The official form of measurement being used will be a slant board with the perfect trout pincher and the perfect red pincher.

ONE STRINGER ALLOWED PER TEAM

A STRINGER WILL CONSIST OF:

TWO (2) TROUT 15"-20"

TWO (2) SLOT RED

Teams do NOT have to have a complete stringer to be eligible to weigh into the heavy stringer category.

HEAVY TROUT:

ONE (1) TROUT PER TEAM – 15"-20"

HEAVY RED

ONE (1) SLOT RED PER TEAM – 20"– 28"

SIDE POTS

Spot Pot (Red with the greatest number of spots) *tiebreaker: first team to weigh in

-Redfish must be slot sized (20-28"). Redfish must have more than 2 spots to be eligible for entry-1st place only

Stringer weight closest to 13 lbs. *tiebreaker: first team to weigh in

-Stringer weight closest to 13 lbs without going over. Stringer weight will be the total stringer weight from your heavy stringer entry-1st place only

Heaviest Flounder *tiebreaker: first team to weigh in

-Heaviest Flounder 15" or greater (no max)-1st place only

Mystery Fish (announced at The Captain's Meeting)

-1st place only

Side Pots will consist of a 100% payout for each category, and handled at the captain's meeting.

The above side pot category will be a \$25 fee per Team side pot, or \$100 to enter all four (4).

Players Pool (Buy your team to win heaviest stringer) \$100/team

Guided vs Non-Guided Divisions.

Payout will be divided 70/30 for top two heavy stringer teams who entered the fifth side pot

YOUTH (12 & under)

Fish turned in for the youth division will be competing against only fish caught by youth
Youth may not contribute towards a team's heavy stringer, heavy red or heavy trout. Each youth fishing on the boat is eligible to turn in a youth heavy trout/youth heavy red.

Youth Categories will include:

YOUTH HEAVY TROUT: 15"-20"

YOUTH HEAVY RED: 20"- 28"

*** Each team is eligible to win one prize only, you will be awarded the highest paying category. This rule does not apply to side pots. Each team is eligible to win multiple side pots.**

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- 5). Heavy Red/Trout MUST be your heavy trout and heavy red used from your stringer.
- 6). Spot pot side pot does NOT have to be a part of your stringer.
- 7). Each team is eligible to win one paid category, you will be awarded the highest paying category. However, one team is eligible to win multiple side pots
- 8). Start time will be announced at the captains meeting Friday.
- 9). All entered fish must be caught by rod and reel only. One rod per fishermen.
- 10). No land-based fishing or fishing past the end of the jetties is permitted. All areas must be accessed by boat.
- 11). No fishing within 100 yards of another boat, unless permission is given by other boat.
- 12). In the result of a heavy stringer tied weight, the first team to have weighed in will determine the tie breaker.
- 13). In the result of a tie for heavy trout or heavy red, the first team to weigh in will be declared the winner.
- 14). Following weigh-in, there will be an event that includes dinner, a raffle, live auction and games. Any guests not competing must pay \$25.00 for their event ticket (meal is included). Children 12 and under do not have to purchase an event ticket, but will not be provided with a meal.
- 15). Any protests must be in writing to officials no later than 15 minutes after the last fish is weighed in. A \$150 cash deposit is required for all protests. If protest requires a polygrapher, an additional \$400 will be required. If protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned to the team. If not, the cash will be retained by the tournament.
- 16) We have the right to refuse participation in the tournament to any person/team.

Tournament Officials

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- **Colby Skelton – (830)-391-3847**