



## *17th Annual Saltwater Sweeties Ladies Fishing Tournament Rules*

**July 15, 2023**

All participants and occupants of their boats registering for the Coastal Bend Guides Association Saltwater Sweeties Annual Ladies Fishing Tournament do so voluntarily and at their own risk. Each registered participant agrees to release and hold harmless tournament officials, sponsors, and all others connected directly or indirectly with the said tournament from any liability, libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, injury, harm, or death suffered by any participant during the tournament.

CBGA holds the right to take photos of all the tournament activities, the weigh-in and the winning team and/or individuals. As a registered tournament participant, it is understood that you give permission to the CBGA and Saltwater Sweeties Annual Ladies Fishing Tournament® entity to use tournament photos whether printed or digitally reproduced, for future publicity, press releases, brochures and flyers, website content and promotions, advertising pieces and marketing campaigns as well as usage on our Saltwater Sweeties dedicated Facebook pages. Should the hold-harmless statement or the photograph permission release pose a problem, contact.

All contestants are expected to obey all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and laws. Violation of such rules may result in your disqualification from the tournament. You must have a valid fishing license with a saltwater stamp. If paying for a Fishing Guide, the guide must be USCG and TPWD licensed.

Safe boating should be always observed. Follow all City, State and Federal boating laws. Life jackets are required onboard by law and are recommended to be worn while under way. Tournament day may be shortened or rescheduled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Tournament Day fishing times. Official time to commence fishing will be announced at the captains' meeting. Fishing may not commence any earlier than ½ hour before sunrise. When to quit fishing is up to you, but make sure you can make it to the weigh in line on time.

Contestants may fish anywhere on "tournament waters" accessible to the public by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by private ownership or local, state, and federal officials. Contestants may not fish within 100 yards of the Port Aransas Ferry Landings.

Tournament Waters are all waterways, bays, lakes, rivers, bayous, canals, ditches, marshes, and tidal flats This will be covered at the captions meeting.

All fish must be caught by means of rod and reel. Anyone may cast, but you must hook it and reel it in all by yourself. (Someone may net it for you) Fishing must be performed by means of boat or wade fishing. No fishing from piers, shore or jetties is permitted.

#### **LIVE FISH WEIGH IN:**

- This is a live fish weigh in, .5 Lbs. will be added to the weight of any live fish weighed in
- No penalty assessed for dead fish.
- A member of the team must be in line with all fish to be weighed in by cut-off time, 3:00 PM.
- A line monitor will be appointed by the tournament committee and will determine the last eligible team in line.
- Once in line no fish can be exchanged or replaced. (If a fish is determined to be under or oversized by the weigh master. That fish is disqualified, and no fish may be brought in to replace it.)
- Please, only bring fish to be weighed into the line to reduce congestion and crowding.
- No fish will be allowed to be weighed in prior to 12:00 PM (NOON)"
- Fishtail fin can touch line but cannot go over
- All live fish will be turned over to be released
- All dead fish will have tails cut to keep fish from being weighed in twice

#### **TIES**

- All ties will be decided by a blind card draw

## **POLYGRAPH**

- CBGA reserves the right to polygraph test

## **PROTEST AND REPORTING PROCEDURE**

- All protests must be made, along with a \$100 cash deposit within fifteen (15) minutes of the last weigh in
- The tournament committee will review the protest and the deposit will be refunded if protest is granted. Otherwise, the deposited will be forfeited

## **TEAMS STRINGER**

- Two legal 20''-28'' slot Redfish
- One legal 17''-23'' slot Speckled Trout
- One legal 14''-30'' slot Black Drum

## **CATEGORIES / RULES**

- Ladies Only Anglers Division
  - Only to consist of up to 4 ladies one of which will act as caption
  - Female USCG- State Licensed Guides are allowed in this division
  - Any bait is allowed
- Guided Division
  - One (1) Male (XY- chromosome) may be on board the boat acting as captain
  - Female licensed guides may enter this division acting as guide only and will not be able to fish
  - Any bait is allowed
- Non-Guided Division
  - One (1) Male (XY- chromosome) or one (1) Female (2X- chromosome) may be on board the boat acting as captain
  - Any bait is allowed

## **TEAM AWARDS**

- Ladies Only Anglers Division, Guided Division and Non-Guided Division
  - First Place Team: Trophy to be announced
  - Second Place Team: Trophy to be announced
  - Third Place Team: Trophy to be announced

## **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Overall heaviest Redfish
  - BIG RED Trophy to be announced
- Overall heaviest Trout
  - GATOR TROUT Trophy to be announced
- Overall heaviest Black Drum
  - BIG UGLY Trophy to be announced
- Clarifications
  - Individual awards will include ALL divisions for the 3 awards
  - The fish weighed in for team competition will be used for individual awards
  - Keep up with who catches what fish, this is not a team event, they are overall individual awards

**CASH POT CATEGORIES:** Following Cash Pots will pay a 70/30 split at \$50.00 each entry

- Each Division- Ladies Only Anglers Division, Guided Division, and Non-Guided Division will have a cash pot for the following:
  - Heaviest Redfish
  - Heaviest Trout
  - Heaviest Drum
  - Redfish Closest to 21" without going over (Blackjack)
  - Redfish Most Spots