

# **KAYAK FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **EVENT DAY SUPPLIES**

- All Kayaks must launch and weigh-in at Prien Lake Park.
- No Fishing Guides allowed.
- Participants must have a valid fishing license. For fishing licenses and permit information please visit <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/recreational-fishing-licenses-and-permits>

## **BAIT & TACKLE**

- Live and artificial lures may be used.
- Only one rod and reel combination may be used at one time. No fly rods or rods over 8 feet are allowed. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. All angling must be done from the boat, anglers are not permitted to leave the boat to land a fish or to gain access to secluded waters. Competitors must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must always remain in the boat except in case of dire emergency.

## **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

- Participation is open to anyone 18 year of age or older. Minors (17 and younger) are eligible to participate when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who shall sign a release/waiver form on behalf of the minor. A completed entry form, waiver, and entry fee must be received no later than the published entry deadline date. "All participants represent that they are physically and mentally competent, fit and able to participate. By entering, all participants agree to assume all risks of personal injury, death, and damage to or loss of property and further agree to indemnify and hold The Coastal Conservation Association tournament organizers, volunteers, sponsors, officers, members, and agents harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and causes of action resulting directly or indirectly from participation.

## **SAFETY**

- All Federal, State, and Local laws must be obeyed or contestants will be subject to disqualification.
- All persons fishing in Reelin' for Warriors Rodeo must follow safe boat conduct at all times while on the water. During the rodeo, each competitor must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserve anytime the combustion engine is in operation.
- No consuming alcohol the morning of and during tournament hours.
- All angling must be conducted from the boat. Anglers cannot leave the boat to cast to, catch, or land a fish. Angler(s) may leave the boat and seek safe shelter in bad weather when danger may be imminent but must continue to follow all tournament rules and procedures during this period. Anglers may leave their boat to pull it out of an area where tides have gone out but cannot leave their boat to gain access to any area. No jumping berms, levees, landmasses, or any object blocking the entrance to any waterway, either man-made or natural.

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## SPORTSMANSHIP

- Do your best not to disturb someone else's fishing area, by encroachment, or noise. An angler officially establishes his/her fishing area by having their craft anchored in place. If you come upon an angler in an egress area, as quietly as you can, ask which side he or she would like you to cross at. A good rule of thumb is that if you can both cast to a common point you're too close. Respect others and use the golden rule.

## JUDGING & AWARDS

### JUDGING INFORMATION

- Weigh-in will begin at 1:00 pm and last weigh-in will be at 2:15 pm, please make sure you are back at dock by 2:00 pm for weigh-in.
- No fish will be weighed which has been kept on ice or is pale-gilled.
- NO point deduction for dead fish, but 0.25 points will be added for any fish that is alive. Please try to keep your fish alive. If caught throwing a dead fish in a lake you will be disqualified from the rodeo and it will not count towards the championship tournament. Participants will abide by state and federal laws.
- Only 1 fish will be weighed per team, Red Drum measuring between 18 to 27-inches, Specks measuring 13 to 20-inches and above (no more than 2 over 20-inches), Flounder have no size limit. Tournament officials have the right to inspect live wells before, during and after the tournament.
- Ties will be decided by the flip of a coin. All decisions of the appointed tournament officials are final.
- Tournament standings, contingency awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound-and-ounce weight of each competitor's catch during official weigh-in.

### AWARDS

Award for **Bag of 3 Speckled Trout Overall Weight** to the First Place, Second Place and Third Place

Award for **Largest Red Drum Weight** to the First Place, Second Place and Third Place

Award for **Largest Flounder Weight** to the First Place, Second Place and Third Place

Award for **Youth (13 and Under)** to the First Place, Second Place and Third Place Largest Fish by Weight(One award per species listed above)



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