

# **FISHING GUIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **EVENT DAY SUPPLIES**

- Guide entering the tournament **CANNOT** be a on **PAID** chater trip.
- 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.

## **SAFETY**

- All Federal, State, and Local laws must be obeyed or contestants will be subject to disqualification.
- All Reelin' for Warriors participants shall respect the no-wake zones at each respective location. Disobeying a no-wake zone may result in a disqualification from rodeo.
- 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.
- During the event, every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment and a functional bilge pump. During official competition, every boat must have live-well space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive, a limit catch of redfish by both competitors using the boat.
- No consuming alcohol the morning of and during tournament hours.
- Current liability insurance and boat registration are required for each participant. It is the angler's responsibility to maintain this coverage and ensure registration is up to date. Any boat not complying with state, federal, and local laws governing equipment requirements, registration numbers, decals, and their proper display, cannot be used in competition. If such a boat is placed in competition either intentionally or unknowingly, the angler's catch using that boat for the day(s) it was used will be disqualified regardless of the reason.
- 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.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

- Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from every participant.
- If you are caught tampering with another participant's tackle prior, before or during the rodeo you will be disqualified.

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## 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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