

# **Santa Fe High School Volleyball**

## **Fishing Tournament Rules:**



**INDIVIDUAL ANGLER FISHING:** Every angler must be registered for this tournament. Anglers will be weighing fish in individual categories. Federal, State & County Fishing laws apply to each angler that chooses to compete in this tournament. All individuals must be registered prior to fishing, including youth, who must specify youth when registering. All types of boats are allowed. (bay boat, airboat, kayak, etc.) The tournament begins at safelight, which means lines in the water at safelight. Safe light is 30 minutes before sunrise. The Weigh Master has final say on the official time and he/she will announce it at the captain's meeting.

**ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee is \$60 per angler. Youth anglers (15 & under) are free of charge but must be registered as youth, no exceptions.

**SAFETY:** SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST. Safety is paramount. Captains are responsible for the safe of their crew and legal operation of their boats at all times.

**QUALIFYING FISH:** Fish must be caught on hook and line and landed in whole condition. Fish must be of legal length and possession limits. Weighing in a fish that is not of legal limits will result in disqualification from the ENTIRE tournament. Mutilated fish will not be accepted. Qualifying fish are red drum, spotted sea trout and Spanish mackerel. Jr. Angler qualifying fish are any legal fish other than sharks, and stingrays. Each angler is able to weigh in one slot (18"-27") redbfish in the "Big Redfish" and one slot (15"-19") spotted sea trout in the "Big Trout" categories. Each angler is able to weigh the same slot redbfish and trout for a combined bag weight plus a Spanish Mackerel. The fish that are weighted for the bag can be the same fish that the individual anglers weighed or different ones as long as you are staying within the FWC regulations. Redfish with the most spots - The same fish that is weighed in the Big Redfish and Heaviest Bag categories will also be counted in the most spots.

**TIES:** In case of a tie, the winner will be the individual that weighed in the earliest.

**CALCUTTA:** The Calcutta for this tournament is a side pot buy-in of \$30 per angler. This Calcutta is for Over Slot Trout Only (19' and over). The Calcutta will pay out 50% - 1<sup>st</sup>, 30% - 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the remaining 20% of the money collected will go to the volleyball team.

**RADIO:** Captains are reminded that they should have an operational VHF radio on board their boat for safety. VHF radio Channels 9 is monitored by Sea Hag Marina. Channel 16 is monitored by the Coast Guard.

**CHECK OUT / IN:** There is no boat check the morning of the tournament.

**CAPTAIN'S MEETING:** The captains meeting will be held at SEA HAG MARINA 322 Riverside Dr. Steinhatchee, FL, 32359. Friday night at 6pm. This meeting is not mandatory but is highly recommended. If you are unable to attend the captain's meeting, it is your responsibility to know the rules of the tournament. You will receive your boat number, chip, token, ticket at this meeting.

**WEIGH-IN:** Weigh-in opens Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at SEA HAG MARINA, 322 Riverside Drive, Steinhatchee at 2pm. Weigh-in will close for all anglers at 3pm. You must return by boat to weigh-in, no trailering, or walk-ups will be accepted. **You must be in line with your fish and ticket (token/boat #) by 3pm.**

**PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** You must start in Steinhatchee, Florida, you are permitted to travel as far as you would like without touching land during tournament hours, within state waters (9 miles out). You must return by boat to weigh-in your fish. No trailering your fish to the weigh-in.

**TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Artificial lures or live bait may be used. Spearfishing or gigging will not be allowed. All fish must be caught on rod and reel.

**PROTESTS:** The Tournament Committee will settle any Protest. The Tournament Committee's decision is FINAL.

**By purchasing a ticket, you hereby affirm that you have read and understand all tournament rules and that you will abide by all decisions made by the tournament rules committee. The tournament committee is not responsible for accidents or injuries received as a result of participating in this tournament.**