

Fishin' For Vision Fishing Tournament Rules:

INDIVIDUAL ANGLER TOURNAMENT: This is an INDIVIDUAL ANGLER tournament. Each angler that wants to weigh fish and compete in the tournament must purchase a ticket. Federal, State & County Fishing laws apply to each angler that chooses to compete in this tournament. All contestants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner. Unruly conduct or un-sportsman like conduct will immediately disqualify you from the tournament without a refund. All Anglers on the boat must have a ticket prior to fishing. 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 \$50.00 per adult or jr. angler. You must register as a Jr. Angler to participate in this division (4-15 years old). If it is not noted at registration the name and age of the Jr. Angler, then they will be included in the adult division. No exceptions.

SAFETY: SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST. Safety is paramount. Captains are responsible for the safety 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 tournament. Mutilated fish will not be accepted. Qualifying fish are Red Drum and Spotted Seatrout. Jr. Angler (4-15 years old), qualifying fish are Red Drum and Spotted Seatrout. Redfish - in accordance with state guidelines 18-27 in. heaviest redfish. Trout - 15-19 in. heaviest trout to 19 in.; no trout over 19in will be accepted. The one redfish that you weigh-in can count towards the heaviest redfish and most spots. Participants are eligible for only one prize per category. All cash prizes will be awarded at Sea Hag Marina after 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.

CALCUTTA: There is a side pot Calcutta for one trout over 19 inches in this tournament. The entry fee is \$20 per angler. This side pot will pay out half of what it collected. There will be only 1 payout for the heaviest trout over 19 in. weighed in. Entry fee is required to participate in this category. Everyone on the boat must enter the Calcutta.

RADIO: Captains are reminded that they should have an operational VHF radio on board their boat for safety. VHF radio Channels 9 & 10 is monitored by the local marinas. Channel 16 is monitored by the Coast Guard.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING: The captain's meeting will be held at Roy's Restaurant at 6pm on Friday night 5/19. This meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended. You will receive your angler number at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the captain's meeting, it is your responsibility to know the rules of the tournament and get your angler number before departing Saturday morning. Angler numbers will be given out at the captain's meeting. It is your responsibility to obtain a number for each angler before leaving the docks Saturday morning. The tournament committee will be at Sea Hag's Docks Saturday morning until 8am for last-minute registration and to give out boat numbers.

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

WEIGH-IN: Weigh-in opens Saturday, May 18th 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. If you are unable to dock by 3:00pm someone from your boat must hand in all the angler number cards to a volunteer standing at the scales. Your angler number must be turned in by 3pm.

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

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: You must leave from Steinhatchee, Fl. No Boundaries. You are permitted to travel anywhere and as far as you like. Boats cannot come together with other boats during the tournament or dock. The only exception is in an emergency or for fuel. It is your responsibility to notify the tournament committee if this happens.

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

By purchasing a ticket, you here by 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 because of participating in this tournament.