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# **TGWA Whiskers & Reds Fishing Tournament** March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# Please provide complete information in the event that we have to contact you.

Team Name:	4550
(Each team member must submit	a separate entry form with signature)
Name:	
Address:	
City & Zip:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	
	Vebsite: www.texasgamewarden.com
Entry/Pot price	is per leam
Catfish Division (\$200)	Flathead Pot (\$50)
Crappie Division (\$200)	Blue Pot (\$50)
Redfish Division (\$200)	Crappie Pot (\$50)
Alligator Gar Division (\$200)	Spot Pot (\$50)
Youth Division (FREE)	A Frank
I have read wholly & agree fully with the 2015 TGWA Whisker have been provided to me. I fully understand that if at any ti complied with these rules & regulations, my participation will TGWA tournaments & that all entry fees will be surrendered Liability: The TGWA, TGWA tournament committee members, losses or mishaps before, during or after the 2015 TGWA Whisk	me during the 2015 tournament I am found to have not II be revoked for the current tournament & any future to the TGWA. & volunteers are not liable for any accidents, injuries,
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Signature & Date (REQUIRED)	Parent/Guardian Signature & Date (REQUIRED)
Check's must be payable to the Texas Game Warden Association. entry forms may be delivered by March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2015. Early Registrati or before March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 and an additional \$100 penalty for LAT	TGWA Tournament

El Campo, Texas 77437

will be issued per division. No entries will be accepted after 5 pm March

11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.



# **Tournament Rules**



#### **TGWA Whiskers & Reds Fishing Tournament 2015**

#### **Requirements**

- The tournament is open to all anglers with a **valid Texas fishing license**.
- Official Catfish, Alligator Gar, and Youth Division tournament hours are from 12:00 a.m. March 12<sup>th</sup> to 4:00 p. m. March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 weigh-in, rain or shine. (3 days)
- Official Crappie and Redfish Division tournament hours are from sunrise on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to 4:00 p.m. that Saturday afternoon weigh-in, rain or shine. (1 day)
- All legal means & methods of fishing are permissible for Team divisions.
- All public waters in the State of Texas are open to this tournament. Private canals, reservoirs or other waters, not open to the public, are not eligible to be fished for the tournament.
- Two weigh-in opportunities for catfish and alligator gar divisions; Friday 12pm-3pm & Saturday 1pm-4pm.
- Catfish entered into the tournament will be weighed one at a time to allow for additional larger catfish to be weighed in at the second weigh-in date. The combined weight of the heaviest three catfish for both days will be accepted for final weight.
- A second alligator gar can be weighed-in at the second weigh-in date if the gar is larger than the previous.
- There will be one weigh-in opportunity for the crappie and redfish divisions; Saturday 1pm-4pm
- Final weigh-in starts at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Brackenridge Recreation Complex. All anglers must be IN LINE before 4 p.m. to be considered present.
- \*\*Newly established TPWD regulations prohibit the removal and transportation of water from <u>ALL</u> public water bodies in <u>ALL</u> receptacles in a vessel, to diminish the spread of invasive species (zebra mussels). All fish that are to be transported for the weigh-in must be transported in water that is not taken from any public body of water. You may fill your fish holding receptacles with well water in order to transport the fish\*\*

## Team Division's (All ages)

- 1-4 persons per team. Each Team must pay a single entry fee for each category or pot entered.
- There will be four team Divisions: Catfish, Crappie, Alligator Gar, & Redfish
- An individual can only serve on ONE team and only ONE boat can be used at a time per team.
- If a youth (Ages 5-16) fishes in a Team Division they can no longer fish in the Youth Division.

- Only team members may be present on the boat. Youth Division fisherman may be on a Team boat, but must weigh-in fish caught on their own rods and reels for the Youth Division.
- Cash payouts for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> places in all Team Divisions.
- 1<sup>st</sup>-\$1,000 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$700 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$300
- Pot winners receive 50% of pot entries.

#### Catfish Division (All ages)

- Heaviest stringer of up to three catfish, any combination (Flathead, blue, channel catfish), wins.
- All catfish entered must be ALIVE at weigh-in time, if fish are deemed deceased by weigh-master a 20% penalty will be deducted from the final weight.
- All legal means & methods are allowed, including hand fishing.
- No trot-lines, throw-lines, jug-lines, or any legal fishing means and methods shall be deployed or placed in public waters before 12:00 am on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

# Crappie Division (All ages)

- Heaviest stringer of up to ten crappie, any combination (Black & White Crappie), wins.
- All legal means & methods are allowed.
- All crappie entered may be alive or dead.

## Redfish Division (All ages)

- Heaviest stringer of up to three redfish.
- Redfish up to 28" in length are eligible to enter (no tagged redfish).
- All legal means & methods are allowed.
- All redfish entered may be alive or dead.

#### Alligator Gar Division (All ages)

- One alligator gar per Team, heaviest weight wins.
- All legal means & methods are allowed, including bow-fishing.
- All gar entered may be alive or dead.
- No trot-lines, throw-lines, jug-lines, or any legal fishing means and methods shall be deployed or placed in public waters before 12:00 am on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



# Youth Division (Ages 5-16)

- There will be one Youth division: Combined weight of 5 catfish (Flat head, Blue, or Channel; any combination)
- Pole & Line only, NO other means & methods.
- All youth division catfish entered may be alive or dead at weigh-in time.
- Youth Division can not enter pots.
- Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> places.
- Begins March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 12AM

# Pots (All ages, except Youth Division)



- Fish entered into Team Division final weights are allowed to win pots.
- Flathead Pot- Heaviest flathead catfish wins.
- Blue Pot- Heaviest Blue catfish wins.
- Crappie Pot- Heaviest Crappie wins.
- **Spot Pot** Redfish with the most black spots wins.

#### <u>Ties</u>

- **Team Division Ties** In the case of a tie, winner will be decided by first to weigh-in.
- Youth Division Ties In the case of a tie, winner will be decided by first to weigh-in.
- **Pot Ties** In the case of a tie, winner will be decided by first to weigh-in.

# Eligibility

- 1. All anglers must have a valid Texas fishing license.
- NO professional guides will be allowed to participate or be present on a boat during this tournament. You
  must not have professionally guided any fresh or saltwater fishing trips within two years of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to
  qualify.
- 3. All state and federal penal code and game laws shall apply at all times.
- 4. All Texas, Coast Guard and State Parks and Wildlife regulations shall apply, at all times during tournament hours.
- 5. Each angler must be a paid entrant of the tournament for each division entered, & must abide by all tournament rules & regulations.
- 6. Each entrant must complete the TGWA hold harmless agreement (attached)
- 7. Tournament directors retain the right to refuse any entry.

# Weigh-in/Sportsmanship

- 1. All fish weighed in & entered must be caught during official tournament hours.
- 2. All fish presented for weigh-in will be inspected by a Texas Game Warden or Biologist for determination of entry eligibility.

- 3. All fish must be weighed-in by the team who originally caught the fish & must be in the team's physical possession at the time of weigh-in.
- 4. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety & conservation are expected from all entrants.
- 5. All game & water safety laws of the State of Texas, applicable to fishing & boating on public waters, must be followed. Any violations will be cause for immediate disqualification. Any and all winnings will be forfeited.
- 6. Any & all winners **will** be subject to **polygraph testing**.
- 7. Any entrant found to be in violation of any tournament rules & regulations will be subject to disqualification from this tournament & all future tournaments.
- 8. All fish weighed-in will have the option to donate their fish to the TGWA.

#### ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE & WEIGH MASTER ARE FINAL.

## Registration and entry fee:

- 1. Entry for all team divisions is \$200 per Team, per division.
- 2. Entry for Youth Division anglers is FREE.
- 3. Entry for all team pots is \$50 per team, per pot.
- 4. Entries and checks must be post marked to the address below no later than March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 5. Absolutely no refund of entry fees will be issued, no matter the circumstance.
- 6. Entries after the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will be assessed a \$100 penalty fee per division.
- 7. No entries will be accepted after 5pm March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Mail entries to; TGWA Tournament 430 Wilbur St. El Campo, TX 77437

Questions, concerns, & comments about the tournament, contact us at the following:

Phone: 979/257-6508 Email: cbird1493@gmail.com Website: <u>www.texasgamewarden.com</u>



#### HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

This HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made effective on March 19th, 20th & 21st, 2015 by and between the Texas Game Warden Association (hereinafter, "TGWA"), of 4367 FM 1047, Hamilton, TX 76531 and TGWA Whisker's & Red's Fishing Tournament Contestant (hereinafter, "Contestant").

WHEREAS, Contestant desires to hold harmless TGWA from any claims and/or litigation arising out of Contestant's actions in connection with Liability; The TGWA is not responsible for the conduct, personal injury, damages, accidents, or negligence on the part of any participant. Each fisherman must sign an entry form prior to the start of the tournament to be eligible to enter. Boating Safety: Any person assisting this tournament is responsible for safe conduct of the vessel and all equipment and life jackets must meet U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

1. I,\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hold Harmless, TGWA from any and all actual or alleged claims, demands, causes of action liability, loss damage and /or injury to property or persons, including without limitation wrongful death, whether brought by an individual or other entity, or imposed by a court of law or by administrative action of any federal, state, or local governmental body or agency, arising out of or incident to any acts, omissions, negligence, or willful misconduct of TGWA, its personnel, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers in connection with or arising out of TGWA's actions. This indemnification applies to and includes, without limitation, the payment of all penalties, fines judgments, awards, decrees, attorney's fees, and related costs or expenses, and any reimbursements to TGWA for all legal expenses and costs incurred by it.

2. Authority to Enter Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3. **Amendment: Modification**. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

4. Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other party any contractual right by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Date