



BCFA “Cowboys on the Coast”

Fishing Tournament

Rules and Regulations

June 1, 2024



1. Entry Fee is \$300.00 per team. All entry and side pot fees must be received and paid in full by 8 AM on June 1, 2024. Entries accepted at boat ramp on the day of Tournament. **Online entries accepted at:**
<https://www.brazoriacountyfair.com/events/2024/cowboys-on-the-coast>
2. Early Bird Entry Drawing – all online entries received and paid for by 4 PM on May 17, 2024, will be placed in a hat and a winner will be drawn at the awards ceremony. The winner will receive their \$300 entry fee back.
3. The Tournament will officially begin at 6:00 AM Saturday, June 1, 2024. If threatening weather is present, a decision will be made by 6:00 AM Tournament Day on a starting delay or postponement. It is the responsibility of the anglers to verify status of Tournament. Ernest Lawson will be onsite and can be reached on cell at 832-878-0107.
4. A maximum of four (4) anglers per team, all of which must be registered in the Tournament. This does not mean you cannot have a 2-man team.
5. Captains or Guides are not allowed to enter the Tournament. However, Anglers can use a Guide or Captain at their expense. The Guide or Captain will only be allowed to assist in bait hooks, net fish, assist in any equipment malfunction (backlash) but WILL NOT be allowed to cast or retrieve.
6. All teams must be paid anglers to compete in the side pots.
7. Tournament participants will be allowed to fish any public waters along the Texas Gulf Coast.

8. All team members must leave and fish from one exclusive designated team vessel (boat or truck). Teams do not need boat access to enter the tournament. All teams must always fish within plain eyesight of their exclusive team vessel.
9. All fish must be caught by rod and reel and in strict adherence with Texas Parks and Wildlife Laws.
10. Live or artificial bait will be allowed. No bait acquired by illegal means, no pre-baiting fishing spots, and no culling of dead fish.
11. All fish entered in Tournament must be caught during tournament hours on the day of the Tournament.
12. To assist Tournament officials in identifying registered teams on the water all boats may be given a banner/flag that must be displayed/flown during the tournament.
13. **Grand Champion Stringer** – Teams will weigh in one (1) Slot (up to 20”) Speckled Trout, one (1) (up to 28”) Non-Tagged Redfish, and one (1) Flounder. Stringers must have all three to compete. Most stringer weight wins. Should a complete stringer not be weighed in by 3 separate teams, the remaining designated monies will be put into the BCFA Scholarship Fund. Ex: Only 2 teams have complete stringers, 3rd place monies go to Scholarship Fund.
****GUARANTEED PAYOUT****
 - a. 1st place - \$1,000 plus Grand Champion Angler Buckles
 - b. 2nd place - \$500
 - c. 3rd Place - \$300
14. **Grand Champion Single Fish – Stringer fish can be used for single category.**
 - a. Speckled Trout – Heaviest Fish within legal slot limits (no oversized or tagged trout accepted) - \$250
 - b. Redfish - Heaviest Fish within legal slot limits (no tagged fish accepted) - \$250
 - c. Flounder - Heaviest Fish - \$250
15. **Youth Division – Entries must be anglers 17 or under as of tournament date and must be listed as an angler on a team to participate.**
 - a. Speckled Trout – Heaviest Fish within legal slot limits (up to 20”no oversized or tagged trout accepted) - \$100 and Grand Champion Youth Buckle
 - b. Redfish – Heaviest Fish within legal slot limits (no tagged fish accepted) - \$100
 - c. Flounder - Heaviest Fish - \$100
16. **Cash Pots – 80% payout to 1st place and 20% to 2nd place.**

Must be entered by 8 AM June 1, 2024. Stringer fish can be used for cash pots.
Entries in cash pots are per team **NOT PER ANGLER.**

 - a. Blackjack Trout – Closest to 20” without going over - \$25 entry per team.

- b. Blackjack Flounder – Closest to 21” without going over - \$25 entry per team.
 - c. Redfish within legal slot limits (non-tagged) with the most spots - \$25 entry per team.
17. Fish in “Redfish with most spots” cash pot: The spots need to be bigger than a pencil eraser to count. All spots are determined valid by weighmaster/tournament director.
18. All Anglers and hired Captains or Guides, are subject to random polygraph testing. You must be present within 15 minutes of being called or you will be disqualified. Alcohol can affect the test results, any angler that is unable to complete the test will be disqualified.
19. Violation of any rule or un-sportsmanlike behavior will disqualify the angler and team.
20. Winner is determined by the heaviest weight of the fish or stringer. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed in wins.

WEIGH – IN

21. The weigh in station is located at:



- The weigh station will be open at 12 PM (noon) and close at 2 PM the day of the Tournament. To weigh your fish, anglers must be recognized in line by a committee member before 2 PM. Anglers must have fish identified for weigh in once they are in line.
22. Anglers must appear in person to sign off on their tournament entry at weigh in.
23. All fish will be weighed on the same scale and will be weighed in the following order.
- a. Stringers
 - b. Biggest Redfish Pot
 - c. Biggest Speckled Trout Pot
 - d. Biggest Flounder Pot
24. All fish weighed in must be within the legal bag and slot length limits set forth by the Texas Parks and Wildlife. No oversized/tagged trout or redfish will be allowed to weigh in. Any team who attempts to enter a fish that is not of legal size will be disqualified.

25. ALL ANGLERS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE FISHING AND BOATING REGULATIONS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL LICENSES/PERMITS REQUIRED BY LAW.
26. All fish submitted for weigh in must be in a fresh, edible condition. Frozen, thawed, spoiled, or mutilated fish, or any fish altered from its natural state will be disqualified. Weigh Master and Tournament officials will have the final decision of validity of fish and their decision is final.
27. In the event of a protest, a written and signed protest must accompany \$250 cash. Protest must be delivered to the Fair Manager no later than 5 PM on Tournament Day. Tournament and awards ceremony will continue as scheduled. Grievance Committee will be notified and will schedule a meeting to render a decision. This meeting WILL NOT take place on the day of nor the following day of Tournament. The \$250 cash protest fee will be refunded if the Grievance Committee rules in favor of protester. The decision of grievance committee is final on all protests.
28. The Brazoria County Fair Association, sponsors, organizers, and other entities involved in the Cowboys on the Coast Fishing Tournament are not responsible for any accident, death, or injury, nor loss or theft to any property.