

Scales for Tails Tournament Rules

We will be working on the honor system during this tournament. Please exhibit your use of good sportsmanlike conduct throughout the tournament.

All fish must be taken on rod and reel with live or artificial baits only. We ask that you use circle hooks and we encourage the live and careful release of all fish, especially fish that are under and over sized.

Please obey all boating laws.

No items may be passed between boats during tournament hours.

Hours of fishing are from Sat. 6:30 a.m. or first safe light to no later than Sat. 3:00 p.m. Anglers may check in as early as 12:00 p.m. as in the case of a tie the earlier time will prevail.

Any and all rules will be clarified at the mandatory Captain's Meeting on Friday, October 1st at 7:30 pm. **At least one person from each boat must attend.**

Any person on a tournament fishing boat must be entered in the tournament.

Each angler is eligible for one prize only. If any angler has 2 fish as possible winners he/she will be awarded the larger of the two prizes. Those anglers entered in the Recreational Division will be eligible for the Recreational Division prizes **only** just as Expert Division anglers are eligible for Expert Division prizes **only**. In the event any angler on a boat is a currently licensed fishing guide or has actively guided in the last 24 months, the entire boat must be entered in the Expert Division.

Redfish & Trout Category – Winners will be determined based on length of fish. In order to be eligible all photos must include the number card assigned to each angler, measuring board given to each boat, and the entire **fish with belly to the bottom of picture**, nose to the stop board, stop board to the left of picture. The tail may be pinched but your hand can not obstruct any part of the fish or numbers on the measuring board. Any photos not showing the required information will be **penalized 2 inches plus what the weigh master deems as the correct length.**

The Race for 10 Category – Catch all 10 of the following species (Pinfish, Ladyfish, Sheephead, Mackerel, Catfish, Jack Crevalle, Flounder, Grouper, Sea Bass and Mangrove Snapper) and get back first to win. If no one catches all 10 varieties of fish, the winner will be the angler who catches the closest to all 10 species. Size and length do not matter in this category. In order to be eligible all photos must include the number card assigned to each angler.

Participants are asked to use their own digital camera or Polaroid camera in the tournament and include the index card with their name on it in each photo for ease of identification. **Each angler must accompany his/her camera/photos to the judges.** **Only those anglers standing in line with their own photos at 3:00 p.m. will be accepted.**

Lengths of the winning fish will be displayed by division in category and any angler wanting to file a grievance must do so by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the tournament.

All decisions of the judges are final.

The entry fee is **\$50.00 per angler** if registration fees are paid by **Sept. 15, 2009**. After Sept. 15th angler entry fee is increased to \$65.00 per angler.

DIVISIONS

Expert- Any guide or angler fishing with a guide

Recreational – Any angler fishing from boat, kayak/canoe, or wading - **NO CAPTAINS ON BOARD AT ANY TIME.**

PRIZES

Rod & Reel combos will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place for Redfish, Trout & the Race for 10 categories for both the Recreational and Expert Divisions.