



10/24/26 REDFISH TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This is a **photo only tournament**. Do not bring any fish to Anclote Park for the purpose of the tournament; however, you can bring in slot fish that you wish to harvest and eat.
2. This is a sporting event; all fish must be taken on rod and reel using live or artificial baits. Cast nets may be used for the taking of baitfish only.
3. Anglers may fish from a vessel, by land or by wading. Vessels may make landfall to refuel, eat, and use the bathroom if necessary.
4. Boaters will observe all no-wake zones. Any boat caught speeding in the no-wake zones will be disqualified from the tournament. Spotter boats will be around.
5. No items whatsoever may be passed between boats after check in, unless in case of emergency.
6. **Check ins will start at 6:00am at the Anclote boat ramp with lines in the water at 7:00am.**
7. **Tournament fishing hours are from 7:00am to 3:00pm.**
8. *Each fish entered by an angler must have been caught by him/her and not by another person. If there is any doubt in the matter, the angler will be disqualified and the judges' decision will be final.*
9. Each angler is eligible for one prize only based on **cumulative inches of his/her two largest SLOT redfish** caught between 7:00am and 3:00pm on the day of the tournament as evidenced by placement of the angler's playing card in the photo of each fish.
10. In the event of a tie, the first angler checked in with his photos will win.
11. **Photos must include the playing card, Check-it Stick measuring board/ruler (available to be checked out at 6am), and the entire fish properly placed as follows:**
 - **Mouth/Nose:** Must be closed and touching the "fence" or end-stop of the measuring device.
 - **Orientation:** Fish must be placed on its right side, with the belly facing the angler, and the head facing to the left.
 - **Tail:** The tail must lie flat on the measuring device and the tail may be pinched to determine the maximum length. Do not do anything to the fish that artificially lengthens it.
 - **Visibility:** The entire fish and the ruler's markings must be clearly visible in a top-down photograph with the angler's playing card also clearly visible in the photo.
 - If the above specifications are not met, judges will disqualify the photo.
 - Any angler failing to send their photo (s) to 727-910-6699 by 3:00pm sharp according to the judges' clock will be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
12. First place winner will receive 50% of entry fees; Second place winner will receive 30% of entry fees; and Third place winner will receive 20% of entry fees.
13. All protests must be received before 3:30pm at which time winners will be determined by overall length of their redfish turned in by the photo weigh in at 3:00pm.
14. Each angler agrees to abide by the tournament rules. Anglers accept full responsibility for their own safety and conduct. Anglers understand that all applicable taxes will be the responsibility of each winner. Also, each angler will not hold the Tarpon Springs Fishing Club, Inc., tournament staff or sponsors responsible for any injuries or damages caused by others or themselves.
15. Each angler will indemnify the Tarpon Springs Fishing Club, Inc., tournament staff or sponsors against any and all liability incurred during this fishing tournament. It is mandatory to sign a liability waiver to enter the tournament. By signing the tournament registration, anglers agree to follow the rules and conditions of the tournament listed above.
16. If anglers are discovered to have broken any of the above rules, they will be disqualified. If anglers are found to have broken any laws of the State of Florida, they will be turned over to the FWC.
17. All decisions of the judges are final.

TAGGED FISH

If an angler catches a tagged redfish, please handle them with wet hands and care, following the FWC capture guidelines as follows:

- Record the tag number, fish length, specific catch location
- Note any unusual circumstances regarding the catch
- When releasing a tagged hatchery redfish, do not remove the streamer tag. Repeat captures of the same fish are not uncommon.