



2020 Sarasota Tournament Rules



Sarasota Fishing Tournament

Fishing Date:

Saturday, March 7th, 2020

Tournament Headquarters:

Marina Jack
2 Marina Plaza
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 365-4243

Eligible Fish:

- Redfish, Trout, and Snook
- One entry per species

Angling Hours:

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- All fish entries must be submitted immediately after fish is landed via iANGLER tournament app. No exceptions!

General Rules:

- All boats must be back to tournament headquarters by 3:00 p.m.
- Boats must depart and return to tournament fishing headquarters by water. Boats may depart in any order, but not before the starting signal is given by tournament officials. Please watch your wake in and out of the marina. Reckless boat handling will not be allowed. No trailering.
- Anglers must hook, fight and bring the fish to the boat the day of the tournament without captain handling the rod. Captain can cast but cannot hook the fish.
- All entries must be submitted via the iANGLER tournament app and contain the following: picture of catch, angler name, team, captain name, fish species, and length.
- All entries shall be photographed on the official tournament measuring device.
- If there is an issue with the submission, the scoring committee will reply via the app and call the captain.

- No catches will be accepted after 3:00 p.m.
- Full-release tournament. All entered fish must be released alive.
- Natural and artificial baits permitted.
- Chumming permitted.
- Scents permitted.
- Lures may be trolled.
- Captains supply own bait, lures, and flies.
- Anglers may not wade from the boat to fish.
- There must be at least two (2) anglers on every participating boat. In the absence of a teammate or angler, a substitute angler may be approved by the tournament committee.
- Tournament committee may elect an alternate starting location for day of competition as demanded by weather conditions.
- Fish must be entered immediately after fish is landed.
- In the event of a tie, the team or angler who enters the fish first will be declared the winner.
- The penalty for any rules violation is zero points for the day. All protests must be in writing and signed. They must be presented to a rules committee member by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the violation.
- Weather Policy – the safety of our anglers, participants, and staff is our primary concern. If inclement weather or other safety concerns arise, the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation and tournament organizers reserve the right to modify, limit, or cancel the event as necessary.
- **If you are seen fishing in a closed area, your team catches for that day are disqualified.**

Angling Requirements:

- As a light tackle tournament, The NPCF, Fishing Funds the Cure, Galveston Bay Grand Slam Fishing Tournament requires line of maximum 20# breaking strength for fish caught using natural or artificial bait.

Catch Qualifications and Registration:

- A digital image is to be used for all photos. It is the sole responsibility of the angler to capture a clear image of the entered fish showing an accurate overall length measurement of that fish.
- Each boat shall be equipped with an official measuring device. Lengths of an entered fish must be recorded on this measuring device.
- Catch shall be laid on the device, nose butting the “zero” line demarcation of the measuring device. You may have to steady the fish while on the measuring device, no hands should be in the final photo. Take photograph of the whole fish, making sure the nose and tail are in the photo and that size gradations are visible.
- Once satisfied with the catch photo, release the fish. Handling should be kept to a minimum and should only be done with wet hands. The measuring device should also be wet for the protection of the fish.
- All decisions relating to angler and catch eligibility, as well as scoring, shall be the responsibility of the tournament officials.

Scoring:

- ALL fish entries must be submitted via the iANGLER tournament app immediately after fish is landed. In-person entries will NOT be accepted. Fish entered should be of greater size than previously caught and entered. i.e. there is no need to submit a catch if the fish is smaller than a catch you previously submitted.
- Eligible species: Redfish, Trout and Flounder. Points will be awarded only for fish caught, photographed, and released in good condition. Every effort should be made to assure the live release of all fish, which must swim away from the angler in apparent good health. Fish should be unhooked before being released unless the act of unhooking is judged to be a danger to the angler or fish. In cases where unhooking appears inadvisable, hooks should be clipped in half or the leader should be clipped at the hook eye.
- Due to the nature of the contest as an all release tournament, there are no size restrictions on the length of the fish (minimum or maximum) that will be imposed.
- Fish measurements will be judged on total length, to the nearest ¼ inch.
- Anglers are urged to utilize hooks with barbs bent down to facilitate unhooking. When fishing with natural bait, anglers are urged to use bronze (varnished) hooks that will rust quickly if left in the fish.
- This is a Grand Slam Team Tournament – it is intended that our top awards feature team Grand Slam catches and as such, each team shall present their longest Redfish, Trout, and Snook for the **Team Grand Slam calculation.**
- **Grand Slam – This is a team category. Winners are determined by the total length accrued of the longest Redfish, Trout, and Snook entered by the team.**

Prize Categories:

Grand Slam (TEAM) – Most total inches for Redfish, Trout, and Snook (1 entry per species). Must catch a fish in each species. (Redfish length in inches + Trout length in inches + Snook length in inches = Total inches) 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded to Grand Slam Team and captain. Each angler limited to one prize.

Top Anglers (INDIVIDUAL) – Longest single fish (in inches) for each species – Redfish, Trout, and Snook. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded on a single fish entry. Each angler limited to one prize.

Captains may keep the catch measuring device. If not interested in keeping the catch measuring device, it is to be returned to the tournament officials by 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

***Tournament Officials reserve the right to change any rule or rules prior to the start of the tournament.

In the event of any rules conflict or dispute, the decision of the committee shall be final***