Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament

Financial CREDIT UNION

2017 REDFISH TOURNAMENT RULES

Fishing Date – Saturday 15 July 2017

Registration

1. Registration fees are non-refundable. Registration cost per angler is $50.

2. Payment of the entry fee constitutes a representation by each Angler that the Angler has read and understands these Tournament Rules and that the Angler will abide by such Rules and the decisions of the Tournament's Committees and Tournament personnel.

3. The Tournament reserves the right to disqualify any Angler who violates Tournament Rules.

Captain's Meeting

4. There will be a Captains meeting for the Redfish Tournament on Friday, July 14th at 7:00 pm. Each angler is responsible for being informed of all Tournament Rules.

5. The Tournament Rules Committee may amend the Tournament Rules at any time prior to the start of fishing.

Prizes

6. Only one prize will be awarded per registered Angler; First Place for largest Redfish will be $1,500 cash, Second Place $1,000 cash and Third Place $500 cash. Prize for Redfish with the most spots will be $1,500 cash, Second Place $1,000 cash and Third Place $500 cash.

Boating Safety

7. Every boat must meet all Federal, State and Local safety regulations for its size. All anglers are responsible to ensure all applicable Federal, State and local fishing laws and regulations are adhered to by all members of their crew.

8. It is recommended all boats be equipped with an operating Marine VHF-FM radio.

9. The use of marine radios during the Tournament must comply with the FCC and USCG regulations. The use of profane or derogatory remarks may result in disqualification.

10. Violation of any statute or marine regulation or directive by a boat or Angler may be grounds for disqualification in the sole discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee.

Check Out and Check In

11. There will be no official checkout procedure for this Tournament. All boats may commence fishing as soon as there is enough light to fish.

12. The weigh-in opens at 9:00 am and all Anglers wishing to weigh a fish must be at the Weigh-In, in line formed by the Tournament Committee boat by 2:00 pm.

13. A committee boat may be located near the weigh-in scale to establish the time an Angler arrived.

Fishing

14. Hours of fishing are from first light until 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 15, 2017, unless terminated by the Tournament's Rules Committee.

Weighing-In Fish & Spot Counting

16. This is a live catch tournament, so it will be the Angler's responsibility to present a live fish at the scales. Any Angler presenting a dead fish at the scale will have a one pound penalty subtracted from the weight of the fish. All fish submitted for weigh-in must be of legal size and caught the same Tournament day.

17. Only one Red Fish per Angler will be eligible for the official weigh-in or spot count. Angler must declare at the scale if he wishes to enter fish in the weight or spot count. Only one prize will be awarded per angler.

18. All anglers must comply with current Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission rules for redfish.

19. All fish will be measured with a pinched tail.

20. All natural black spots 11/64" or greater are counted. A clear and distinct line must be visible between spots. If not, it will be counted as one spot. Dead fish will be assessed a one-spot penalty.

21. No mutilated fish will be weighed. "Mutilation" is defined as any damage, which impairs the fish's fighting ability, and the Weigh Master will make all decisions regarding mutilation.

22. Legal methods for catching fish are rod and reel.

23. All fish weighed or counted will be returned to the Angler.

24. Fish to be weighed or spot count must be put on the dock and carried to the scales by the Angler. Shoes are required by all participants coming to the scales and a personal floatation device is required if a Jr. Angler leaves a boat.

25. All information printed on the weigh-in slip, including but not limited to the official weight, as accepted by the Angler, is binding.

26. In the event of a tie in fish weights, the winner shall be determined by the earliest check in time as recorded by the Weighmaster.

Protest

27. Any protest must be submitted to the Weigh Master in writing within thirty minutes after the closing of the weigh-in station on the day the disqualifying event occurs. Only an Angler registered in the Tournament may file a protest. Each protest must be accompanied by a one hundred dollar ($100.00) deposit. In the event the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If the protest is not upheld, the deposit will be forfeited. The decisions of the Rules Committee are binding regarding any protest.

Polygraph

28. All Anglers agree to submit to a polygraph at the request of the Tournament. Failure to submit to such an examination will result in disqualification of the Angler at the sole discretion of the Rules Committee.

Miscellaneous

29. Any matter not specifically covered by these rules may be decided by and at the sole discretion of the Tournament's Rules Committee and the decisions of the Rules Committee shall be binding. The Tournament reserves the right to delay, cancel or reschedule the Tournament if weather conditions are unfavorable or unsafe in the sole judgment of the Tournament's Rules Committee. In the event that the Tournament shall be delayed or rescheduled due to any cause beyond the control of Jacksonville Marine Charities, Inc. d/b/a The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament, no entry fee shall be refunded to the entrants and entrants shall have no claim against Jacksonville Marine Charities, Inc., for return of any portion of the entry fee.