



GREATER JACKSONVILLE KINGFISH TOURNAMENT



The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament will follow all COVID related regulations as directed by the relevant local, state and federal government agencies

2024 REDFISH TOURNAMENT RULES Fishing Date – Saturday, July 20, 2024

REGISTRATION

1. Entry fee is \$75 per Angler and is non-refundable.
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 Tournaments 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 Captain's meeting for the Redfish Tournament on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 @ 6:30 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. All prizes are cash. Prizes will be awarded for 1st to 5th place in largest and 1st to 5th place spots.

BOATING SAFETY

7. Every boat must meet all Federal, State and Local safety regulations for its size. All Captains 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. 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 CHECK IN

10. There will be no official checkout procedure for this Tournament. All anglers may commence fishing as soon as there is safe light.
11. The weigh in opens at 9:00 AM and all Anglers wishing to weigh a fish must be in the weigh in line established by the Tournament Committee boat by 2:00 PM.
12. A Committee boat may be located near the weigh-in scale to establish the time an Angler arrived.

FISHING

13. Hours of fishing are from safe light until 2:00 PM Saturday, July 20, 2024, unless terminated earlier by the Tournaments Rules Committee. The use of any aerial device (drone, airplane, helicopter) is prohibited.

WEIGHING-IN FISH & SPOT COUNTING

14. This is a live catch tournament. It is 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 day of the Tournament.

15. Only one Redfish per Angler will be eligible for the official weigh in or spot count. Anglers must declare at the scale if they wish to enter fish in the weigh-in or spot count. Only one prize will be awarded per Angler.
16. All fish will be measured with a pinched tail.
17. 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.
18. No mutilated fish may be weighed in and the final decision will be made by the weigh master.
19. Legal methods for catching fish are rod and reel.
20. All fish weighed or spot counted will be returned to the Angler.
21. Fish to be weighed or spot counted 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 Junior Angler leaves a boat.
22. All information printed on the weigh-in slip, including but limited to the official weight, as accepted by the Angler, is binding.
23. In the event of a tie in fish weights or spots, the winner shall be determined by the earliest check in time as recorded by the Weigh Master.

PROTEST

24. Any protest must be submitted to the Weigh Master in writing within 30 minutes after the closing of the weigh-in station on the day of the Tournament. Only an Angler registered in the Tournament may file a protest. Each protest must be accompanied by a one hundred dollars (\$100) 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

25. 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

26. 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 the weather conditions are unfavorable or Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to amend any rule due to safety concerns. If the Tournament shall be delayed, cancelled or rescheduled to any cause beyond the control of Jacksonville Marine Charities, Inc. d/b/a The Great 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 entry fee.