



# Inshore/Offshore Tournament Rules

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*Tournament Rules are subject to change up until the  
Captain's Meeting on 8/5/11.*

## **#1 RULES ACCEPTANCE**

- It is the sole responsibility of the Captain, crew and anglers to read, understand and abide by the Tournament rules; including any and all special instructions and/or modifications announced during Captain's meeting.
- At least one designated representative from each team must attend the captains meeting.
- The Home Builders Association Manatee-Sarasota/Sarasota Slam except the highest level of integrity and sportsmanship from its participants.

## **#2 ENTRY DEADLINE**

- 3:00 PM, Friday, August 5, 2011

## **#3 ENTRY FEE**

- The entry fee shall be \$500 per boat competing in the Offshore Tournament - Grouper, Snapper and Wildcard.
- The entry fee shall be \$150 per angler competing in the Inshore Tournament - Trout and Redfish.

## **#4 CAPTAIN'S MEETING & TOURNAMENT START**

- Registration will be from Noon until 3:00pm Friday, August 5, 2011.
- There will be mandatory captain's meeting Friday, August 5, 2011, 3:00pm at Marina Jack banquet room.
- At least one member of each team **MUST** be present. All anglers are encouraged to attend the captain's meeting.
- Anglers will be released to fish upon completion of the captain's meeting.

## **#5 ENTRY NUMBERS**

- Entry numbers will be assigned in order of registrations received and paid in full. **There will be no deviation from the numbering system.**
- Each tournament vessel will receive their entry number at registration and shall be required to display that number in a manner easily visible to tournament officials at check-in.
- Weigh in will be called on VHF channel 71 by tournament number, in order of check in.

## **#6 HOURS OF COMPETITION**

- Tournament participants may begin fishing immediately after captain's meeting, and must be checked in by tournament official check in station on Saturday August 6, 2011.
- Inshore species will be weighed from 2pm to 3pm. Offshore species will be weighed from 3pm to 4pm. (These times could be pushed out according to amount of fish being weighed.)
- Official time will be kept by Tournament Director and will correspond with time displayed on Tournament Director's Cell Phone.

## **#7 FISHING RULES**

- Angling gear and methods should comply with the spirit of the International Game Fish Association (IGFA).
- During competition hours, there shall be no more than 6 anglers on any one entered boat.
- All fish must be caught on rod and reel. No electric reel use allowed during the tournament.
- Wading permitted. Vessel must remain moored at all times any angler is not in the boat.
- Chumming is prohibited in the inshore division only.
- Live baiting is allowed.

## **#8 PERMITS AND LICENSES**

- Registered boats and anglers must comply with all Federal and Florida State Laws regarding fishing licenses, size limits, bag limits and any other applicable regulations.
- For information regarding Florida Saltwater Fishing Licenses refer to [www.FloridaConservation.org](http://www.FloridaConservation.org) or call 850-487-0554.
- For information regarding NMFS permits refer to [www.NMFSpermits.com](http://www.NMFSpermits.com) or call 888-872-8862.
- A citation or written warning of any local, state or federal regulation during the tournament will result in disqualification.

## **#9 OFF-LOADING CATCH**

- All fish must be weighed-in off the boat from which they were caught. No trucking, trailering, or over land transportation of fish.
- Fish must be off-loaded only at the designated dock at Marina Jack in order as called by Weigh Master.

## **#10 WEIGHING IN FISH**

- Weigh-in begins at 2:00 pm on August 6, 2011. (See Tournament Itinerary for further details).
- Once a fish is entered, it may not be substituted for a larger fish that day. (entrants will be allowed one trip to the scales, you may not resume fishing after weigh in.)
- The deadline to be in the weigh-in line and to check in with tournament official is 3:00pm for the Inshore Division and 4:00pm for the Offshore Division at Marina Jack. The weigh-in line will form in the mouth of the basin.
- Failure to be recognized and checked in by appropriate tournament official will disqualify fish.
- All fish are weighed to the hundredth of a pound.
- Fish must be in edible condition, and not marred or mauled in any way.

- No fish should leave the boat until they are in line to be weighed.
- Boats may weigh two fish in each category. All fish to be weighed must be listed on the Weigh-In Form. Before leaving the scale area, the presenting angler must sign the Official Tournament Weigh-in form.
- The Weigh Master and the Tournament Official reserve the right to refuse to weigh any fish that does not meet the tournament requirements.
- **PENALTIES:** A one pound penalty will be assessed for any redfish that is dead or not successfully released. A two pound penalty will be assessed for two redfish that are dead or not successfully released.
- First place fish will be retained by Weigh Master until the conclusion of the weigh-in or it drops out of contention by weight.

#### **#11 PRIZE PAYMENTS**

- All prize payments will be made directly to the captain of the boat at the awards ceremony and dinner. Captains may then distribute winnings to the anglers on their boats as appropriate
- ***All checks will be issued to the Captain of the team and will be required to fill out a W-9 at Registration.***
- The W-9's of the non winners will be shredded immediately after the tournament.
- The tournament will only submit the W-9's of the winners of any prize money that exceeds the amount of the entry fee of that category by \$600. If less than a \$600 difference, no W-9 is needed and those W-9's will be shredded with the above non winners forms.
- **To be determined by the number of entries and all fish categories. Payouts will be announced at the Captain's Meeting.**

#### **#12 BOAT SUBSTITUTION & PROCEDURES**

- Boat substitutions are permitted for mechanical failure only.
- Any substitutions must be reported to tournament officials PRIOR to the start of fishing.
- Boats are not permitted to have any physical contact with other boats during the fishing hours of the tournament with the exception of emergency or safety reasons and must be reported to a tournament official as soon as possible.

#### **#13 PROTEST**

- All protests concerning the determination of the tournament winners shall be made in writing to the tournament rules committee, and shall be accompanied by \$1000 cash.
- All protests shall be made prior to closing of the scales August 6, 2011.
- In the event, that a protest is made and upheld by the rules committee, the \$1000 cash deposit shall be returned. Otherwise, the \$1000 cash deposit becomes the property of the tournament.
- Any protest resolutions are based on committee decisions, which are final.

#### **#14 INSPECTION OF BOATS**

- The rules committee reserves the right to inspect any and all boats entered in the competition.

#### **#15 PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF TIES**

- If two or more entries in any category are the exact weight or weights, the winner shall be determined by earliest check in time.

#### **#16 RAIN DATE**

- To be determined only under Small Craft Advisory.
- There shall be no refunds.

#### **#17 CONDITION OF FISH**

- Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook/gaff marks and must be in edible condition.

#### **#18 RULES VIOLATION**

- The penalty for any violation of any of the rules is disqualification, with tournament fees not refundable.

#### **#19 WILD CARD FISH**

##### **Must be legal to have in possession.**

- No sharks will be entered into the tournament.
- No Grouper or Snapper can be weighed as a wildcard fish.
- Please use your best judgment and stewardship regarding your selection of Wildcard Fish.

#### **#20 DISCARDING FISH**

- The captain will be responsible for properly disposing of fish.
- The tournament committee encourages donation of all weighed fish, as they will be donated to a local charity to provide meals for the hungry.
- No dead fish will be tossed into the water at Marina Jack.

#### **#21 LIABILITY RELEASE**

- It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the Participants) participate in the HBA Manatee-Sarasota / Sarasota Slam (the Tournament) at their own risk.
- The participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the Tournament, Marina Jack, Hotel Indigo, The Home Builders Association Manatee-Sarasota, and all Directors, Volunteers, agents, partners, members, sponsors, attorneys or any other person associated with this tournament from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties.
- All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the HBA Manatee - Sarasota/Sarasota Slam @ Marina Jack, whether individual or corporation, shall have no liability whatsoever for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary and/or any other damage including without limitation, any damages arising from libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury and death.
- Participants specifically consent to the use of any photography in which they appear, or audio recording by the tournament for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to: resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

- This Liability Release shall be binding upon the participants and their heirs, representatives, successors and assigns. By entering the above stated tournament and paying entry fee, participants acknowledge that they have read and are bound by same.

Questions? Contact Alan Anderson (941) 907-4133 or Kevin Deiter (941) 234-2041.

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