



# 2023 Fish On! Tournament



(A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Make A Fish program)

Captain's Meeting - Friday, September 15, 2023 from 5-7pm

Team Tournament - Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Begins 6:45am & Weigh-in 2-3:30pm

Bayshore Park Pavilion, 5437 FM 646, Bacliff TX (Captain's Meeting & Weigh-in)

Entry Fee: \$250 Per Team Plus Optional Side Pots  
One Team Member Must Attend Captain's Meeting  
Tournament Director: Sharon Stewart, 713-254-6515

1-3 Anglers Per Team, Team Captain Must be a Female Angler  
Maximum of 1 Male Angler Allowed as a Team Member  
Professional Guides are Allowed (fishing or non-fishing)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Captain (Female): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM MEMBERS	Name	Signature	Email	Phone#
#1 – Team Captain				
#2 - Team Member				
#3 - Team Member				

Check Applicable Boxes:  Team Entry \$250  
Optional Team Side Pots:  Heaviest Speckled Trout (max 25") \$50  Heaviest Redfish (max 28") \$50  
Side Pots are 100% Payout. Side Pots can be entered at the Captain's Meeting (cash only)

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded as follows. See "Rules" for more detailed information.

**Stringer Definition:** 3 Fish Stringer of your choice of a Redfish (max of 1, max 28"), Speckled Trout (max 25") or Flounder  
You do not need 3 fish to weigh in your Team stringer. You can weigh in your 1 or 2 fish stringer. Your stringer fish can/will be used in the other categories including Optional Team Side Pots if entered.

- **Heaviest Team Stringer** (Number of places awarded will be determined after all entries are received)
  - **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE TEAM STRINGER IS GUARANTEED OVER \$2000 IN CASH AND PRIZES**
- **Heaviest Flounder**
- **Slot Redfish with the Most Spots**
- **Mystery Fish** (to be announced during Captain's Meeting)
- **Optional Team Side Pots:** Heaviest Speckled Trout (max 25") \$50 & Heaviest Redfish (max 28") \$50

**Participant Agreement, Release, and Acknowledgement of Risk:** Upon signing this application, I hereby waive and release all other participants, hosts, sponsors, and tournament officials from any and all liability claims, demands, actions or rights of actions, which are related to, arise out of, or in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, for any and all claims of death, personal injury, accidents, theft and damage to myself, to others, and all equipment involved in this tournament.

I voluntarily assume full and all responsibility for my health and safe being arising from my participation in this tournament. I assume full responsibility for all equipment on and off the water during this tournament. I have sufficient health, accident and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by myself or others as a result of my participation in this tournament. If I have no such insurance, I represent that I am capable of paying for any and all such expenses or liability. I have read and understand the rules of this tournament and I will obey all rules and understand that any violation may result in immediate disqualification without refund of my entry fee. I also understand that tournament officials may reject my application for any reason, and in that event will refund my entry fee. Gulf Coast Lady Anglers and their assigns, have my permission to use my name, photographs, and film footage of me if it chooses to do so. My signature above reflects that I have read the entire document including the "Rules", understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights and agree to be bound by its terms.

Mail this form with payment to: Gulf Coast Lady Anglers, P.O. Box 1081, Kemah, Texas 77565  
or go to [www.gulfcoastladyanglers.com](http://www.gulfcoastladyanglers.com) and complete the online entry form and pay via Paypal.

# Tournament Rules – 2023 Fish On! Team Tournament

*Please read the rules completely*

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- **Team Tournament** - Open to all anglers ages 18+. 1-3 anglers per team. **The Team Captain must be a female angler.** One (1) of the additional anglers can be a male angler (professional guides allowed). A team **can** be an individual lady angler (Team Captain) fishing solo if she wishes to sign up as a team and pay a Team Entry fee. Entry Fee is \$250 per Team. Side Pots are \$50 Per Pot/Per Team with 100% payout. **Team can fish by boat, wade, kayak or bank as long as all team members stay within sight of each other.**
- **Guided or Non-Guided** - There are no separate divisions. All teams are eligible for the categories listed. Professional guides are allowed and can be a team member or a non-fishing guide. A boat captain (driver) can be a team member or a non-fishing driver. As stated though, only (1) male angler per team.
- **Registration** – Team Entry submission **must be received by Wednesday, August 23, 2023 to guarantee your team will receive “swag bags”** at the Captain’s Meeting. You can submit your entry either by mail (giving it plenty of time to make it to our P.O Box by Aug. 23rd) or online at [www.gulfcoastladyanglers.com](http://www.gulfcoastladyanglers.com) with payment through Paypal (an additional \$8 Paypal fee will be added). Otherwise, online registration deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023 or **you can register your team at the Captain’s Meeting.** Sides pots can also be entered at the Captain’s Meeting (cash only).
- No refunds, transfers or substitutions of entry fees for any reason. All teams must complete either an online or printed team registration form.
- **Assistance** - Team members may have assistance baiting hooks and netting fish but **MUST cast, set hook and retrieve their own fish.**
- Any tournament official or tournament sponsor entering the tournament in compliance with tournament rules is eligible for any and all prizes.
- All State and Federal penal code laws and all State, Coast Guard, Federal Parks and Wildlife regulations shall apply.
- All fish weighed in must comply with Texas Parks & Wildlife bag and length limits.
- Participants must have a valid Texas fishing license and saltwater stamp on person.
- Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- **Official Tournament Time** – Tournament begins at 6:45 am, Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023. Boats or kayaks must not leave dock or launch area until 6:45am. Wade fishing anglers cannot enter water until 6:45am. Weigh-in is from 2-3:30pm.
- **Weather** - This is a rain or shine tournament. In the event of a small craft warning, tournament may be delayed to a limit of 2 hours. If it is not safe to fish and tournament is cancelled, all monies become a donation to Gulf Coast Lady Anglers Association and Make A Fish. Communication will be made to Team Captain’s cell phone unless an alternate is necessary.

## **TACKLE, EQUIPMENT AND PERMITTED FISHING AREAS:**

- **Tackle** - All fish must be taken by rod and reel only. Angler cannot have more than one rod & reel in the water at any given time. No gigging is allowed. Someone may assist you in baiting your hook and netting your fish.
- **Allowed Bait** - Live, dead, and artificial baits are allowed. Game fish may not be used as bait according to State rules and regulations.
- **Fishing Boundaries** - Participants may fish any part of the Galveston Bay Complex – West boundaries are the Brazos River and East boundaries are Trinity Bay including beach front and jetties. Boat, wade, kayak, bank, pier, jetty fishing, is permitted.

## **CATEGORIES, WEIGH IN, SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONSERVATION:**

The following prize categories will be awarded. Your team can win more than one category.

### **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE TEAM STRINGER IS GUARANTEED OVER \$2000 IN CASH AND PRIZES**

- Heaviest Stringer: 3 Fish Stringer - your choice of a Redfish (max of 1 & max 28"), Speckled Trout (max 25") or Flounder
- Heaviest Flounder
- Slot Redfish with the Most Spots
- Mystery Fish (to be announced at Captain's Meeting)

*Stringer Examples: 1 Redfish & 2 Trout - 2 Trout & 1 Flounder - 1 Redfish, 1 Trout, & 1 Flounder - 3 Trout - 3 Flounder, etc.*

**You do not need 3 fish to weigh in your Team stringer. You can weigh in your 1 or 2 fish stringer and still possibly win a Stringer place. Your stringer fish can/will be used in the other categories including Team Side Pots if entered.** The number of stringer places paid out will depend on number of entries and will be announced after all entries are received.

- **Optional Team Side Pots (100% Payout): Heaviest Speckled Trout (max 25") \$50 and Heaviest Redfish (max 28") \$50**

- **Weigh in will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.** on Saturday, September 16, 2023. **A team member must be in line with fish by 3:30 p.m (Tournament Director's cell phone time). No exceptions.** Weigh station will be at the **Bayshore Park Pavilion, 5437 FM 646, Bacliff TX.** The silver Check-It Stik is the official measuring device for this tournament.
- Fish must be weighed in by a team member and must be in their physical possession in the weigh-in line by 3:30pm. Fish to be weighed in must be chosen by the team before checking in at the weigh-in table.
- When bringing the fish to the weigh station a team member must tell the weighmaster what team the fish belong to in advance of weighing the fish. A team member will be required to sign a weigh-in slip.
- Any artificially weighted or preserved fish will be disqualified and that team will forfeit any entry or other tournament fees including Side Pots.
- Fish must be maintained in edible condition. Fish that have been frozen, gutted, or mutilated will not be eligible and the team attempting to weigh in a fish such as that will be disqualified. All fish are subject to inspection by the Tournament Director and/or Weighmaster.
- **Although it is legal to retain a redfish over 28 inches, for the purpose of this tournament, the fish must be between 20 and 28 inches. A Check-It Stik "Perfect Tail Pincher" will be used and slid to the 27 1/2" mark to pinch the tail and obtain the maximum length of the fish.**
- **A Speckled Trout must be between 15 and 25 inches. A Check-It Stik "Perfect Tail Pincher" will be used and slid to the 24 1/2" mark to pinch the tail and obtain the maximum length of the fish.**
- **Redfish with the Most Spots** - All whole, distinct spots will be counted. If two or more spots overlap, it will be counted as one spot.
- **Oversized or Undersized Fish** – If a fish is determined by weighmaster to be over or under TPWD regulations, said fish will be disqualified and it cannot be replaced.
- **Tie Breakers** - In the event of a tie, the team that weighs in first will win.
- Tournament scale and ruler are the only tournament approved instruments.
- In the event of a non-repairable scale malfunction during the weigh-in, a back-up handheld scale will be used for the duration of the tournament.
- Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from every participant.
- Your catch is yours to keep after weighing in and is your responsibility. No fish will be donated.

## **DECISIONS/PROTESTS:**

- Tournament Committee shall resolve all issues, questions, protests or disputes. Decisions are final.
- Any protest/dispute must be presented in writing by the Team Captain to the Tournament Director by 3:45 p.m. the day of the tournament accompanied by a \$50 cash fee. The fee will be refunded if the protest is judged valid.
- All tournament participants must be willing to submit to a polygraph if Tournament Committee requests and polygraph results are final.