



TOURNAMENT RULES

AUGUST 19, 2023

1. Every person in the boat must be a member of the RIO GRANDE VALLEY A.P.I. and have paid entry fee. If your boat breaks down after you have started fishing. You can change boats but DO NOT add another person to your boat. (i.e., A guide or any other person that was not on the boat at the start of the day) or listed on your Calcutta sheet. **THE CALCUTTA BUYER HAS THE OPTION TO SELL OR NOT SELL HALF OF THE BOAT TO "OWNER(S)". NO BOAT RIDERS!!! Limit 5 people.**
2. Children's fishing tournament (FREE - 11 years and younger). To be held at The Pier (Before crossing the bridge going to SPI, turn left) from 8:30am to 11:00am Saturday, August 19, 2023. Prizes will be awarded. Danny & Noela Gonzalez will be serving lunch for the Children's Fishing Tournament at the Convention Center from 11:30am to 12:30pm. If you have any questions or you would like to help, call Danny Gonzalez @ 956-605-0097, or Noela Gonzalez @ 956-342-4066. Bait will be provided, and a limited amount of tackle will be available.
3. Boats may launch from any site, (between Port Mansfield & the Jetties at Port Isabel) **BUT MUST NOT BEGIN FISHING BEFORE 6:00AM AUGUST 19, 2023. FISHING CAN ONLY BE PORT MANSFIELDS EAST CUT AND SOUTH TO THE JETTIES (INCLUDES SOUTH BAY) AT PORT ISABEL.**
BAY FISHING ONLY!!! NO SURF FISHING!! THIS IS A BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT.
Wade fishing is allowed within sight of boat.
4. WEIGH-IN is from 2:00 - 4:30 SHARP! AT SOUTH POINT MARINA (Includes Blackjack)
NO EXCEPTIONS! (You must be in line by 4:30pm)
5. All Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. rules will be observed, only the weighmaster measuring stick will be official **NO OVER-SIZE RED FISH** will be weighed in. Redfish that are close to the maximum limit can be tagged so that they do not get fined for oversize red with no tag, however if the fish is of legal size, then the fish will be weighed in. The 20" TO 28" **SLOT** limit WILL be observed.

Only the One Fish that is undersized or oversized fish will be DISQUALIFIED.

2023 TROUT RULES APPLY:

From March 16, 2022, through Aug. 31, 2023, in Matagorda, San Antonio, Aransas, Corpus Christi and Laguna Madre Bay Systems (all beaches and bay fronts for the waters continuously south of FM 457) the following limits apply:

Daily bag limit: 3 / Min. Length: 17 inches / Max Length: 23 inches

Clarification: No spotted seatrout over 23 inches may be weighed in.

Measuring board & scales at the weigh station will be the official measuring devices. Tape measures on the top of ice chests are not always accurate. A TP&W Game Warden will be present at the weigh in.

Limit 5 people per boat.

6. Lie detector and breathalyzer tests will be given to all winners of the Calcutta.
7. You may use a professional guide in the tournament. **R.G.V. - A.P.I. MEMBERSHIP AND TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE MUST BE PAID FOR THE GUIDE. One guide per boat ONLY, (i.e.: if you are a guide, your friend is a guide, then you **SHALL NOT** fish together)**
8. All fish must be caught on a rod and reel. (i.e., no gigging or spearing)
9. Participants **MUST** fish from the boat they are registered on (switching boats at any time during the tournament is **NOT** allowed) both boats will be disqualified.
10. Boats participating in the tournament should not be in contact during official hours with another boat.
11. **THE DECISIONS OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS CONCERNING FISH OR FISHERMAN. POLYGRAPH MAY BE REQUIRED.**
12. Each fisherman may only win in one category except for weirdest fish division.

PRIZES

| | TROUT | REDFISH | FLOUNDER |
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| 1 ST PLACE | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| 2 ND PLACE | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 |
| 3 RD PLACE | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |

WEIRD OR ODD FISH DIVISION: 1(ONE) OF ANY NON-GAME FISH (Hard Head, Gaff Top, Stingray, Black Drum, Shark, Eel, Croker etc.) If you pull it out of the water with a rod & reel and it's not human. \$200 dollar prize for the heaviest weird/odd fish.

If you tie in "weight" - "Size" will determine winner.