

Take a Warrior Fishing – Battle in the Bay

TOURNAMENT RULES

#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. Remember this tournament is for charity and we are relying on everyone to abide by the rules and treat all volunteers, tournament personnel and fellow anglers in a courteous and respectful manner.

#2 ENTRY DEADLINE Dec 12th, 2024 by 9:00 pm

#3 ENTRY FEE The entry fee shall be **\$350** per boat competing in the **Inshore Division** –combined length of Longest Slot Snook, Longest Trout, and Longest Slot Redfish per team.

OPTIONAL ENTRIES

- Longest Slot Snook **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Longest Slot Redfish **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Longest Trout **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Heaviest Sheepshead **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Heaviest Tripletail **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Win with a Warrior **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- *If an additional category has only one entry, being the only entry in that category by the start of the tournament, that team will be refunded their additional entry fee.
- *If an additional category has more than one entry and doesn't have a team that wins the category, that money will not be refunded and will be donated to charity to benefit the Veteran Community.
- *If there are more than 30 entry fees the payouts will be higher, if there are less than 30 boat entries the payouts will be less, payouts are based upon total boat entries.

#4 CAPTAIN'S MEETING & TOURNAMENT START Onsite registration will be available at Marina Jack. There will be mandatory Captain's meeting, at least one member of each team MUST be present. All anglers are encouraged to attend the captain's meeting. Anglers will be assigned boat numbers at 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 Weigh-in.

#6 HOURS OF COMPETITION Tournament participants may begin fishing at 0600 on Dec 14 and must be checked in by the Weighmaster at the check in station by 5:00pm Saturday September 14, 2024. You must be at the dock or inside No-Wake buoys of Marina Jack AND acknowledged by Weighmaster by 3:00pm, scales will stay open till the last boat in line weighs in. All species will be weighed on Saturday December 14, 2024 starting 2pm (subject to change) Official time will be kept by Weighmaster and will correspond with time displayed on Weighmaster'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. Sting Rays Goliath Grouper, Shark, Barracuda and Tarpon are excluded from being used toward WILD CARD. Wading permitted. Vessel must always remain moored for any angler that is not in the boat. Chumming is prohibited in the inshore division only. Live baiting is allowed. IGFA Saltwater Angling rules apply to tournament, unless specifically noted with change prior to start. No transfer of fish from boat to boat.

#8 PERMITS & 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. All Off Shore boats fishing for Pelagic species (if tournament applicable) must present HMS permits and all anglers must have current licenses. For information regarding Florida Saltwater Fishing Licenses refer to www.FloridaConservation.org or call 850-487-0554. For information regarding NMFS permits refer to www.nmfs.noaa.gov or call 888-872-8862. Warriors on the Water highly recommends that you utilize the Fish Rules App <https://fishrulesapp.com/> to verify species and eligibility. 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 Weighmaster.

#10 RULER TOURNAMENT SCORING FOR INSHORE DIVISION Each boat will be allowed to enter 3 fish for the judging. The 3 fish entered by the Captain for inshore will be one Redfish ,one Trout, and one Snook. Please use the given tournament ruler and tournament boat number given out at Captains meeting to be included in the video and photo of the fish being submitted. Fish shall be measured using “pinched tail”. Photos without the RULER will not qualify. Please time stamp your photo and bring to Weigh-In. *Length will be rounded to the nearest whole inch. Measurements 1/2 inch will be rounded up. If applicable to this tournament.