## **2024 RULES**

- 1. All entrants must read and sign waiver stating they understand and follow all rules and
- 2. Up to four individuals are allowed on a team. Teams may fish with a guide if they choose; how-ever, the guide must be a registered team member.
- 3. All fishing areas must be available to the general public.
- 4. You must have a valid saltwater fishing license from tpwd to fish in this tournament. Kids 17 and under not need a license but must be accompanied by an adult at all times
- 5. All texas parks & wildlife laws apply.
- 6. Any entrant cited for a tpwd infraction will be automatically disqualified.
- 7. All fish must be taken by rod and reel only. No cast nets, bow fishing, gigging, etc.
- 8. All live, dead, or artificial bait is allowed.
- 9. All entered fish must be caught during tournament hours. No check-in is required before fishing. Tourn ment hours are from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm, saturday, march 2nd 2024
- 10. Kayak, boat, and land based fishing will all be allowed to compete in this year's event! There will be no separate kayak/boat/land based divisions. All registered teams will be competing in the same division.
- 11. Kayak teams, land based teams, and boat teams that are wade fishing must remain within eyesight of each other and their vessel at all times throughout tournament hours.
- 12. No fishing outside of the jetties or past the end of the jetties.
- 13. All fish weighed in must have been caught by registered participants. No borrowed fish.
- 14. No holding or blocking off any fishing areas by other individuals not participating in tournament.
- 15. 1 pole per angler allowed in the water at a time.
- 16. In the event of a tie by weight, length will be used to determine the tie break. For heavy stringer it will be the length of largest red fish determining the tie breaker. In the event of a tie in the number of spots for spot pot, weight will be the tie breaker. If still a tie in either of these situations a coin toss will determine the winner.
- 17. No scales or means of measuring will be available from weigh-master or tournament members prior to official weigh in You must choose which fish you are entering into the tournament prior to weighing in the fish you present to the weigh-master is the fish you enter!
- 18. If bait or fish are inside the mouth of the fish when caught, it can remain in the mouth, but it cannot be secured if it falls out at any time (including weigh-in), you may not put it back in
- 19. Weigh-master services will be provided by gulf coast weigh-master services. They are trained to check for freshness of the fish and for any tampering or alterations made to the fish. Any and all decisions of the weigh-master are final.
- 20. Tournament will proceed rain or shine.
- 21. Fish not meeting tpwd rules in measurements will be disqualified and cannot be replaced with another fish.
- 22. You do not have to have a complete stringer to be able to weigh in for heavy stringer category.
- 23. Weigh master has final ruling on all fish related matters.
- 24. No oversized fish allowed in any category.
- 25. The weigh-in will start no earlier than 12 pm and no later than 2 pm at doc's n corpus christi, tx. Anglers will need to be in line with fish in hand by 2 pm. Anyone trying to get in line after 2 pm will be disqualified and not be allowed to weigh in.
- 26. Any protests will need to be turned in, writing, no later than 2:15 pm. Protests need to be turned into to weigh in judge al Gordon. Fish weight cannot be protested. If protesting length, the fish must remain with the weigh-master. Protests may be subject to polygraph. Tournament weigh-in judge will have final decision on polygraphs
- 27. All weights recorded by weigh-master are final