

HOTTIES ON THE HARBOR

ALL LADIES FISHING TOURNAMENT IN ARANSAS PASS

Tournament Rules

- The tournament is open to all female anglers.
- Official tournament hours are 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 4 PM the day of the tournament, rain or shine.
- Wade, bank, surf, jetties, pier or any legal means of fishing is permissible; however, **NO SAIL LINES OR TROT LINES** are permitted.
- There are **NO** fishing boundaries.
- Official weigh-in starts at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p. m. the day of the tournament. All anglers must be **IN LINE** by 4 p.m.
- There are two Divisions: Guided and Non-Guided
- No males unless operating a boat (**ONE ONLY**).
- Trophies for 1st & 2nd place in the Guided and Non-Guided divisions in each of the following categories: **Redfish, Trout & Flounder**
- Each Team may pick **ONE** category to weigh in **ONE** fish. Team **MAY NOT** enter more than one category. **NO OVERSIZED REDFISH OR TROUT WILL BE WEIGHED, TAGGED OR NOT. Heaviest fish wins.**
- Team Entries must use only **ONE** boat for all anglers on the team. Anglers may **NOT** be dropped off in different locations.
- In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided by length. If length is equal, the winner will be decided by time with the winner being the first fish weighed in.
- Someone may assist you in baiting your hook, casting, and netting. It is your job to "set the hook" and reel the fish to the boat.

Eligibility:

- All anglers must have a valid Texas fishing license.
- All participants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Any team who wishes to fish in the company of a professional fishing guide during tournament hours must enter the Guided Division only. If it is found that a team fished in the company of a professional guide during tournament hours and they were not signed up in the Guided Division, the team will be disqualified from the tournament as well as uninvited to future tournaments.
 - If the team's boat operator holds Texas Parks and Wildlife Guide Fishing License or advertises/promotes as a Guide the team **MUST** register under the **Guided Division**.
- All state and federal penal codes and game laws shall apply at all times.
- All Texas, Coast Guard and State Parks and Wildlife regulations shall apply at all times.
- Each angler/team must be a registered entrant of the tournament and must abide by all tournament rules and regulations.
- Tournament directors retain the right to refuse any entry.

Registration and Entry Fee:

- Entry for all eligible anglers is **\$100 (Early Registration) / \$125 (Late Registration)**.
- Absolutely **NO** refund of entry fees will be issued.
- At least one angler from each team must attend the Captain's Meeting Friday to sign in and listen to the reading of the official tournament rules.

Weigh-in/Sportsmanship:

- All anglers must be **IN LINE** by 4 p.m.
- **NO OVERSIZED REDFISH OR TROUT WILL BE WEIGHED, TAGGED OR NOT!**
- All fish presented for weigh-in will be monitored for freshness and will be inspected by a Texas Game Warden or Biologist.
- All fish weighed in and entered must be caught during official tournament hours on the day of the tournament.
- There will be **NO** sharing of ice chests at weigh-in.
- All fish must be weighed-in by the team who originally caught the fish and must be in that team's physical possession at the time of weigh-in.
- Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation are expected from all entrants.
- Only the fish to be weighed in are to be in the weigh in area.
- All game laws of the state of Texas, applicable to fishing on public waters, must be followed. Any violations will be cause for immediate disqualification. Any and all winnings will be forfeited.
- Any and all winners may be subject to and required to pass a polygraph test at the discretion of the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
- Any entrant/team found to be in violation of any tournament rules and regulations will be subject to disqualification from this tournament and all future tournaments.
- **ALL DECISIONS MADE BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND WEIGHMASTER ARE FINAL.**
- After weigh-in if your team does **NOT** intend on keeping your catch you may ask anyone in the weigh-in area if they would like your catch or your team may place it in the community chest.

Protest:

- All protests must be submitted in writing to the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce director at **apcoc@aransaspass.org** along with a \$100 deposit, within fifteen (15) minutes of the last angler check-in.
- The protester agrees that if there is a question of verifying the charge of a protest they may be required to participate in a polygraph test.
- The tournament committee will follow up on any accusations and if they find the claim to be true, the cash deposit shall be returned to the contestant submitting the protest. If there is not enough evidence or factual information to support the accusation the deposit is forfeited to the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce.

Side-Pots:

- There are 5 Side-Pot Categories: Most Spots (redfish), Heaviest Stringer, Heaviest Trout, Heaviest Flounder, Heaviest Redfish (28-inch max, no Tags).
- Side-pots are \$30 for each category. Your team must pay into the Side-pot category you enter in order to win payout.
- Your team may enter any and all side-pot categories.
- 100% Payout to the 1st place winner of the side-pot category.
- Heaviest fish wins. In the case of a tie, winner will be decided by length. If length is equal, winner will be decided by time with the winner being the first fish weighed in.
- The stringer consists of 1 trout, 1 redfish and 1 flounder. However, you may enter only two of the three fish (No duplicate species can be submitted).
For example: 2 Redfish and 1 Trout is NOT acceptable.