

Victoria API Fishing Tournament Rules

1. One boat per team, anglers may not be split into multiple boats. All persons in boat must be entered in tournament LIMIT 4 PERSONS PER BOAT. (Max of 4 persons) Anglers may fish from land, boat or wade fish. All team members must be in sight of each other at all times. All fish must be taken in public waterways. Fish may not be taken from private waters. Guides are welcome. Anglers under 18 must provide a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse entry into the tournament to any team or individual with or without cause. This right is at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.
2. Captain's Meeting will be held at 7pm on Friday, July 28th at 5D Steakhouse along with the Calcutta. One team member must be present for the captain's meeting.
3. All Federal and State fishing laws apply, including a valid fishing license. All fish must be caught by pole or rod and reel in adherence to the law. All fish must be within legal limits permitted by law. NO TROUT OVER 23" allowed at weigh in. NO OVERSIZED TAGGED REDFISH ALLOWED. Any team violating Federal or State laws will be disqualified in the category in which the violation occurred.
4. Anglers may begin fishing any time after 5:30 a.m. on the day of the Tournament. Boats may launch from any ramp within the fishing boundaries. Anglers may use live, dead or artificial bait. Anglers may use only one rod at a time but may carry a back-up rod.
5. No sharing or pooling of fish with any other team and/or boat is allowed.
6. Encroachment: Boats must maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from any other boat unless permission has been granted. Teams may not have another boat hold their fishing area for them for any reason.
7. Check-in time will begin at 2:00 p.m. (Port O'Connor Community Center Pavilion) and all entries must be in line by 4:00 p.m.; no exceptions. Official time will be cell phone time. Fish must be in a cooler or fish bag and will be weighed at the time of check-in. It is encouraged to check in immediately upon arrival; the check-in time will determine the winner in the event of a tie.
8. As a safety precaution we would like all teams to check back in at the sign in area even if you will not weigh in.
9. There will be boundary limits for fishing set for the tournament from the West border of the San Antonio Bay to the East end of West Matagorda Bay (Colorado River). You may fish the surf within these boundaries as well. No more than two miles out.
10. All fish submitted for weigh-in must be in a fresh, unaltered state and caught since the Tournament began. Any frozen, thawed, spoiled, palegilled or altered fish not in its original state will be disqualified. All fish must be caught by rod and reel during tournament hours on tournament day.
11. No swapping of fish after Team member is in line for weigh-in. Only one member of each Team is allowed in the weigh-in area.
12. If no winner declared, will draw winner from entries. In the event of a tie, the time of check-in will determine winner. First one to weigh-in wins.
13. A fish can only be weighed in one category/pot and may not be used in multiple pots with the exception of the spot pot. Any redfish previously used in another pot may be entered into the spot pot.

Redfish spots will be counted only if they make a complete circle. Any spots touching or joined will be counted as one. In the event of a tie with total spots, the time of weigh-in will determine winner.

14. Pot Entries: All fishing pots are per team. You will only be eligible to win the pots you enter. One fish per team for Heaviest Redfish, Heaviest Trout, Spot Pot. One stringer per team for Heaviest Redfish Stringer (2), Heaviest Trout Stringer (3). ALL \$100 POTS will pay out top 3 places and will be awarded (40%, 20%, 10%). 30% Will go to the Victoria API Scholarships. Spot Pot and Trash Pot will pay out first place only. 70% will be paid out and 30% will go to Victoria API Scholarships

15. Weigh-in results will not be available, nor will they be posted until all teams have been weighed in

16. We will have a polygraph. By signature on the official tournament entry form, each contestant agrees to submit to an onsite polygraph test and abide by its conclusion. A mandatory polygraph test will be administered to one member of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team selected by the tournament directors. No money will be paid out until polygraph test is completed and passed. The results of the polygraph are final and cannot be reviewed by a court of law. The angler is responsible for the cost of the polygraph if they fail the test.

17. ALL FINAL DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE WEIGH MASTER STATEMENT OF HONOR: As team representative, I acknowledge that I will participate in this tournament while adhering to all of the tournament rules and will display a high standard of sportsmanship. I also acknowledge that I am accepting responsibility for ensuring my team members also display the same level of sportsmanship and are in compliance with all of the tournament rules at all times. Any individual or team not adhering to these rules will be disqualified and no refunds will be issued. I have read all the rules and will abide by the rules.

PRINT NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____