

CCA GOLDEN TRIANGLE CATCH/PHOTO/RELEASE TOURNAMENT

RULES:

1. This is going to be a **1-day** Fishing Tournament to be held on June 5, 2021. **<u>MUST BE A</u> <u>CURRENT CCA MEMBER TO FISH TOURNAMENT. IF NOT A CURRENT CCA MEMBER, YOU</u> <u>MUST RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER. IF NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP STATUS, PLEASE CALL CCA AT 713-626-4222 OR VISIT WWW.JOINCCA.ORG TO</u> <u>SIGN UP**ANY ANGLER WHO CLAIMS A PRIZE WHO IS NOT A CURRENT CCA MEMBER WILL</u> <u>FORFEIT ALL PRIZE WINNINGS**</u>

Separate identifier codes will be sent out the night before day of competition.

Captain's Meeting will be held on June 4th at: Cobb's Real Estate | 2290 State Hwy 87 | Crystal Beach, TX 77650 from 6:30 – 8pm. <u>ALL FINAL TOURNAMENT UPDATES WILL BE MADE AT</u> <u>CAPTAINS MEETING – PLEASE MAKE EFFORT TO ATTEND.</u>

2. Stringer will be the total length of 3 fish- 1 Trout, 1 Flounder, 1 Redfish (May not exceed 28"). The longest combined length of all 3 fish will determine the winner

Catch-Photo-Release (CPR) format utilizing the iAngler app. Measuring devices MUST have a 90 degree lip for the fish's nose to touch and have legible indication marks. Good examples of measuring devices are such: Hawg Trough, Ketch Boards, Yak Gear Fish Stik, and Check-It Stik. The tops of coolers, stickers, or measuring devices built into your boat will not be accepted! **MEASURING DEVICES MUST BE NEATLY MARKED AND/OR CLEARLY VISIBLE WHEN SUBMITTING PHOTO.**

4. Overall winner will be determined by longest aggregate total length of the fish submitted.

5. Scoring is based on total lengths and will be rounded down to the nearest 1/4".

8. Fishing Times on each day will be as follows: 7:00am - 3:00pm....You may launch your vessel at 6:30am but NO lines may enter the water before 7:00am on tournament day. Lines out @ 3:00pm & all photos submitted by 3:30pm

9. Catch-Photo-Release Scoring Criteria: All fish must be facing left with belly towards the angler with dorsal fin facing up. Measuring boards may not be altered in any way and lines must be clearly and neatly marked. **The entire identifier code shall be present in all photos NO EXCEPTIONS.** Nose of the fish must be clearly pressed against the bump when capturing photos. To receive a maximum score of 28", the tail must not go beyond the 28" mark on the measuring device. Anything short of 28" line will be rounded down to the nearest 1/4" as shown in Item #5 above. **Top of tail fin MUST be on the MEASURING BOARD NUMBERS.** Anglers may 'pinch' the tail **ONLY** to reach maximum length, **but the entire** tail (**top & bottom fin**) **INCLUDING the spots on fish** must be fully visible while taking photo. **ANGLERS MAY ONLY PLACE THEIR HANDS IN THE APPROVED AREAS WHEN TAKING THEIR PHOTOS. APPROVED AREAS EXTEND FROM THE GILL PLATE TO ANAL FIN ONLY. (SEE RULE 34 BELOW)** THE ENTIRE FISH MUST BE IN PHOTO WITH THE 'BUMP' PORTION OF THE MEASURING DEVICE COMPLETELY VISIBLE ALONG WITH ENTIRE IDENTIFIER CODE. THE NUMBERS ON MEASURING DEVICE MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE AS WELL. **HANDS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED ON THE TAIL. The tail must be on the numbers as shown on your measuring device. Examples of accepted photos:**



10. All decisions of Tournament Director pertaining to this event are final. In the event of a dispute, Tournament liability shall be limited to the return of entry fees paid only.

11. Overall tourney tie-breaker will be the longest Flounder length. Trout length will then be used if still tied. **If still tied, then the first fish submitted will win.**

13. Species of fish: Redfish must be between 20"-28". Trout and Flounder minimum 15".

14. **SABINE AND GALVESTON BAY WATERS ONLY**. Anglers can fish any publicly accessible waters in Sabine and Galveston Bay but must launch from an area accessible to the general public <u>IN</u> <u>TEXAS</u>. No private launches and <u>MUST LAUNCH IN TEXAS</u>.

15. Boundaries are Texas waters from Sabine Lake to Galveston Bay. All anglers may launch and fish Texas waters. If an angler receives a legal citation for any reason, that angler will be disqualified from this event.

16. No 'mothershipping' of kayaks will be allowed. All entrants MUST launch their own vessel. Wading will be permitted but anglers must remain within 100 yards of their vessel. If an angler chooses to wade out, they must wear their PFD at all times (See other PFD rules below).

17. Texas waters only are allowed. All state, federal, and Texas Parks & Wildlife Regulations shall always apply. Tournament fishing is limited to public waters.

18. Artificial, dead and alive bait will be allowed. All fish shall be taken by rod & reel only, or a pole and line, and during tournament hours only. **Only (1ea) rod and reel may be used at a time per angler**. Trolling as a method of fishing will be allowed.

19. U.S. Coast Guard Approved PFD's shall be worn as follows: PFD's MUST be worn at all times while on the water during Tournament hours by kayakers. PFD's must be worn while big motor is running and in gear.

20. In the event of an emergency, competitors should call 911 first and then notify the Tournament Director.

21. There shall be NO consumption of alcoholic beverages while during tournament hours while competing.

22. <u>Angler MUST be present at "weigh-in" to accept tournament prizes.</u> Weigh-in will be located at Stingaree's Marina from 3pm – 5pm. If angler is not present at weigh-in, he or she shall forfeit their winnings. No fish shall be brought to "weigh-in" as all fish for tournament will be Catch/Photo/Release and submitted through iAngler app.

23.Tournament anglers will be subject to a Polygraph Examination(lie detector test). **If deemed necessary, no payouts will be awarded until the polygraph has been completed and passed.**

24. All protests MUST be submitted in writing, email, or text to tournament director along with \$100 (submitted via PayPal) before the 4:00pm deadline for that day of competition. The protest

will be heard, and a decision made by Tournament Directors AFTER the scales close on the respective day. If the protest is upheld, the money (\$100) will be refunded, otherwise it will be entered into Tournament proceeds.

25. All participants are expected to remain courteous and respectful when entering fishing areas of other anglers. No fishing will be allowed within 50 yards of another angler. If an angler is waved in by another, then ANY tournament participant will be allowed to access and fish the same waters.

26. The tournament committee reserves the right to postpone and/or cancel this event at any time, if there is a safety concern. Once the tournament starts, it will constitute a tournament. All attempts will be made to reschedule should it be canceled. Tournament Director(s) retain the right to refuse entry to any registered participant.

27. CCA Golden Triangle Chapter, CCA Texas, CCA, Tournament Sponsors, Hosts, Entrants, and/or Volunteers are not liable for any accidents, loss or injuries. All anglers fish at their own risk.

28. LOCATION SERVICES: Location services on your device MUST be turned on when taking your pictures. REMINDER: All photos are submitted through the iAngler website or app. YOU MUST USE THE 'SUBMIT CATCH' BUTTON ON THE APP OR WEBSITE TO SUBMIT YOUR CATCH.

29. All pictures must include the fish laid on measuring device facing left with nose completely against the 'bump' of measuring board with belly towards the angler & dorsal fin up along with the entire identifier code present. As stated above, the top tail fin MUST be on the numbers of measuring board for maximum length. The identifier can be handwritten on a piece of paper (recommend putting inside a ziplock bag) or can be written on your hand if need be but needs to be legible. Identifier can be laid on top of fish, at the end of the measuring board, on the kayak somewhere visible.

30. Scoring Deductions can/will be as follows:

- Fish is not against the 'bump' of measuring device will result in either a 1" length deduction OR disqualification of photo depending on placement of fish

- 1" deduction if hand is under the gill plate of fish
- 1" deduction if tail is raised off the measuring board

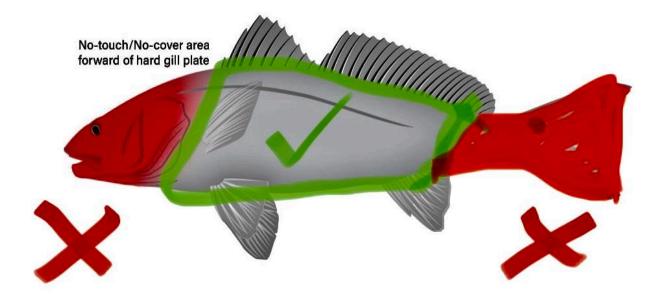
31. THE FOLLOWING WILL RESULT IN PHOTO BEING DQ'D (DISQUALIFIED):

- Picture will be DQ'd if identifier is not completely visible and legible
- Location Services is not on when submitting photo
- Measuring device is not legible and length cannot be determined
- Tail of fish is not on the measuring board **and/or tail of fish is covered by hand**

(RULES 30 & 31 ARE NOT MEANT TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE – WE WILL TRY TO WORK WITH ALL ANGLERS TO SCORE EACH AND EVERY FISH ACCORDINGLY)

32. CHECK-IN FEATURE: ANGLERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO 'CHECK-IN' BY 7:00AM ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION. (OPEN THE iAngler APP, CLICK THE 'CHECK IN/CHECK OUT' FEATURE, CLICK ON THE CCA GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOURNAMENT, AND THEN CLICK "CHECK IN"). NO EXCEPTIONS!

33. Approved areas for hand placement are highlighted green below. Red areas shall be considered off-limits for hand placement.



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