

# 2021 Rules Hill Country CCA Fall Fishing Tournament

## DIRECTIONS

1. Create your Fishing Chaos account \*\*\*\*\* All Participants (Including kids) must be signed up utilizing Individual email accounts \*\*\*\*\* You may not sign-up multiple entries under one E-Mail account\*\*\*\*\*
2. All anglers **MUST** acknowledge the Hold Harmless before being able to proceed – found by [Clicking Here](#).
3. All anglers **MUST** acknowledge that they have read the rules and reviewed the “How To” video for measuring their fish. You can review this page and the following link is the how to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97bA8VRqpv4&t=38s>

**(Rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, and all last minute changes will be announced at the Captain’s Meeting)**

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT** – The Tournament will be a Catch-Photo-Release (CPR) format tournament. The tournament will be facilitated through the Fishing Chaos app.

**MEASURING DEVICE** – Each Team will be required to buy one 32” Ketch Karbonate board at Check-in for \$20 in addition to your entry fees. The 32” Ketch Karbonate board is the only board that will be allowed to be used in the tournament. **All submissions must be made on the 32” Ketch Karbonate board.** **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**TOKEN** – All tournament photo submissions must include the tournament token which is going to be a keyword that must be written down and included in each photograph. Each participant will be given the token via email on Friday, October 15, at 7pm, and the token will remain unknown until that time. The photo submission must include the token in the photograph. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**REDFISH** – Redfish submitted must be at least 20” and NOT greater than 28”.

**TROUT** – Trout submitted must be at least 15” with no maximum.

**FLOUNDER** – Flounder submitted must be at least 15” with no maximum.

**MEASUREMENT** – All measurements must be taken with the “zero end” of the board to the left of the individual measuring the fish, and the belly of the fish down towards the individual measuring the fish. The nose of the fish must be butted to the end stop of the board and the tail of the fish must sit within the side edges of the board. You may squeeze the tail as necessary in order to maintain the tail within the edges of the board. Do not cover the eyes or tail spot of the fish. Fish will be measured in ¼” increments. The fish must touch and/or pass the ¼” increment on the Ketch measuring board in order to be entered as such.

**CATCH ENTRY** – Your catch must be submitted into the Fishing Chaos app. Your phone must have location services turned on your phone for the Fishing Chaos and Camera apps. If you are in an area that has no cell signal to make your submittal, once you reach an area with signal or return to the dock, upload your photographs to the Fishing Chaos app. All photo/fish submissions must be Submitted no later than 4:00 PM.

**FISHING LICENSE** - You must have a valid/current fishing license from Texas Parks and Wildlife to fish in this tournament. Fish this tournament according to the rules enforced by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Citations for not observing these regulations are very expensive. Any team/person receiving a citation during this event will be disqualified.

**ONE POLE PER ANGLER** - You can have more than one rod per angler on the boat or in person while wading, but you cannot fish with more than one at a time.

**ASSISTANCE** - Someone may assist you in baiting your hook, casting, netting, and measuring. It is your job to "set the hook" and reel the fish to the boat or net. Your teammate(s) may assist you in measuring your fish and it is encouraged.

**ALTERING FISH** - The fish weighed in cannot be altered in any way. Tails cannot be cut, nothing can be stuffed in them, and they must be fresh and caught on tournament day.

**TIME** - Fishing begins at Safe Light on Saturday. Actual time will be announced on Friday evening at the captain's meeting. Fish submittals will be live throughout the day. All photo/fish submissions must be completed by 4:00 PM.

**TIES** – All ties will be broken by the time stamp of the 1st fish caught and part of the stringer or the first fish caught and entered for the Spot Pot entry.

**PENALTIES** – Any angler and/or team found to have intentionally cheated in an attempt to defraud the tournament may be subject to criminal prosecution by the State of Texas including misdemeanor and up to a state felony and jail time. Any angler and/or team found to have intentionally cheated in an attempt to defraud the tournament will also forfeit any awards and prize money they may have won and be banned from any future Hill Country CCA Tournaments.

**PROTEST** – All tournament participants have the right to protest the results or actions of any team. In order to protest, you must present your written complaint to the Tournament Director no later than 15 minutes after the official close of the tournament fishing hours. Unless a change is announced, the official tournament end time is 4:00 pm CST. Any photographic evidence to support your protest must be submitted to [coleman@ccatexas.org](mailto:coleman@ccatexas.org) no later than 15 minutes after the official close of the tournament.

A \$100 protest fee must accompany the written protest and will be refunded if the protest is upheld. If the protest is declined, no refund will occur. The protest will be reviewed by no less than the Tournament Director and two other committee members.

**REFUSAL** - Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse application of entry, with or without cause, at its sole discretion. Any applicant refused entry shall be entitled to a refund of their entry fee.

**CATASTROPHIC EVENT** - An event that affects the normal activities/progression of the tournament. This will be determined by no less than three committee members. It may or may not affect any or all rules.

### **SUGGESTED PRACTICES**

- As stated in the rules, all fish submitted for tournament entry must be released.
- Please handle all fish with respect and care, and use a boga or fish gripping type device to help handle your fish.
- Wet your hands before handling your fish.
- We encourage bait fishermen to use circle hooks. This will allow for fewer deep hook ups and easier fish releases.
- Deep hooked fish – if you have a deeply hooked fish, we encourage you to simply cut your line, take your measurement, photograph, and release the fish.
- Wade fishing – we encourage your guide/captain to wade the area with you and assist you in measuring your fish as you catch them for quick release. If you choose to retain your fish until you return to the boat, you are encouraged to use “fish bag” type of retention system. These are manufactured by several companies including ForEverlast and Hook Set Marine Gear. Remember, all submitted fish must be released. Please release as quickly as possible and take care in your handling of the fish.
- Videos will be posted showing proper measuring techniques and do’s and don’ts. We encourage you to watch these.
- Videos will be posted on how to use the Fishing Chaos app
- Fishing Chaos will provide a “practice” tournament prior to the event. The Tournament encourages entrants to practice with the system in order to familiarize themselves with it prior to the tournament.
- We encourage you to visit [ReleaSense.org](http://ReleaSense.org) for more information about handling and releasing fish.