

St Mary's Fishing Classic General Tournament Rules

1. A copy of the rules shall be made available to each participant. Each participant shall read and thoroughly familiarize him or herself with the rules. Any participant who violates any rule of the Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic, whether intentional or not, could possibly disqualify him or herself. A disqualification shall prevent a participant from collecting prizes for fish weighed in.
2. All participants are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to or pass a polygraph test will subject the participant to disqualification.
3. Every participant must be registered prior to fishing. A participant is deemed to be anyone competing for cash prizes.
4. All registration forms must be properly completed with the required information at the time of registration. Only registered participants are eligible for prizes. Identification must be presented at the Weigh Station when entering a fish for prize competition during the hours listed below. (Participants will be required to present acceptable personal identification when registering any fish into Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic weigh in, i.e. valid driver's license, employee ID cards, etc. Any registration form that appears to have been altered will not be accepted.) **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE OR REFUNDABLE.**
5. A Captains/Anglers Meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2024 @ Seagle's Saloon, St. Mary's. Anglers are urged to be in attendance as we will be addressing the finalized rules before the start of the competition. If you fail to attend, you will still be responsible for knowing and following all of the Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic Rules and Regulations.
6. **FISHING LOCATIONS.** Any inshore location is permitted, including locations in Duval, St. Johns, Nassau, Flagler, Camden, and Glynn counties. This includes the St. Johns River and Intracoastal Waterway. No offshore ocean fishing is allowed, however jetties, inlets and the offshore sides of land masses are permitted. All fishing locations must be in waters accessible according to the law, USCG, and FWC regulations.
7. Official start time of the Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic is lines in the water at 6:00 am on Saturday, June 1, 2024. See below for designated weigh in deadline times.
WEIGHIN DEADLINE TIMES:
Saturday, June 1, 2024. Scales open at 10:00 a.m. Must be in line to weigh no later than 4:00 p.m. Prizes granted promptly after final weigh in.
8. At the close of the day's fishing, those anglers who are in line at the Weigh Station, or identified by Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic official as being inside the green marker in St Marys Harbor will be allowed to have their catch weighed and entered. The official Weigh Station is the Howard Gilman Memorial Park Gazebo, St Mary's, Georgia.

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9. All species can come to the event by truck or car, however, the angler who caught the fish must accompany his or her fish to the scale. All anglers must have his or her form of Identification on their person in order to weigh fish. ID must be presented prior to putting the fish on the scale. Absolutely no person or persons can give a fish they caught to another registered angler to weigh. This will be a part of the polygraph exam!
10. All Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic winners will be determined by the largest fish entered in each category according to weight and are subject to limitations. If there is a tie, earliest fish weighed gets the win.
11. An angler will be permitted to hold and win only one place per category at any one time but may place in more than one category simultaneously. If there are two or more anglers on board a boat, each angler can weigh the same species of fish. Cash will be awarded for big fish in each category. Any registration holder can win (or place) in more than one species, but can only win one place per species. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN AN AWARD and have photo identification.
12. All fish shall be kept in edible condition, preferably on ice, so the judge can make an accurate judgment as to its freshness. Any fish deemed to be frozen, spoiled, or rotten, will be disqualified. Any fish that has been shot, cut, mutilated, bang struck, or shows signs of unsportsmanlike handling may be disqualified. No fish will be accepted for registration that has been gutted or chemically treated prior to weighing. The Tournament Director or his representative may at his discretion gut any fish presented. A marine biologist may be on hand to determine the freshness of your catch. The Tournament Directors decision will be final.
13. The participant must catch all fish entered into competition and it must be caught with a rod and reel or a pole and line. No participant shall be assisted in any way to land his or her fish except for help in netting or gaffing his/her catch. No exceptions are made. Flounder may NOT be giggered.
14. To promote conservation and in some cases comply with the State of Georgia or federal regulations, the Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic Tournament Director will not accept an entry of any fish that does not meet minimum length or slot limit requirements as specified. Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic reserves the right to amend these lengths and/or remove any fish from competition, without notice, at any time in order to comply with federal and/or state requirements.
15. All anglers must conform to local, state, and federal laws. All anglers must have a valid Georgia or Florida fishing license; however, all entries must comply with Georgia regulations. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification without refund of Registration fees. Participants under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be allowed to weigh.
16. All prizes not claimed at the awards ceremony on Saturday, will become property of the Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic. Recipient is responsible for all taxes on prizes won.
17. Protests of any nature must be submitted in written statement form and personally turned into the Tournament Director no later than one-half hour after the last fish is weighed, along with a \$50 fee. If

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protest is upheld, monies will be returned to protester. If protest is not upheld, monies go to the tournament.

18. Any matter not specifically covered by these rules may be decided by and at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

19. Disclaimer: The Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic is not responsible for typos within the awards package and rules, and reserves the right to amend or substitute prizes due to events beyond the Historic St Mary's Fishing Classic control. To contact tournament base call 229-869-2253.

20. Agree to hold harmless all tournament officials and staff, sponsors, vendors and the City of St Mary's for any liability resulting from negligence on the participant's part. **ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THE RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT!**

