



## Rules and Regulations

Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualifications, forfeiture of prizes and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal and are not reviewable by any court of law. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make needed changes to these rules to ensure the safety or welfare of the anglers. Any rule changes will immediately supersede all previously published copies of rules. It is your responsibility to read and understand the rules. Every competitor will be required to sign a liability release/permission form for use of image/agreement to the official rules prior to the first day's competition. Fishing in the Redfish Madness tournament means you have read, understand, and ACCEPT the rules.

**1. ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENTS:** An Entry Fee of \$400 is required to fish event. All entry fees are NON-TRANSFERABLE and NON-REFUNDABLE, NO EXCEPTIONS unless tournament is cancelled. An additional \$50 fee is optional for the Tournament within Tournament (TWT) for Largest weighed Redfish, it pays only 1st place, and NEW this year is a HIGH ROLLER (TWT). It is a \$100.00 entry fee, and the winner will receive 90% of the money with the other 10% going to CHARITY. Registration for each event must be done 14 days prior to event, or a \$50 late fee will be added to entry fee.

**2. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS:** All competitors are expected to know and obey all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and laws. Violation of such rules may result in disqualification from the tournament. Repeated or flagrant violations will result in said competitors being banned from future participation in the Redfish Madness tournaments. Causing any confrontation or using profanity will not be tolerated. NO CULLING DEAD FISH!!!

**3. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Courtesy must always be practiced, especially regarding boating and angling in the vicinity of competitors and non-competitors. Any unfavorable act by an angler deemed as intentional or preconceived to gain an unfair advantage, would be grounds for permanent disqualification. You CANNOT hire a Charter Captain 14 days prior to each event. No burning rule is in effect starting 2 weeks prior to any tournament, you cannot run your boat motor while sight fishing. AT NO TIME CAN YOU PASS A COMPETITOR IN A NO WAKE ZONE. NO CULLING DEAD FISH!!!

**4. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:** Open to the public. Each team must have two members of which one must be 18 years or older. Any member under 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian. The tournament director reserves the right to refuse participation in this event to any individual or team.

**5. SAFETY:** Each contestant is required to wear a fastened, U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal floatation device during checkout. The tournament may be postponed due to Bad/Unsafe weather or water conditions, the decision to postpone will be solely up to the tournament director. \*\* Bad weather AFTER CHECKOUT the SHOW GOES ON, weigh in time will be the same. ALL makeup dates will be Sunday. Each team is required to have \$100,000 liability insurance policy.

**6. Alcohol:** The consuming of any alcoholic beverages during official tournament hours, is prohibited, and angler or anglers will be disqualified from this and possibly all future tournaments. Once you have weighed and released your fish the tournament time is over for your team. You may be subject to a polygraph, so if you're in the money BE SMART.



**7. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS:** All Redfish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Only artificial lures may be used during competition. Commercially sold scents may be added and used. Only one fishing rod may be used at a time per angler. A cast must be fully retrieved by the angler who made the cast before an angler may pick up another rod. Spinning, Bait Casters, Fly Reels only. Pulling lines by Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Competitors may not catch fish or weigh in fish that have been caged or confined in an area prior to the tournament. Fish MUST be caught from the boat. No Tandem Rigs Allowed. You cannot get out of boat. You can get out of boat only to push out of an area. You cannot push into an area. You cannot fish from land. Fishing within 100 yards of a boat that is chumming with live or dead bait is NOT allowed. Teams may not fish within 100 yards of a non-competitor that is chumming/fishing with either live bait, dead or ground chum. If during competition a non-competitor approaches within 100 yards and begins to chum, it is your responsibility to stop fishing. You may ask the non-competitor if he would consider leaving or not chumming. If the non-competitor fails to do so, then you must leave the area immediately.

**8. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Competitors may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible to the public by boat that are INSHORE, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by local, state, and federal officials. Inshore is defined as: A body of water located inside of inlets and the line of demarcation. Competitors may not fish within 50 yards in any direction of a competitor's boat (unless separated by land), which is anchored or fishing in a location first. (An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight, push pole, Power Pole, etc. with the trolling motor in the up position. A "fishing" boat is one that has a trolling motor in the downward position). If the boat does not have a trolling motor the definition of anchored still applies. Competitors cannot have non-competitor's chum or sit on fishing areas. There will be no time extended to weigh in due to swing bridge closer or any other delay. Example: wildlife officer stopping you, or inclement weather.

**9. Assistance:** Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. No tournament boat may be loaded on the trailer before the weigh-in. In the event of equipment failure, anglers must call a designated number to report their need for assistance while calling for towing assistance. There will be only two permitted methods of returning to the official check-in: (1) by both partners remaining in their boat and being towed by water (a commercial licensed tow company may be utilized, or another team may tow a fellow competitor,) (2) by one or both competitors entering the boat of another tournament contestant (fishing by all competitors involved in the rescue must cease at this time). Competitors are responsible for colored tie wrap or suitable material for marking and distinguishing their catch. Under these two conditions, the contestant's catches may be counted without a penalty (except for late penalties, dead fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules). Competitors who elect to return to the official check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day's catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Failure to render assistance, when requested in an emergency is cause for immediate disqualification. Teams rendering assistance must communicate to the tournament official, the boat number(s) of the assisting boat and the assisted boat at time commencing aid and a special reservation may be made to any boats rendering assistance in an emergency situation with provided evidence. Contact: 910-459-0229 \*\*You may push out of an area, NOT push in. NO assistance from anyone.

**10. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINTS:** There will be only one official checkpoint for boat check in the morning and one official check-in point in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat checkout in the morning will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon check-in. Teams that experience equipment failures may have them repaired and check out late for an event. However, it is the team's responsibility to find and notify the tournament director or tournament official to check out. \* Any team that accelerates before the buoy at the end of the no wake zone will be disqualified. Checkout WILL BE DISCUSSED at Captains meeting. Scales will open at 2:30

**11. LATE PENALTY:** Competitors who are not at the official check-in area before 3:30 pm team will be Disqualified PERIOD. It is your responsibility to make sure you have been checked in.



**12. SCORING:** NC slot is 18-27."It will be a 2 fish aggregate for the tournament. Live fish Weight measured in pounds and 100th of a pound of each team catch during the tournament. The prevailing rules as set forth by Redfish Madness Series along with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations bind all competitors. Tournament official length for Redfish will be according to the current NC law. All Redfish will be measured By a CHECK IT STIK ELITE, mouth closed, head to left, no flipping fish, and the tail swiper will be stopped at 26 inches. If the Redfish is slightly over 27 inches there will be a rest period for 30 seconds and then remeasured. Any fish that appears to have been penned, mangled, mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered will not be weighed at the discretion of the weigh master. Redfish must NOT be placed on a stringer at any time during the tournament. A 1-pound penalty will be deducted from the weight for one dead redfish presented for weigh-in. A 2-pound penalty will be assessed for 2 dead fish. No mutilated or iced fish shall be accepted. DO NOT BRING IN ALTERED FISH!! Ties shall be broken by the Largest Fish for the Event. The team with the heaviest single fish shall receive precedence. The team with the most weight will be deemed as the winner. Dead fish will be determined when on Check it Stick. If fish measures over it will be granted a one-time rest period up to 30 seconds, then put back on the Check it Stick. At that time, a ruling will be made. Lower slot fish will be tailed pinched. If a Wildlife Officer measures your fish after weighing in and deems it illegal, the fish is still legal to Redfish Madness.

**13. DOCK ETIQUETTE:** You must come to the Dock to be checked in. It is up to you to get the attention of the Redfish Madness Dock Team. The order you check in is the order you will weigh in. Once checked in you cannot leave dock. You Must stay in your boat until called for weigh in. once weighed in, you WILL move your boat out of the way to make room for other anglers. DO NO COME TO DOCK WITH ZERO FISH. Violating any of this is GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION. Do not give any Madness volunteers grief. IF this happens you will be DISQUALIFIED!

**14. POLYGRAPH:** Each competitor who fishes the Redfish Madness Series agrees to submit to a polygraph examination at a time and location as determined by the Tournament Director following the end of the competition and abide by its conclusion. Failure to pass the polygraph will result in disqualification. Alcohol can affect the lie detector results, use common sense.

**15. PROTEST AND REPORTING PROCEDURE:** All protests must be submitted in writing along with a \$200 cash deposit, within thirty (30) minutes after official check in time to the tournament director or designated tournament official. The protester also agrees that if there is a question of verifying the charge of a protest that he or she also may be subject to take a polygraph and agree to testify in a court of law if necessary. If the Tournament Director, or polygraph, upholds the protest, the cash deposit shall be returned to the contestant submitting the protest. Each competitor agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation.

**16. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE:** A waiver, release of liability, and covenant not to sue are part of the entry form. It is required that all contestants take responsibility for themselves while participating in event activities.

**17. Other:** NO flying drones 10 days before every tournament. NO throw (cast) net in the boat.

**18. Series Points:** Winner of each event will be awarded 200 points, one less point per position. The series champion will be the team that has the most points after the third event. Ties will be decided by total weight of all three events. If still a tie, the team that weighed the heaviest fish of all three events will be series champion. If still tied both teams will pay for Mike Mattice's bar tab that night.

Launch procedures will be discussed at the captains meeting prior to each event.



Any questions Contact: Mike Mattice 910-459-0229  
Rule will be posted at [Redfishmadness.com](http://Redfishmadness.com)