

2nd Annual Miss Mary's Fishing Tournament

Fishing Tournament Rules:

Note: The purpose of this tournament is to have fun and raise money in honor of Miss Mary's contributions to the Suwannee community.

INDIVIDUAL ANGLER FISHING: This is an ANGLER TOURNAMENT. Federal, State and County fishing laws apply to each angler that chooses to compete in this tournament. All Anglers on the boat must have a ticket prior to fishing. All types of boats are allowed (bay boat, airboat, kayak, even land, etc.). The tournament begins at safelight, which means that you can leave the dock/land/boat ramp at safelight. Safelight is 30 minutes prior to sunrise.

ENTRY FEE: Entry fee is \$100 per boat. **Shore anglers** \$20.00 per adult angler, \$10.00 per youth angler (14 and under).

SAFETY: SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST. Safety is paramount. Captains are responsible for the safe and legal operation of their boats at all times. It is up to the captains to watch the weather and make a safe call for their vessel and crew.

QUALIFYING FISH: Fish species accepted are Red Drum and Spotted Sea Trout. Trout over 19" are permitted within FWC Regulations. Fish must be caught on hook and line and landed in whole condition. Fish must be of legal length and possession limits. Weighing in a fish that is not of legal limits will result in disqualification. Mutilated fish will not be accepted. Winning fish are subject to additional inspection.

CATEGORIES: Biggest red fish, by weight, \$100. Biggest trout, by weight, \$100. The Overall champion category consists of one red fish, and up to five trout for total weight, \$250. In the youth category (14 and under), largest fish of any legal species, by weight, \$50.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING: No captain's meeting required. All proceeds go to St. Jude's and Suwannee Chamber per Miss Mary's request. If you have any questions, call Matt Skiver at 254-258-1640 or Lisa Waltrip at 386-365-5900.

WEIGH-IN: Weigh-in opens Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at the Suwannee Community Pavilion (across the street from Marker 29 Tiki Bar. Weigh-in will begin at 2:00 pm and close for all Anglers at 3:00 pm.

TIES: In case of a tie, the winner will be the individual that weighed in the earliest.

TACKLE & EQUIPMENT: Artificial lures or live bait may be used. Spearfishing or gigging will not be allowed. All fish must be caught on rod and reel.

PROTESTS: The Tournament Committee will settle any protest. The Tournament Committee's decision is final.

PRESENTATIONS: Presentations will be made at Marker 29/Tiki Bar at 4:00 pm with auction and raffles to follow.

By purchasing a ticket you are hereby affirming that you have read and understand all tournament rules and that you will abide by all decisions made by the tournament rules committee. The tournament committee is not responsible for accidents or injuries received as a result of participating in this tournament.