



6th Annual Hook'em in the Glades Fishing Fundraiser November 3-4, 2023

A fishing tournament to support
Everglades City School



Hook'em In The Glades Official Tournament Rules & Regulations-2023

Hook 'em in the Glades Fishing Tournament is a catch, photograph and release fishing tournament including Adult and Junior Divisions as follows:

Adult

- **Boat Division Team**
- **Paddle Division Individual**

Junior (CCPS Student)

- **Open Boat Division Team - may use artificial or bait**
- **Open Boat Division Individual - may use artificial or bait**
- **On-shore Division Individual & Jr. On-Shore Pee Wee**

Adult and Junior Teams shall enter one (1) redfish, one (1) trout and one (1) snook for the Team. Each person may photograph as many fish as desired, however, only the largest of each species may be entered for points. Anglers are responsible for submitting largest fish photo and catch log for each species (redfish / trout / snook). The catch log shall highlight only the species being entered along with the corresponding photograph. Each inch of fish is equal to one point.

Paddle anglers shall enter one (1) redfish, one (1) trout and one (1) snook. Paddle anglers may photograph as many fish as necessary, but only the largest of each species will be counted. Anglers are responsible for submitting largest fish photo and catch log for each species (redfish / trout / snook). The catch log shall highlight only the species being entered along with the corresponding photograph. Each inch of fish is equal to one point.

Junior anglers fishing from a boat shall enter one (1) redfish, one (1) trout and one (1) snook. Junior anglers should be accompanied by an adult at all times. Parents may waive that requirement by signing the waiver on the tournament release form. A signed waiver is required for all anglers on a boat. Boats shall have a minimum of two (2) anglers, and a maximum of (5) without exceeding your boat's weight or capacity requirement. Junior anglers fishing from a boat may photograph as many fish as necessary, but only the largest of each species may be entered for points. Junior anglers are responsible for submitting largest fish photo and catch log for each species (redfish / trout / snook). The catch log shall highlight only the species being entered along with the corresponding photograph. Each inch of fish is equal to one point.

On-Shore Junior anglers shall photograph and log each fish caught and will be scored as follows: Each inch of fish equals: 1 point for Snapper, Black Drum, Sheepshead, & Jacks. Target fish (Snook, Redfish, Seatrout) equals 5 points per inch. No other species are eligible for points.

- Paddle division may use bait or artificials while competing.
- On-Shore Junior division may use bait or artificials while competing.

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Trophies will be awarded based upon photographs and catch logs submitted and confirmed by judges for winners of each division as follows:

- **Adult Boat – Team Trophy**
- **Paddle – Individual Trophy**
- **Juniors – Trophies for largest snook, largest redfish, largest trout and a Team Trophy**
- **On-Shore Junior – Individual Trophy**

The tournament will be scored using length of fish, per inch of fish. **All lengths will be rounded up to the nearest inch (i.e. a 21-1/4" fish will be rounded up to 22" and will be scored accordingly).** Pinching the tail is acceptable. Each inch of fish is equal to one point.

Team Champions will be the anglers with the most total points within each division.

There are no minimum size restrictions for fish species, and it is not necessary to have caught all three species to be eligible for awards.

Ties for each of the tournament categories will be awarded to the Team that caught their entered last fish within the division for that award, earliest in the Tournament. In the event of a tie, the award will go to the team that completed their target species catch earliest in the day.

Ties for individual anglers of the tournament categories will be awarded to the individual that caught their entered last fish within the division for that award, earliest in the Tournament. In the event of a tie, the award will go to the individual that completed their target species catch earliest in the day.

Good sportsmanship is expected. The penalty for any violation of the rules is disqualification from the tournament. All protests must be signed and in writing and submitted to a scoring judge by 4:00 pm on the day of check-in. The scoring judges will review and make their decision by 4:15 pm. Scoring judge decisions are final.

If within 3 days of the start of the tournament, the National Hurricane Center issues a Warning that affects our area, the tournament will be postponed and will be announced by the Tournament Chair. The Tournament Chair also reserves the right to postpone the tournament for any reason if conditions are considered to be unsafe. If the tournament is postponed, a rescheduled date will be announced within one week. If an angler cannot fish the rescheduled tournament date, the registration fee is fully refundable upon request to the Tournament Chair. All other decisions will be made by the Tournament Chair and communicated on the tournament weblink www.hookemintheglades.com. It is the responsibility of anglers to review the weblink for updates.

- **Juniors are eligible for trophies for individual species and Team trophies.**
- **All anglers fishing as a Team are required to fish from the same boat.**
- **The entire fish must be visible on the assigned measuring device given out at the captains meeting.**
- **The fish head must face left, belly down, on the tournament measuring device with angler's tournament number visible in the picture.**
- **Each angler is required to choose the division they will be competing at time of registration.**
- **Anglers may hire a guide at their own expense.**

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- No chumming of any kind is allowed in any division.
- Anglers must cast their own bait, lure, or fly.
- Anglers may not have more than one (1) working rod in the water at any given time.
- This is a catch and release fishing tournament. Anglers may not keep any fish caught during the tournament. Should an angler decide to keep a fish, the angler and/or team may be disqualified.
- Wading is permitted and is at the sole discretion of the angler.
- NO FISHING within 250 feet of marina areas, boat launches, or fuel stations for boat anglers only. Only On-shore Junior Anglers are exempt from this rule.
- All State and Federal laws apply.
- Valid State of Florida fishing license is required (as applicable) to participate in the tournament as regulated by the FWC.
- ALL CAPTAINS THAT WILL DEPART FROM EVERGLADES CITY or CHOKOLOSKEE, RETURN TO EVERGLADES CITY or CHOKOLOSKEE, OR FISH IN THE NATIONAL PARK, MUST HAVE A NATIONAL PARK BOATERS SAFETY CERTIFICATION AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PARK PASS(ES) AND DOCUMENTATION KEPT ON THE BOAT.
- Unmanned aircraft (drones) are prohibited within Everglades National Park.
- Captains may launch at safe light, which is at captain's discretion.
- A MINIMUM of 2 ANGLER'S per boat is required for safety reasons and MAXIMUM of 5 anglers per boat
- NO LINES in the water before 7:00 am. The tournament recommends that Junior Boats are accompanied by an adult.
- Boat Anglers may leave from the port of their choice as long as they abide by the launch at safe light and no lines in the water before 7:00 am.
- JUNIOR ON-SHORE anglers: Fishing 7:00 am - 3:30 pm. All Junior Anglers must be supervised by an adult while participating. Check-in at Everglades Fishing Company between 2-3:30 pm
- BOATS: Check-in at Everglades Fishing Company from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

The most important rules? Have a great time, and practice good sportsmanship!

RULERS CAN BE RETURN AT: EFC, Everglades Bait & Tackle, Win Car Hardware, or the steps of Everglades City School. IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT BACK FOR THE CHECK-IN, PLEASE RETURN RULERS TO ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS.

