

## **Rules and Regulations**

### **Casting for a Cause Fishing Tournament**

#### **Fishing contest fraud is a crime in the state of Louisiana (RS 14:214).**

1. Tickets can be purchased at Don's Boat Landing.
  - a. Youth - \$25.00
  - b. Rod-N-Reel - \$50.00
  - c. Dive - \$50.00
2. Tickets must be purchased before 9:00 AM on Saturday, 06/25/2022.
3. Competition begins at 12:01 AM Thursday, 06/23/2022 and ends when scales close at 12:00 PM (Noon) on Sunday, 06/26/2022.
4. Divisions:
  - a. Rod-N-Reel – Fish shall be taken with rod and reel only.
    - i. Categories include redfish (16 to 27 inches), speckled trout, flounder, red snapper, mangrove snapper and cobia.
    - ii. Fishing waters include Eugene Island blocks to East Cameron blocks excluding Big Lake and Vermilion Corporation.
  - b. Dive – Fish shall be taken with spear only.
    - i. Categories include red snapper, mangrove snapper and cobia.
    - ii. Fish must be speared and apprehended by diver without assistance.
    - iii. Fish speared from boat are ineligible. Diver must be submerged.
    - iv. Fishing waters include Eugene Island blocks to East Cameron blocks excluding Big Lake and Vermilion Corporation.
  - c. Youth – 13 years and under. Youth anglers are required to hook and land fish on their own.
    - i. Categories include redfish (16 to 27 inches), speckled trout, flounder, croaker and catfish.
    - ii. Fishing waters include Eugene Island blocks to East Cameron blocks excluding Big Lake and Vermilion Corporation.
  - d. Heaviest fish is open to all Rod-N Reel anglers and Divers.
    - i. Heaviest fish cash prize shall be equal to a first place category.
    - ii. Heaviest fish shall be any species not in the inshore or offshore categories. No sharks or billfish.
5. Youth anglers are eligible to compete in both adult and youth categories with an adult division ticket.
6. Anglers who wish to compete in both the Rod & Reel and Dive divisions must purchase tickets for each division.

Contestants must act in accordance with state and federal regulations along with rodeo rules and must possess all appropriate Louisiana State fishing licenses.

Sharks and billfish are not eligible for weigh-in.

All fish are subject to autopsy. No frozen or decomposed fish will be accepted. Any attempt to defraud or cheat in the Rodeo in any way will automatically disqualify the offender and all their entries as well as subject them to potential imprisonment and fines (RS 14:214).

Weigh Master shall witness all weights and measurements.

All categories shall be judged by weight and the first fish entered shall win a tie.

Length shall be measured from the outer extremity of the tip of the snout, with the fish's mouth closed, to the extreme tip of the tail fin when squeezed in a way to obtain the maximum overall length.

Weigh Master has final say in weight and length.

All fish weighed will be marked and remain the property of the contestant.

Weigh-ins will take place at Don's Boat Landing from 5:00 PM to 7:00PM on Friday 6/ 4, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Saturday 6/ 5 and from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Sunday 6/ 6. Scales will not open on Thursday 6/ .

All weigh-ins are by boat only.

All boat occupants must possess an entry ticket.

Entry ticket must be presented to weigh-in.

By entering the Casting for a Cause tournament you agree that any pictures taken may be used to promote future Casting for a Cause and Hero Hunts events.

75% of ticket proceeds will be distributed as cash prizes.

Best boats plaques shall be awarded for best inshore boat and best offshore boat.

Boats shall receive 3 points for each first place, 2 points for each second place and 1 point for each third place. Youth division places are not included.