



2024 PROFESSIONAL REDFISH LEAGUE

Ladies Division

Rules & Participation Agreement

RULES, REGULATIONS, COVENANTS, AND PROCEDURES RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules stated below will remain in effect for the 2024 Professional Redfish League Ladies Rules & Regulations. All decisions made by the tournament director and/or tournament officials will be final in all matters. The tournament director and/or the tournament officials can make a change when the safety of a contestant is in question or by a unanimous decision by the tournament committee. Any changes to the rules will be posted on the Professional Redfish League website: www.professionalredfishleague.com and communicated to the tournament members in the pre-tournament meeting before the tournament.

Warnings, penalties, and disqualifications will be determined by the tournament officials. A signature on one set of rules and regulations, an online signature is applicable for the 2024 Professional Redfish League Ladies events and may be used as acknowledgment for such.

Rules

Each participant ("contestant") must read and acknowledge the following rules and indicate so by signing an entry form. A "team" shall consist of One or two contestants.

During these events, a "Captain", guide, or alternate Driver of the boat may be used. The Driver of the boat cannot assist in any way, shape, or form physically except for tying on hooks and removing a hook from fish. The captain, guide, or alternate Driver of the boat will be "Polygraphed" to ensure knowledge was not given during the event to give their team an unfair advantage over the rest of the field.

Wade fishing is allowed. Guide must stay in boat, and not feed information to the Lady Anglers.

The lady Anglers are on their own regarding locations, techniques, strategies, casting, catching, and netting. This is very important, ladies must have questions answered before day of event, no knowledge can be asked for or given during the hours of the fishing tournament. These events are "Artificial" only.

Lady Anglers are responsible for casting, reeling in their catches, netting their catches, bringing fish up to scales, etc. **Captain", guide, or alternate Driver is there for support only.** They are not to cast and catch the fish for you.

Applicable Laws

Federal, State, and Local laws shall be obeyed by contestants at all times. Contestants choosing to fish outside of Texas waters shall adhere to the local and state laws of the venue in which the contestant is fishing, including purchasing and possessing a valid fishing license for that state effective for the dates of competition. Violation of any federal, state, and/or local laws shall result in the disqualification of the individual and his team from the Professional Redfish League event.

Tournament Eligibility

Contestants under 18 years old must fish with their legal guardian as their teammate or another adult approved by the minor's legal guardian. Professional Redfish League reserves the right to refuse participation in any event to any individual and/or team at the discretion of the tournament director.

Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drugs

Consumption of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs during tournament hours is prohibited and will result in disqualification. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs may not be in the possession of any team member or onboard a participating boat during the hours of the tournament competition.

Sportsmanship

Professional Redfish League participants are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and ethics. Unsportsmanlike and unethical conduct will result in disqualification. Please refer to the Texas Boating Safety Rules.

Permitted Tournament Fishing Waters

Contestants may fish in any inshore/offshore public water accessible by boat. "Inshore / offshore" for this series is defined as the navigable, tide consumable coastal waters, bays, rivers, and wetlands, extending to the inside/outside of the passes to The Gulf of Mexico.

- No fishing is allowed within 200 yards of any ferry landing.
- Contestants shall not fish in any area which has been "closed" by a governmental agency.
- **Wade fishing is allowed.**

- Participants are not allowed to fish within 100 yards (300 feet) of another anchored boat unless they are invited in by that team. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by an anchor, a weight, push pole, Power-Pole, or other “anchoring” mechanism with the trolling motor in the up position. If a team invites another team into the inviting team's 100-yard area, any tournament participant is also allowed within the waived area.
- The anchored boat in an area first has the right to a 100-yard radius of the area.
- If the boat does not have a trolling motor the definition of anchored still applies.

Permitted Fishing Methods

All tournament fish shall be taken by rod, reel, and artificial tackle. Contestants shall not “harass” fish, including such antics as “burning” or corralling of schools with a boat. Prior to and during the tournament, contestants shall not “cork” or otherwise mark fish or schools of fish for identification for the purposes of locating fish during tournament hours. Wade-fishing is allowed. Contestants may not leave the boat to net a fish hooked while the contestant or his partner is in the boat.

Weigh-in times for the PRL LADIES DIVISION will be between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM

Contestants who are not at the official checkpoint area at the appointed time will be Disqualified. Teams who are not able to check in due to equipment failure or other unforeseen circumstances are responsible for contacting the tournament director before the official check-in is over in order to determine an acceptable solution.

Tournament Director: **Ron Henne 361-438-7572**

After a Team has weighed in their fish that team is to trailer their boat to make room for the other teams that have not yet arrived. Please do not consume any alcohol until Tournament director gives you approval to do so after weigh-in.

Polygraphs

By electronic acceptance or signature on the official tournament entry form, each contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph test and be bound by its interpreted results and conclusions. Any team, person, or contestant in each event shall be subject to a polygraph examination and will not receive any award until the test has been administered and determined to be non-deceptive. Polygraph tests may be issued at the discretion of the tournament director/committee for any reason, and each contestant hereby acknowledges and consents to the examination. The results and interpretations of the polygraph are final, and each contestant hereby knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waives any review of said test result, including any judicial process seeking to overturn, amend, or otherwise negate the finding of the test administrator.

Insurance and Liability

It is the responsibility of the boat owner to carry liability insurance covering the vessel. Professional Redfish League will not issue liability coverage for its events. All tournament participants are required to sign a digital waiver absolving all tournament officials, officers, participants, sponsors, and co-sponsors from any responsibility for damage or personal injury sustained as a result of the contestant's participation in the tournament or its related activities, and the contestant's digital signature on this form shall constitute an alternate release in the instance the member fails to sign the official DECLARATION, WAIVER, RELEASE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT.

Pre-Tournament Captain's Meeting

Late Tournament Registration for the Professional Redfish League will be on Friday evening before the tournament date between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM. A Mandatory "Captains" pre-tournament meeting will be held following registration at 7:00 PM. At least one member of each team shall attend the Pre-Tournament meeting unless excused by the Tournament Director. Participants may be excused from the captains meeting if arrangements are made with the Professional Redfish League. If a contestant fails to attend the registration and pre-tournament meeting without written permission from the PRL office, a one (1) pound, per fish penalty, will be assessed against the team's fish at weigh-in.

Communication

No communication via multi-media methods, social networking, cell phone, e-tablet, laptop, radio, pager, or any other device will be allowed from outside sources or tournament participants during tournament hours that will give a team or contestant any advantage from data or information regarding fishing the event. Purchasing of information and/or hiring of services from local experts or guides will not be permitted within 7 days prior to the competition, unless that is your captain you are pre-fishing with only. Face-to-face information shared between teams during tournament hours may not be used to give either team an advantage over other teams.

If a team has an emergency, a mechanical problem, or needs immediate assistance, teams may contact local authorities, emergency services, the Coast Guard, or the Tournament Director Ron Henne Jr. (361) 438-7572. Teams must notify the tournament director immediately if these circumstances exist. * In other words, don't be calling your buddies to find out if they are catching, and where, on what.

Entry Fees, Tournament Registration, and Identification

The entry fee for the (3) event is \$2250.00 per team prepaid by March 1, 2024 two-person Redfish "Boat" team for the division. Big Fish Pots are available for each event and will be paid in Cash at Captain's meeting in the amount of \$100.00 per Team for the Big Fish Pot, \$100.00 per Team Calcutta, the entry fee is non-refundable.

Any non-preregistered team wanting to fish the entry fee is \$1000.00 per single event. Side Pots will be paid at Captain's meeting in CASH only. All entry fees are non-refundable and are in consideration for holding a team's spot and calculation of projected winnings for tournament officials.

Boat, Motor and Horsepower Regulations

All boats shall be a minimum of 15 feet in length and be equipped with a minimum of 25 hp motor. No dual engine boats allowed. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition, each boat must have a properly aerated live-well, which is one that is reasonably likely to sustain the life of (2) Two REDFISH under the circumstances. The Tournament Director shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity are adequate. Live wells will be inspected upon checkout on the morning of the tournament. ALL BOATS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AN OPERABLE IGNITION KILL SWITCH. The kill switch device must be attached to the driver's body anytime the combustion engine is operating. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. Any fuel tanks that are not installed by the boat manufacturer are prohibited. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public.

Launch

At registration, a member from each team will pull from a container their launch #. Boats will launch low # too high #.

Safety

Safe boating will be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to properly wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal floatation device anytime the combustion engine is engaged, Kayak Anglers are to wear this device at all times while on the water. Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the tournament director/committee. A 4-hour period shall constitute a day of fishing. It is the competitor's responsibility to communicate with the Tournament Director if cancellation of the event is suspected. Cancellations will be communicated via VHF radios on a channel decided at the Pre-Tournament Meeting. If conditions are not safe on the tournament day, the Professional Redfish League reserves the right to reschedule the tournament on the following day (Sunday). If conditions are not favorable.

Tackle and Equipment

Only artificial lures only may be used. Only one rod and reel may be used at any one time per angler in the Boat.

Fish

This format will consist of a (2) fish limit 20-28" for weigh-in. Only two (2) redfish may be retained in a team's boat at any given time once the big motor is running. Cumulatively, in no instance may a team possess a number of redfish over the team's limit once the big motor is running. In other words, the number of redfish possessed by a team in total may not collectively add up to more than TWO. Live fish may be culled; teams must keep (retain) dead fish and weigh those in. Contestants are responsible for keeping their REDFISH alive. Any dead fish tendered for weight will be assessed an eight-ounce penalty per fish. No altered, mutilated or iced fish will be accepted. REDFISH will be inspected for alterations in size, length, and weight. Any altered fish shall result in the disqualification of the team weighing the altered fish and may result in a perpetual ban from the Professional Redfish League future events.

Any tail that has not been tampered with by any team member or captain will be accepted. *This is a polygraph question.

Boat Bag: (2) Redfish in the slot (20"-28") No Over Size

There will be NO CULLING at the weigh-in. Once you break the point of entry into the Marina Basin. No more than 2 fish are allowed in Livewell. If you are found to have more than limit in live well, you will be DQ'd.

All fish must be within the TPWD regulations.

Scoring

Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the total weight of each team's catch during the tournament consisting of (2) redfish, measured in pounds and 100ths of a pound over a 1-day period. Only redfish at least 20 inches in length, but less than or equal to 28 inches in length may be weighed in. All redfish must be brought to the weigh station in a live weigh-in tournament bag provided by the Professional Redfish League. Fish may not be brought to weigh-in on a stringer or in a basket. Redfish shall be weighed with the equipment provided by the Professional Redfish League. TOY will be determined by overall weight through (3) Ladies events.

You will be responsible for picking your BIG Fish if your team is in the side pot.

Ties

If two or more teams have identical weights in the tournament, it will be considered a tie. In the event of a tie, the prize money from the consecutive places will be combined and split between the teams. For example, if two teams tie for fourth place, the amounts designated to fourth place AND fifth place will be combined, divided by two, then distributed to the teams, equally.

Protest and Truth Detection

Any Protest must be submitted, in writing, with a \$500 non-refundable payment per protest within 15 minutes of the closing of the weigh scales. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final in all protest matters.

Acts not officially protested within 15 minutes after the final angler has weighed in for that day will not be heard. Protest must be made in writing and in the presence of tournament official(s) and competitor being protested must be allowed to be present during the discussion.

PRL acts as a broker when hiring the truth detection administrator and has no influence on procedures, type of test, the amount of time taken, or the results of the testing.

All truth detection results are final and not contestable by any competitor or their proxy.

Any claim or disagreement with truth detection results or the administration of the test must be settled between the angler(s) being tested and the person and/or company administering the truth detection test. PRL, affiliated, and subsidiary companies, the hosts, sponsors, and tournament series officials are not involved in nor in any way responsible for the results of, or methods used, in any truth detection test given.

Sportsmanship

Anglers are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the state of the event. Tournament anglers are responsible for research and knowledge of fishing and boating regulations, including proper registrations and insurance of vessel used in the event, fishing licenses, size limits of catch, private waters, idle and no-wake zones, etc.

No one by any means can attempt to manipulate the length or weight of any fish by any means whatsoever. Over-icing, oxygen shock, dropping of fish on the nose, manipulation of the tail of the fish, adding weight by any means whatsoever, and similar practices if at any time are discovered, or reported to and verified, by the tournament officials will result in immediate disqualification of the team from the current and all future PRL sponsored events, probable criminal charges, and public exposure of the disqualification and reason for the disqualification in the results of the tournament.

Holding, Detaining, or Stocking fish during practice or competition: Fish may not be penned, detained, or held by line, hook, cage, barrel, box, net, fence, placement in small bodies of water with blocked entrance or no entrance, or any other means of preventing fish from freely swimming with full and complete access to the entire waterway prior to being fairly caught during competition and held in a live well for weigh-in that day.

Angler(s) proved to be displaying poor sportsmanship or violating game or boating laws or the letter and spirit of these sportsmanship rules will be subject to a penalty determined on a case-by-case basis.

Anglers cannot purposely attempt to hurt another angler's opportunity to catch fish. Any act or action deemed to be intentionally made in an attempt to displace, scatter, or intentionally hurt fish or fishing in an area is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the current and all future events.

Angler(s) receiving a ticket or citation on the water for breaking any state law relating to safety, no-wake zones, etc... will result in disqualification of the day's catch that the ticket was issued. Failure to disclose receiving a citation/ticket to tournament officials will result in immediate disqualification from the entire event with all awards being forfeited.

Angler Code of Conduct

All anglers are expected to practice, compete, and conduct themselves in an honorable manner and to continually use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism, ethical behavior, sportsmanship, and integrity in support of the sport of professional red fishing and the values of the PRL sponsored events. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Any disqualification, suspension, or other disciplinary action imposed by any tournament or fishing organization may result in disqualification from Professional Redfish League competition and rejection of participation in a Professional Redfish League tournament and/or membership.

Videos, Photography, and Media

As a member of the Professional Redfish League, I grant, the Professional Redfish League, the rights of my image, in video or still, and of the likeness and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or videotape without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published, or distributed, and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording. I also understand that this material may be used in diverse settings within an unrestricted geographic area.

Photographic, audio, or video recordings may be used for ANY USE which may include but is not limited to: Presentations; Online/Internet Videos; Media; News (Press); Video Presentations; Email Blasts; Brochures; Newsletters; Magazines; General Publications; Websites and/or Affiliate & Sponsor media.

I understand this permission signifies that photographic or video recordings of me may be electronically displayed via the Internet or in public settings.

I will **not** be consulted about the use of the photographs or video recording for any purpose. There is no time limit on the validity of this release nor is there any geographic limitation on where these materials may be distributed.

This applies to photographic, audio, or video recordings collected at any PRL events.

I hereby release any and all claims against any person or organization utilizing this material.

I waive any right to inspect or approve finished photographs or electronic media that may be used in current or in the future, whether the use is known or unknown to me, and I waive any right to ownership, royalties, or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the image(s)/media.

PRL Angler Communication Methods

I consent to Professional Redfish League calling or texting the phone number(s) I supply for any purpose, including the marketing and/or updates of its current and future events. Message & data rates may apply. I agree that these phone calls or texts may be made using any method, including an automatic dialing/testing system or an artificial or recorded voice. Upon my request, the phone numbers I have previously provided will be removed from Professional Redfish League's phone/text marketing list. I can make this request by calling, texting, emailing, or writing the Professional Redfish League office and asking to be placed on Professional Redfish League's Do Not Call List. (b) I acknowledge that being included in any state or federal "do not call" registry will not be sufficient to remove me from Professional Redfish League's phone marketing list. (c) I consent to Professional Redfish League emailing me, at any email address, including that of a wireless or mobile device, that I provide to Professional Redfish League, for any purpose, including the marketing of Professional Redfish League's current and future Services. If my wireless or mobile provider charges me for receipt of such messages, I acknowledge and agree that I am responsible for paying such charges. I may revoke this authorization insofar as it relates to marketing messages at any time by calling or writing my local Professional Redfish League office.

Certification and Signature of Acceptance

I certify that I have read, understand, agree with, and accept the rules, regulations, procedures, and covenants of the 2024 Professional Redfish League Tournament Participation Agreement and by my signature (electronic agreement during membership and registration process) herein affixed agree to bind myself and my team partner to the entire agreement and any variations of the same delivered verbally or through electronic device by tournament officials to the field.