



# 2024 PROFESSIONAL REDFISH LEAGUE

## SINGLE-MAN

Rules & Participation Agreement

RULES, REGULATIONS, COVENANTS, AND PROCEDURES

### Membership, Team, and Entry Fee

A Team consists of (1) One angler. No one under the age of 18 may participate in the Single-man events.

The 2024 team entry fee for Single-man PRL Division is Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars \$2250. This is \$750 for the (3) events prepaid. If you want to fish an individual event, and have paid for a Pro team Division, your entry will be \$750.00 for (1) event, if have not pre registered the entry fee will be \$1000.00 per event.

The tournament registration fee may be paid by credit card (convenience fee will be applied) and is available for purchase at [www.professionalredfishleague.com](http://www.professionalredfishleague.com). Alternative payment methods must be arranged with PRL administration, prior to registration and paid by the applicable deadline.

Late registration will be accepted until the beginning of the captain's meeting. Teams registering late must pay registration and side pots in cash, **no exceptions**.

Side pot registration will take place at the Captain's Meeting and is payable by **cash only**.

Big Fish Side Pot: \$200 (you are responsible for picking your big fish)

Calcutta: \$200

Entry fees are **non-refundable** but may be transferable should a team have to withdraw after paying their entry. The entry may only be transferred to another event for the team registered and the request must be completed prior to the deadline for the event in which they registered. The PRL Administrator must be notified of the change by email [lori@professionalredfishleague.com](mailto:lori@professionalredfishleague.com) or by phone and the change must be approved by the related tournament director.

Boat numbers will be assigned by random order drawn at the Captain's Meeting. Boat numbers will remain the same throughout the event.

### Off Limits, Information Sharing, and Prohibited Techniques

There will be no restriction to the number of days anglers may practice up to the day of the Captain's Meeting. All anglers must have lines out of water at 2:00pm on day of captains meeting and must start heading back to ramp at that time.

Fourteen (14) days prior to tournament date anglers may not enter the tournament waters with anyone including, but not limited to, a professional guide, state or federal wildlife agency employee, or any other person deemed an "expert" on the tournament waters by the Tournament Director. An exception that may occur is if one angler is fishing in another tournament with a different partner. We do not restrict anglers from fishing another tournament prior to any PRL event even if it falls within the 14 days leading up to the PRL event. Fishing an additional tournament during official tournament days or after 2:00 PM on the day of the captain's meeting is prohibited.

The two weeks leading up to and during each tournament, tournament anglers may not solicit or intentionally receive the assistance or advice of anyone not registered to fish the tournament for the purposes of locating or catching Redfish.

For the Official Practice Period beginning at sunrise the Friday prior to the Captain's Meeting and continuing through the conclusion of the event anglers agree to abide by the following covenants:

During this period anglers cannot loan a boat, or be loaned a boat, with navigational equipment on board that is not removable or that does not have the ability to be disabled.

Observe conservation etiquette regarding our coastal environments and aquatic vegetation that holds the marine creatures that attract redfish.

### **Compliance with Applicable Law**

Anglers participating in any PRL sponsored event are required to follow all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and laws. Any violation of such regulations and laws and/or other tournament rules may result in the imposition of a fine, daily weight penalty, fishing time penalty, disqualification from a tournament day, disqualification from the entire tournament, disqualification from all future series events, or any combination thereof as decided by tournament officials.

### **Modification of Tournament Rules**

The rules and procedures for the PRL Tournaments may be modified in the case of oversight or omission of tournament rules or procedures that, in the opinion of the tournament officials, would need to be added, changed, or omitted to ensure fair competition and the safety of all competitors.

### **Extreme Weather**

In the case of severe weather, the start of any or all days of the event may be delayed, and tournament hours lengthened or shortened at the tournament director's discretion. Launch decisions will be made by tournament officials with the best information available at the time and with the safety of the competitors at the forefront of all decisions.

## Insurance and Registration

Current liability insurance and boat registration is required for each participant in all PRL events. It is the angler's responsibility to maintain this coverage and ensure registration is up to date. Any boat not complying with state, federal, and local laws governing equipment requirements, registration numbers, decals, and their proper display, cannot be used in competition. If such a boat is placed in competition either intentionally or unknowingly, the angler's catch using that boat for the day(s) it was used will be disqualified regardless of reason.

## Creel Limit, Size, and Possession

The Professional Redfish League Single-man events for 2024 will observe the following bag limits: **3 fish bag limit over 1 day of fishing.**

Louisiana Single-man Events – (3) fish 20 - 27 inches – **must weigh-in (3)**

Texas Single-man Events– (3) fish 20 - 28 Inches – **must weigh-in (3) Any**

**fish that is kicked will be part of your bag.**

If a fish dies while being held in captivity on your boat or in your possession, that fish cannot be returned to the water and culled.

Anglers may have as many legal fish onboard the boat at any given time throughout the tournament day as allowed by law. However, anglers must possess only the creel limit for that day's competition when they enter the final no-wake zone to return to the launch for weigh-in.

Any team entering the final no-wake zone or returning to the launch with more fish on board than the number specified for that day will have that day's total weight disqualified. (Exception can occur as explained under Mechanical Break Downs section)

## Tournament Schedule of Events

On the Friday before the event, there is a Mandatory Attendance Captain's meeting from 6 PM – 7 PM. Locations TBD at each event.

Blastoff will be at safe-light or 7 AM for all anglers on Day 1 & Day 2 unless delayed by weather or other unavoidable instance.

Anglers will launch according to drawn launch order

Official return times will be announced at the captain's meeting, typically the weigh-in opens at 3:00 PM, and the first flight closes at 4:00 PM with the second flight closing at 4:30 PM. Fields greater than 25 boats will have flights.

Failing to return to the official checkpoint and checking in with the Tournament Time Official by the appointed time will result in disqualification.

If you are not weighing in fish, it is still mandatory to check in with the Tournament Director both days. Boat numbers are to be returned to the tournament staff.

Anglers cannot return to tournament waters any time after any day's weigh-in prior to the next day's launch except in the case of wet slip dockage or mechanical issues in which case an angler must have permission from the Tournament Director.

### **Scoring, Standing Points, and Ties**

Scoring for the divisional qualifying event scores based on total weight. PRL Single-man Team of Year (TOY) standing weights will be reconciled after each divisional qualifier. Divisional TOY is determined by the total weight of that teams (3) Single-man events.

Prize placing ties, "In the money ties", shall be split evenly between both teams.

Example: Team AB and BC tie for first place. First-place prize money and second-place prize money are totaled and split evenly. 1<sup>st</sup> place \$10K & 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$4K total prize \$14K divided equally pays \$7K to each team.

In the event a tie should occur for any special honors or awards (i.e. TOY); the prize will be split evenly between both teams.

TOY will be Determined by overall weight after (3) events.

### **Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs**

Any angler consuming or carrying alcoholic beverages or drugs (other than their own current prescriptions or over-the-counter medication) on the boat during tournament hours (which begins at first light and ends at the conclusion of weigh-in) will have that day's weight disqualified.

Anglers that consume any alcohol prior to a requested truth verification test on the day in which the test is being administered will be disqualified from the tournament and the team will forfeit any winnings or expected winnings.

### **Bait and Tackle**

Only artificial lures only.

Bait Attractants - Only artificially produced and commercially available and sold bait attractants may be used.

Only one rod at a time may be used per angler.

A cast must be fully retrieved before another cast can be made by the same angler.

All redfish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.

Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Anglers must cast, flip, or pitch their lure to the fish they catch.

No snagging of fish and no netting or scooping of distressed, unhooked, surface fish is allowed.

No multi lure rigs are allowed.

### **Anglers Must Remain in Boat**

All angling must be conducted from the boat.

Anglers cannot leave the boat to cast to, catch, or land a fish.

Angler(s) may leave the boat and seek safe shelter in bad weather when danger may be imminent but must continue to follow all tournament rules and procedures during this period.

Anglers may leave their boat to pull it out of an area where tides have gone out but cannot leave their boat to gain access to any area.

No jumping berms, levees, landmasses, or any object blocking the entrance to any waterway, either man-made or natural.

### **Mechanical Break Downs**

Anglers experiencing boat or engine trouble have the following remedies:

Anglers can only board the boat of another competitor fishing the tournament in the case of an extreme medical emergency or where there is imminent danger to their persons, i.e. boat sinking, boat on fire, etc..

Angler's boats experiencing mechanical failure may be towed in by anyone.

Angler(s) forced to board the boat of a non-tournament angler may have their catch for the day disqualified depending on circumstances.

Angler(s) boarding the boat of another tournament team and transferring their catch must keep the fish separate and well-marked. Both tournament teams can no longer scout or fish and must proceed immediately to launch location.

Anglers needing or receiving any assistance from anyone should communicate to a tournament official, the boat number(s) of the assisting boat and the time(s) aid was requested, performed, begun, and completed.

### **Private Waters**

Tournament anglers or guest(s) on their boat may not participate in any of the following to navigate, fish, practice, or compete.

Lift, unlock or pass-through gates, chains, booms or other canal or river objects (not including lock systems between public waters) normally closed and used to restrict boat traffic in what is known, or should be known, to be private waters and not open to all anglers equally. Additionally, anglers may not cause any navigable waterway to be obstructed which would, or could, prevent access by any and all other anglers.

Anglers may not navigate nor fish any waters where a membership, lease, or agreement is required or must be paid unless that membership is made available to tournament officials and all tournament anglers equally for the period beginning January 1st of the year of the event and continuing through the completion of the event.

Anglers are not permitted to cast/fish within 100 yards of a competitor's boat (not separated by land or jetties, but in same body of water) which is anchored unless invited into the restricted area. If more than one boat, by invitation, is fishing within the restricted area then all tournament boats are de facto invited into the same area. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a Power-Pole, Talon, line attached to a weight or other device used for keeping a vessel in place and/or tethered and stationary and has the trolling motor in the stowed position. If the boat does not have a trolling motor, the definition of "anchored" still applies to stationary boats held in place by the manner herein described. Anglers are also not permitted to cast/fish within 100 yards of an anchored noncompetitor's boat.

### **Live Fish, Measuring, and Weighing**

Every effort must be made to keep redfish alive and healthy for release.

A penalty of 0.50 pounds will be assessed per dead fish presented to fish bumper for measuring. Counting of fish for being alive or dead will be determined at time of measuring of fish except in the circumstance of an unavoidable delay.

No culling of dead fish allowed.

Teams will be allowed to bring their days' catch to the bump tank in the order of their arrival to the check-in dock that day. If a team is not prepared to bring their fish to the tank when called, they will be moved to the end of the line that was formed at the time they were called.

Fish bumper and/or tournament officials reserve the right to refuse any redfish deemed to have been altered, (accidentally or intentionally) and/or damaged sufficiently to make determining the exact length of the fish inconclusive.

There are no tail shape restrictions.

Each fish will only be measured with its head to the left of the measuring official and the fish's belly facing the official's belly. Fish will be measured on this side only. A fish going over the line very slightly may be removed from the board and allowed to "rest" while other fish in the creel are measured. The "over" fish will then be measured again but only for this one additional measurement. If the fish is deemed to be over on the second measurement it

will be disqualified. In the case that there are no other fish remaining in the creel at the time the "over" fish is measured, the "over" fish will be "rested" for a minimum of thirty seconds and then re-measured. Maximum of two (2) measures unless additional measure is deemed necessary by the bump official only.

Anglers will use only tournament-provided forms of transport from boat live wells to fish bumper and/or tanks.

In the event of a delay by the tournament in opening the weigh scales at the designated time, the tournament officials will make every effort to check the angler's fish for live or dead prior to being presented to the fish measuring official.

Dead fish may be kept separate from live fish but only with water, wet towels, or an ice substitute.

All lures, hooks, jig heads, etc. must be removed from fish prior to the final weight being recorded. To keep the fish alive anglers may wait until the fish has been counted live or dead to remove hook or jig. Failure to notify officials and having a fish weighed with a hook, lure, jig or other objects in its mouth may incur a penalty equal to a dead fish penalty.

### **Safety, Boats, Motors, and Accessories**

Safe boat conduct must always be observed by competitors. During all days of competition, each boat must always adhere to Coast Guard operating regulations and have all required safety equipment on board. The Coast Guard requires that Inflatable PFDs be worn at all times unless there is an equal number of non-inflatable Coast Guard approved PFD's on board.

### **Boating Responsibility**

All anglers certify that they are fully trained and capable of operating their boat(s) in a safe and legal manner. All anglers further certify and agree that Professional Redfish League, affiliated, and subsidiary companies, the hosts, sponsors and tournament series officials and any associated vendor(s) have no legal responsibility or control over the operation of tournament boats and that all liability for any injury, property damage, or other infraction on the water is borne fully by the anglers and their personal insurance providers.

When boating in low visibility situations (i.e. fog, heavy rain, etc.) during both practice and competition, competitors must operate their boats at a safe speed and in a safe manner.

Only a single-engine outboard-powered boat can be used in official practice or competition. No airboats, pump-driven, or multiple engine boats allowed for practice or competition. No drones, helicopters, planes, or other aerial devices may be used during practice and/or competition. All boats used in competition must be seaworthy and powered sufficiently to be considered safe for operation in all weather conditions that may arise. Gatortails may be used.



Tournament officials recommend the use of a kill switch attached to the pilot of the boat at all times the combustion engine is running, following all applicable state, federal, and local laws.

Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks or coast guard-approved portable containers following all applicable state, federal, and local laws.

### **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 redfishing 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, 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 2022 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.