



Anchor House Inshore Fishing Slam Tournament 2023 Rules & Regulations

RESPONSIBILITY

All entrants and guests of the tournament are participating at their own risk. In no way is Anchor House, its Board of Directors and Officers, Members, or the Tournament Committee, its Board of Directors and Officers or Committee Members liable for injuries or property damage as a result of participation in the tournament.

The committee holds authority over all captains, anglers and team members regarding unsportsmanlike behavior and potential disqualification of teams due to unsportsmanlike conduct. Unsportsmanlike conduct is determined at the sole discretion of the committee. If there is a rules issue or suspicion of a rule violation, participants are encouraged to notify the committee, preferably in person or writing, to seek a determination or resolution of the issue as early as possible.

ELIGIBILITY

All sports fishermen (male and female) are eligible to participate. Determination of eligibility is left to the complete discretion of the committee. Any person convicted of a fishing violation during the past five years is ineligible. All requests for pre-tournament determination of eligibility should be submitted, in writing, to the committee prior to the Captain's Meeting.

BOATS/REGISTRATION

The number of entries will be limited, and registration may be closed without further notice. The entry fee per team, including Florida sales tax, is \$275.00. Any boat registering after July 15 will be required to pay an additional fee of \$50.00, which includes tax. Qualified entries will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. All boats must meet Federal and Florida safety regulations for their size. All boats will be assigned a tournament number card which must be displayed in a prominent place on the vessel at all times. Any vessel operated in an unsafe and/or unsportsmanlike manner shall be ineligible to receive prizes. Note that Federal Maritime Law holds the captain of the vessel responsible for the actions of his or her boat, its wake, and its crew. The Game and Fish Law of the State of Florida will always be adhered to. **It is imperative that the Tournament rules and regulations be clearly understood since they will be strictly enforced to give each fishing team an equal chance.** All participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of honesty and sportsmanship in the competition. Each entrant should select a "boat buddy" to assist in the event of mechanical failure or breakdown. Any and all participation by persons who are not a crew/team member and passenger of the entered vessel, including but not limited to: (1) The spotting of fish; (2) Reserving locations, (3) Procurement of bait (except purchasing of bait from valid saltwater product license holders); (4) or otherwise assisting the entered vessel or anglers in any way so as to provide an undue advantage, is prohibited. Only baitfish are allowed on the boat prior to the tournament start. Please contact the Tournament Committee with any questions.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING

There will be a **mandatory** tournament briefing for captains and crew members at Whiskey Joe's on Friday, July 28th at 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to review the rules and regulations, discuss any last-minute rule changes, and answer any questions. The captain must sign-in his or her team at this meeting. Each team will receive a bucket, a boat number and their official Tournament measuring board.

TOURNAMENT TIMEFRAME

Tournament dates will be July 28 - 29. On July 28, at 7:00 pm (immediately after check-in and Captain's Meeting), anglers will be verbally released to commence the tournament. There is one sole location to start the tournament: Whiskey Joe's in Ellenton, FL. Each boat with its Captain and entire crew must be recognized by the official tournament committee, at which point teams can leave Whiskey Joe's and begin fishing.

Teams must cease fishing, return to Whiskey Joe's, and be recognized by a Tournament official by 3:00 pm on July 29th. All photos must be submitted through iAnglerTournament.com or the iAngler Tournament App by 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 29th. Any fish submitted to iAngler after 3:00 pm will be ineligible. Any team not present at Whiskey Joe's at 3:00 pm will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS.

FISHING AREAS

Teams may venture as desired, however only boat ramps located in Manatee or Sarasota counties may be used. The team boat may not leave the water and/or be trailered after initial launch. If any, or all, team members are wade fishing, the boat must be anchored and remain stationary until all anglers are aboard.

TACKLE CLASSIFICATION

All line classes may be fished during the event. Fish must be caught by hook and line and on conventional rods and reels. Spinning, casting and fly tackle are acceptable. Trolling devices are acceptable only if attached to a rod and reel. Electric reels are prohibited. For those who wish to have their fish qualify for IGFA World or State records, specific IGFA rules must be checked prior to the tournament.

SPECIES AND SCORING

The target species for this Tournament shall consist of (1) Snook, (1) Redfish, (1) Trout and (1) "Trash Can" species (Jack Crevalle, Catfish, or Ladyfish). **Points are**

awarded by length of fish. 1 inch of length equals 1 point; most points win. There is no matrix scoring structure. The total length measurement of the team's highest-scoring four (4) fish will be used to determine the winners. Each boat will be allowed to enter four (4) fish for judging during the two-day event. The four (4) fish selected and entered by the team Captain may include no more than one (1) fish of any one species. However, each team is encouraged to submit all target species to iAngler, regardless of size. The four (4) top scoring fish will be automatically selected as the team's four (4) fish.

iANGLER PHOTO SUBMITTAL

All teams shall submit each catch by submitting a photograph to iAnglertournament.com webpage or the iAngler Tournament App, clearly exhibiting the overall length of the fish (end of lower jaw to tip of tail) on the team's official measuring board issued at the check-in. **The iAngler app and/or webpage is the only option to submit your catch photographs.** Each team is encouraged to submit all target species to iAngler, regardless of size. The four (4) top scoring fish will be automatically selected as the team's four (4) fish. Any evidence of image manipulation will result in disqualification. To count for team's score, each photograph must simultaneously depict the official team number, the lower jaw touching the end of the measuring board and a clear, readable depiction of the total length and species of the fish. Lengths of fish will be rounded down if the fish is less than ½" line. Fish will be rounded up if the fish is touching or over the ½" line. **Fish tails should not be pinched while on the photographed board.** Points will be awarded based on the total length of the team's four (4) highest-scoring fish.

- FISH NOT PHOTOGRAPHED FROM ABOVE CLEARLY SHOWING THE NOSE OF THE FISH AT THE ZERO (0) MARK WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS.
- FISH WITH PINCHED TAILS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS.
- FISH DISPLAYED ON MEASURE BOARD WILL BE OF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FISH. ANY PICTURES OF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FISH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- NO HANDS WILL BE ALLOWED IN ANY PICTURES

In the event of a tie, the first team to submit all four (4) of their top-scoring fish shall be awarded the higher place.

PROTEST

All winners and all team members may be subject to a polygraph examination, which may not be performed until Sunday or Monday. Payment to winners may be delayed until polygraph testing is concluded. All participants are required to submit for testing immediately at the request of the committee. Any person filing a protest will be responsible for a \$300 polygraph fee. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat entered in the tournament at any time. Protests must be submitted to the Tournament committee by 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 29th.

TAX LIABILITY

Anglers are responsible for any income tax liability accrued by virtue of winning cash or prizes in this event.

SCORING – POINT SYSTEM

| SNOOK, REDFISH, TROUT, TRASH CAN FISH (JACK CREVALLE, CATFISH, LADYFISH) | | | | |
|---|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Inches | Points | 1 inch = 1 point All species have same point value Only fish 15” or greater will | Inches | Points |
| 15 | 15 | | 28 | 28 |
| 16 | 16 | | 29 | 29 |
| 17 | 17 | | 30 | 30 |
| 18 | 18 | | 31 | 31 |
| 19 | 19 | | 32 | 32 |
| 20 | 20 | | 33 | 33 |
| 21 | 21 | | 34 | 34 |
| 22 | 22 | | 35 | 35 |

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| 23 | 23 | count towards score Only 1 of each species counts toward score | 36 | 36 |
| 24 | 24 | | +1 point for each inch over 36 inches | |
| 25 | 25 | | | |
| 26 | 26 | | | |
| 27 | 27 | | | |