

2022 May Madness Fishing Tournament

Presented by M5 Utilities LLC.

Benefiting Blast & Cast Ministries

Tournament Schedule

Marker 37 Marina, Corpus Christi TX

FRIDAY, May 6th

- **5:30** Music, Hospitality & Raffle
- **5:30-6:30** Check In, Late Registration
- **6:30** Meal served to teams
- **7:00** MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING

Saturday, May 7th

- **TBD Safe Light** Tournament take off from Marker 37
- **2:30 -4:00** Teams return for check-in at Marker 37
- **4:15** Trout videos must be submitted
- **4:30** Live Weigh in by boat number
- **TBD** Awards following weigh in & polygraphs

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Producer & Tournament Manager – Kevin Mock

Tournament Director - Chad Peterek

Weighmaster - Gulf Coast Weigh Masters

Polygraph Examiner – Sergio Ramirez

2022 TOURNAMENT GENERAL RULES

These rules are subject to change at any time prior to Tournament Day.

Any updates or announcements made at Captains Meeting take precedence over written rules.

- 1) Online Team Entry & Deposit of \$500 must be paid by April 29th, 2022 to avoid late fees.
 - a. Balance of Entry fee may be paid at captains meeting.
 - b. Late registration fee of \$200 per team may be paid at the Captains Meeting.
- 2) Tournament Teams consist of 1 to 4 anglers, only one team per boat, everyone in a boat must be registered on the same team and will be considered a team member.
- 3) No sharing or pooling of fish with another team and boats is allowed.
- 4) All anglers must carry a valid Texas Fishing License with a Saltwater Stamp endorsement.
- 5) All teams must check-in Friday, May 6th between 5:30 – 6:30 and 7:00 Captain's Meeting at Marker 37 Marina, Corpus Christi, Texas. **A minimum of one team member must check in & attend the captains meeting failing to do so will result in teams disqualification.**
- 6) IN THE EVENT OF INCLIMATE WEATHER, THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED. DECISION ON WEATHER TO BE MADE BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AND NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL AND POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS. NO REFUNDS.
- 7) All State and Federal Parks and Wildlife regulations will apply at all times.
- 8) Teams will draw for positions at the Captains Meeting Friday night. Teams will be released in their drawn position. Any team failing to check-in will be disqualified. Teams will be released in 10 second intervals starting at safe light.

- 9) All teams must leave the Tournament Location (Marker 37 Marina) by boat and return by boat for weigh-in. Trailing your boat during tournament fishing hours is not allowed.
- 10) THE OFFICIAL CLOCK WILL BE "CELLULAR PHONE" TIME AND WILL BE MONITORED BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.
- 11) Teams must fish in public waters accessible to public fishermen.
- 12) Team may utilize conventional rod & reel tackle only, and may fish with Artificial, Live, or Dead Bait.
- 13) There will be a 100-yard rule between tournament boats and fishermen, unless waved in. Passing, on plane, within 100 yards of a wading fishermen is strictly prohibited.
- 14) Communication between teams and/or receiving information from non-tournament anglers during tournament hours is prohibited.
- 15) All Team members must always remain within plain eyesight of their partners and boat.
- 16) Teams may not allow another boat, or another angler not registered on their team to hold their fishing area for any reason.
- 17) If a team boat becomes disabled during tournament hours, it may be towed back to weigh-in. In this event, anglers may transfer fish to another boat to be transported to weigh-in however, it is both teams' responsibility to keep fish separate. This must be communicated and approved with tournament management.
- 18) Each team member must provide a completed liability release at the Captains Meeting.
- 19) THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY TOURNAMENT ENTRY.
- 20) The use of alcohol or illegal drugs during tournament hours is prohibited. This includes post-weigh in for any teams eligible for polygraph.

Eligible Stringer & Weigh-In Format

- 21) A Complete Team Stringer shall consist of up to:
 - a. 2 Redfish (20"-28") Traditional live weigh in. *See 23 redfish rules*
 - b. 2 Trout – (heavy trout, no length) Weighed & released live on video. *See 24 trout rules*
- 22) **All teams must return to Marker 37 prior to 4:00 PM SHARP. TEAMS NOT IDENTIFIED IN THE HARBOR BY 4:00 WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 23) **REDFISH**
 - a. Teams may weigh up to 2 live redfish (20"-28")
 - b. This is a LIVE FISH TOURNAMENT - Dead redfish will receive an 8 oz penalty.
 - c. Teams may not release a dead redfish during tournament hours. If a fish dies in your possession, it must be weighed as part of your stringer.
 - d. Teams may only return to Marker 37 for check in with 2 redfish in possession and may not replace a fish if it is deemed ineligible.
 - e. Any team returning for check in with more than 2 redfish in possession at time of boat check will be disqualified.
 - f. Upon check in (2:30-4:00pm) a Tournament Officials will inspect boats and officially call a team's redfish live or dead.
 - g. Once a team's boat is checked and fish are called live/dead, teams may not return fishing or leave the harbor in the boat.
 - h. There will be no sorting or culling of fish allowed once your team has entered the harbor for boat check. Culling should be done prior to entering the Marker 37 harbor.

- i. Team must identify which redfish is to be weighed for Heavy Redfish payout. Weighmaster will not weigh multiple fish.
- a. The Weighmaster will have final say on eligibility of any redfish brought in to weigh. No Pale, Gilled, Mutilated, or Physically Altered fish will be weighed.

24) TROUT

- a. Teams may virtually submit up to two trout weighing 3.00 lbs. or larger
- b. **No trout will be brought to scales.** To promote conservation and encourage catch & release practices, this year's trout will be determined via virtual weigh in using a **Catch Commander** digital scale provided by Tournament and video submission.
- c. Each team will be provided two (2), Catch Commander Digital Scales, following tournament morning boat check.
- d. Each angler will also be provided an official identification object following boat check.
- e. Trout Video & Submission guidelines:
 - i. A team member catches a trout within tournament hours and in compliance with tournament fishing methods.
 - ii. Another team member (or members) assists with video documentation of the fish being weighed using smart phone, iPhone, iPad, GoPro, or other video recording device which can submit video via text, airdrop, or USB to tournament directors. Contact information will be provided at captains meeting.
 - iii. Fish must clearly be alive, and angler introduced ie: "my name is John Doe, this is my trout for boat number 7 caught at 10:45"
 - iv. The official identification object must be shown somewhere in the video to verify fish was caught on tournament day.
 - v. Scales will be preset to weigh in Pounds & Hundredths setting. All fish **MUST** be weighed on Pounds & Hundredths setting to be accepted.
 - vi. Scale must be held **upright**, then zeroed and clearly shown on video prior to weighing fish.
 - vii. Fish is then placed on the scale and the entire fish clearly shown (including tail)
 - viii. Angler should hold the scale by the top handle, not the body of the scale.
 - ix. Once the scale is locked on "HOLD" angler clearly calls out weight AND then the digital weight clearly shown on video.
 - x. Trout is then removed from scale and released. A **FULL RELEASE MUST BE SHOWN ON VIDEO INCLUDING THE FISH SWIMMING AWAY.** Video may then be ended.
 - xi. Immediately upon release, a text message containing the following information must be sent to tournament officials: Angler name, boat number, weight of fish
- f. Team's video of designated trout must be submitted to and accepted by tournament officials by 4:15 pm Saturday, May 7th or other time designated at captains meeting.
- g. **FISH MUST BE WEIGHED ON THE PROVIDED TOURNAMENT APPROVED SCALE AND ALL OF THESE ITEMS MUST BE PRESENT IN VIDEO FOR TROUT TO BE ACCEPTED BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS. TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR VIDEO QUALITY & ACCURACY.**
- h. The same video will be used to determine heavy trout side pot and trout bounty.

POLYGRAPH

- 25) It is every team member responsibility to read and fully understand the Tournament Rules.
- 26) Every angler is subject to a polygraph test. Results of polygraph are final. Any person determined to be cheating will be disqualified and prosecuted to fullest extent of the law.
- 27) Alcohol or the use of non-prescription drugs is prohibited during tournament hours. Teams must not consume alcohol or non-prescribed drugs prior to completion of polygraph.
- 28) BY COMPLETING A TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM, EACH CONTESTANT AGREES TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH TEST AND ABIDE BY ITS CONCLUSION. A MANDATORY POLYGRAPH TEST WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO A MINIMUM OF ONE MEMBER OF TEAMS SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. NO MONEY WILL BE PAID OUT UNTIL POLYGRAPH TEST IS COMPLETED AND PASSED. THE RESULTS OF THE POLYGRAPH ARE FINAL AND CANNOT BE REVIEWED BY A COURT OF LAW.

PROTESTS

- 29) A \$200 cash deposit is required to file an official protest. Protest must be filed with written documentation to the tournament director within 10 minutes following completion of the last team being weighed. Protests will be reviewed by tournament director or committee and decisions are final. If the protest is upheld, the cash deposit will be returned to the person submitting the protest.

PRIZES & PAYOUT

Tournament will pay back 95% of the total entry fees received. This is a NON-PROFFIT Event. All net proceeds from the 2022 Tournament will go directly to support Blast & Cast Ministries.

Entry & Registration

Online Registration will be open from March 15th to May 5th

- \$500 Team Entry deposit MUST be received by Friday, April 29th, 2022 to avoid late fees.
- LATE ENTRY & Registration will be available online as well as at the Captains Meeting.
- A Late entry fee of \$200 may be paid at Captains Meeting

TEAM ENTRY FEE

\$3000

Payout Percentage of total purse

Heavy Combined Stringer	Included	1 st 40%	2 nd 20%	3 rd 15%	4 th 8%
Heavy Trout	Included	1 st 6%	2 nd 2.5%		
Heavy Redfish	Included	1 st 6%	2 nd 2.5%		

Example Payout Structure:

# Of Teams	25	\$75,000
% Payout	95%	\$71,250
40	1 st Stringer	\$28,500
20	2 nd Stringer	\$14,250
15	3 rd Stringer	\$10,688
8	4 th Stringer	\$5,700
6	1 st Red	\$4,275
2.5	2 nd Red	\$1,781
6	1 st Trout	\$4,275
2.5	2 nd Trout	\$1,781
100	Total	\$71,250

Release of Liability

Anglers participate in this event by choice and at their own risk. M5 Utilities LLC, Event Staff, Event Management, Event Sponsors, and Event Facilities will not be responsible for any injuries or property damage resulting, caused by or growing out of the event, including for any negligent condition.

Angler Acknowledgement of Release of Liability & Consent of Rules

Angler Printed Name: _____

Driver's License State / Number: _____

Texas Fishing License Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____