



## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. By receiving these rules, all entrants agree that they understand and will follow all rules and stipulations of the tournament.
2. **A designated Team Captain for each team must be present and check in with PIBA at the Captain's Meeting starting on Friday 07/24/2026 at 5pm at The Waterline at Doc's Seafood.**
3. **Any team that doesn't attend and check in with PIBA at the Captain's meeting will be disqualified and forfeit entry fee.**
4. Up to four individuals are allowed on a team. Teams may fish with a guide if they choose but the Guide WILL count as one of their team members and is allowed to fish.
5. Boat Teams – All passengers in the boat must be entered into the tournament.
6. If wade fishing, team mates must remain within eyesight of each other and boat/kayak at all times.
7. No fishing within 100 yards of another boat or wade fisherman at any point.
8. **New for 2026! This year there will be a Guided & Non-Guided Division. Teams may hire a Guide, fish with a Guide, or be a team full of Guides!**
9. A Guide is defined as any person who holds a TPWD Guide's License or any person that has been compensated to take people fishing within the past 12 months.
10. All fishing areas must be available to the general public.
11. You must have a valid Saltwater Fishing License from TPWD to fish in this tournament. Kids 17 and under do not need a license but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
12. All Texas Parks & Wildlife laws apply.
13. Any entrant cited for a TPWD infraction will be automatically disqualified.

14. All fish must be taken by rod and reel only. No cast nets, bow fishing, gigging, etc.
15. All live, dead, or artificial bait is allowed.
16. All entered fish must be caught during tournament hours. No check-in is required before fishing. Tournament hours are from **6:25am to 3:00pm, Saturday July 25, 2026.**
17. Land/Pier/Beach/Jetti/Boat/Wade fishing are all allowed.
18. No fishing past the end of the jetties.
19. All fish weighed in must have been caught by registered participants. No borrowed fish.
20. No holding or blocking off any fishing areas by other individuals not participating in tournament.
21. 1 pole per angler allowed in the water at a time.
22. In the event of a tie by weight, the team that weighed in first will determine the winner.
23. No scales or means of measuring will be available from weighmaster or tournament members prior to official weigh in. You must choose which fish you are entering into the tournament prior to weighing in. **The fish you present to the weighmaster is the fish you enter!**
24. If bait or fish are inside the mouth of the fish when caught, it can remain in the mouth, but it cannot be secured. If it falls out at any time (Including Weigh-In), you may not put it back in.
25. Weighmaster services will be provided by Gulf Coast Weighmaster Services. They are trained to check for freshness of the fish and for any tampering or alterations made to the fish. Any and all decisions of the Weighmaster are **FINAL**.
26. Tournament will proceed rain or shine.
27. **Fish not meeting TPWD rules in measurements will be disqualified and cannot be replaced with another fish.**
28. You DO NOT need a complete stringer to be able to weigh in for Heavy Stringer Category.
29. Weigh Master has final ruling on all fish related matters.
30. **NO UNDERSIZED OR OVERSIZED FISH ALLOWED IN ANY CATEGORY.**

31. **The weigh-in will start no earlier than 1pm and end no later than 3pm at The Waterline at Doc's Seafood in Corpus Christi, TX on 07/25/2026. Anglers will need to be in line with fish in hand by 3pm. Only bring the fish in line that you are entering for the tournament. There will be no culling or sorting at the Weigh Station. If more fish than you are entering into the tournament are brought to the Weigh Station you will be sent to the back of the line. Anyone trying to get in line after 3pm will be disqualified and not be allowed to weigh in.**
32. **NO PROTESTS ALLOWED. Tournament Committee and Weighmaster decisions are final!**
33. Rules are subject to change.
34. No Refunds will be issued!
35. Tournament may be limited to a set number of registered teams based on capacity, availability, and logistical restrictions.



## ENTRY FEES for Guided & Non-Guided Teams

**Team Entry Fee** – Team rate for 1-4 Anglers. This Tournament is a fundraiser for the Padre Island Business Association. A portion of entry fee proceeds will be retained by the Padre Island Business Association.

- *Early Bird Team Entry Fee rate of \$400 is available through May 30, 2026 and includes Friday and Saturday meals and a commemorative shirt for each registered angler.*
- Standard Team Entry Fee rate of \$450 is available from June 1, 2026 through July 15, 2026 and includes Friday and Saturday meals.
- Late Team Entry Fee rate of \$500 is available from July 16, 2026 until 6:30PM at the Captain's Meeting on Friday, July 24, 2026.

**Calcutta Heaviest Stringer** - \$200 per team. You will have the option to buy your team at the time of registration for \$200. If you choose not to buy your team at the time of registration, your team will go to auction at the Captain's Meeting. The opening bids will start at \$100 with \$50 increments after. 1st & 2nd Place Heaviest Stringers will be awarded in each division at a 50/30 split. 80% payout with 20% being retained by the Padre Island Business Association. If 1st or 2nd place Heaviest Stringer teams were not purchased, award will go to next Heaviest Stringer weight of a bought team.

**Side Pot Lightest Legal Redfish** - \$25 per team. 1st place awarded in each division. 80% Payout. 20% will be retained by the Padre Island Business Association.

**Side Pot Lightest Legal Trout** - \$25 per team. 1st place awarded in each division. 80% Payout. 20% will be retained by the Padre Island Business Association.

**Side Pot Spot Pot** - \$50 per team. 1st place awarded in each division.. 80% Payout. 20% will be retained by the Padre Island Business Association.

## PAYOUTS

*Payouts are per Division and subject to adjustment based on final number of teams registered per division\*\**

<u>Heaviest Stringer</u>	<u>Heaviest Trout</u>	<u>Heaviest Redfish</u>
1st Place - \$1,000	1st Place - \$500	1st Place - \$500
2nd Place - \$750	2nd Place - \$250	2nd Place - \$250
3rd Place - \$400	3rd Place – Trophy	3rd Place - Trophy

**\*\*PAYOUTS ABOVE ARE BASED ON 12 TEAM ENTRIES PER DIVISION\*\***

## CATEGORIES

**Heaviest Stringer:** Heaviest combined weight of (1) Trout (15-20”) and (2) Redfish (20-28”). 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded.

**Heaviest Redfish:** Heaviest Slot Redfish (20-28”). Must be the same fish used in Heaviest Stringer. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded.

**Heaviest Trout:** Heaviest Slot Trout (15-20”). Must be the same fish used in Heaviest Stringer. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded.

## OPTIONAL SIDE POT DETAILS

**\*\*Calcutta and Optional Side Pots will be per division, not combined\*\***

**Calcutta Heaviest Stringer:** Heaviest combined weight of (1) Trout (15-20”) and (2) Redfish (20-28”). 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place awarded in each division. 50/30 split. 80% payout with 20% being retained by the Padre Island Business Association. Must be same fish used in Heaviest Stringer.

**Side Pot Lightest Legal Redfish:** Smallest Slot Redfish (20-28”). Does NOT have to be the same fish used in Heaviest Stringer. 1st place

awarded in each division. 80% Payout. 20% will be retained by the Padre Island Business Association.

**Side Pot Lightest Legal Trout:** Smallest Slot Trout (15-20"). Does NOT have to be the same fish used in Heaviest Stringer. 1st place awarded in each division. 80% Payout. 20% will be retained by the Padre Island Business Association.

**Side Pot Spot Pot** – Slot Redfish (20-28") with the most spots. Redfish MUST HAVE more than 2 spots to be eligible for consideration in the spot pot. Can be a separate fish from your Heaviest Redfish/Heaviest Stringer. 1st place awarded in each division. 80% Payout. 20% will be retained by the Padre Island Business Association.

**NEW FOR 2026!**

### **SPECIALTY SIDE POTS**

**\*\*These Specialty Side Pots are not separated by division\*\***

**\*\*TEAM MUST REGISTER ONLINE BY JULY 15 TO BE LISTED ON THE SPECIALTY SIDE POT COMPETITION BANNER AT THE EVENT\*\***

**Battle of the Bars:** \$25 buy in with 100% payout to winner, plus trophy. Team Entry must specify association with the name of an existing business (bar, restaurant, or the like) with a TABC Mixed Beverage Permit or TABC Retailer's Permit. Minimum of 1 registered angler on the team must be an owner or employee of the establishment for the Team to qualify to participate in the contest. *Winner determined by Team's Heavy Stringer weight. Must be same fish used in Heavy Stringer.*

**Real Estate Rumble:** \$25 buy in with 100% payout to winner, plus trophy. Team must be registered under the name of an existing real estate agency, title company, mortgage lender, or home builder. Minimum of 1 registered angler on the team must be an owner, agent, or employee of the agency for the Team to qualify to participate in the contest. *Winner determined by Team's Heavy Stringer weight. Must be same fish used in Heavy Stringer.*