

**Bay Area Builders Association  
10th Annual Fishing Tournament  
Friday, September 22, 2023  
Waterman's Marina  
14302 Stewart Rd. B  
Galveston, TX 77554**

**2023 BABA FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES-GUIDED BOATS ONLY TOURNAMENT**

- A. All anglers must have a current Texas fishing license with saltwater endorsement in their possession during the tournament.
- B. The fishing tournament will be held in the bays surrounding Galveston, Texas. Fish must be caught in waters that are open to the public.
- C. All Anglers will meet at Waterman's at 5:30AM on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for breakfast, coffee, and to meet their guide. The tournament shall commence with all teams/boats leaving from Waterman's starting at 6:30AM. All teams must leave from Waterman's.
- D. Guides and their team members are responsible for following all the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) fishing regulations and Texas boating laws at all times. Any angler or team that violates ANY tournament rules, state, federal or local laws & regulations may be disqualified and forfeit all fees and rewards.
- E. Anglers will not be allowed to fish in the tournament without a signed liability waiver turned in.
- F. Live & artificial bait may be used.
- G. All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Anglers may only fish with one rod and reel at a time.
- H. The angler must hook, fight, and reel the fish in without aid of the guide or any another person. (Guides are not allowed to fish during the tournament, they can assist in casting & netting the fish).
- I. Pooling or transferring of fish is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification of team.
- J. Please exercise good stewardship of the environment and sportsmanship to fellow competitors.
- K. Any obnoxious, rude or disruptive behavior will be grounds for disqualification for the tournament and/or dismissal from the Weigh-in Station at the discretion of the Tournament Directors or Weigh Master.
- L. TABC Guidelines do not allow open coolers or containers with alcohol from outside sources on Waterman's property. Alcoholic beverages must be purchased through Waterman's when on their property.
- M. Anglers & Guides are responsible for reading, knowing, understanding, and abiding by the tournament rules. In all tournament matters & disputes, the **DECISION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS IS FINAL.**

**BOATS AND GUIDES**

- A. Only Guided boats are allowed to fish in tournament. All team members must be on the same boat.
- B. Tournament provided guides will be assigned by random drawing by the guide wrangler. For teams hiring their own guide, the guides must be on the Approved BABA Guides list. Check with Peggy Means.
- C. Guided boats are limited to the three anglers and their fishing guide, no spectators or a second guide allowed on the boat.
- D. Guides are NOT ALLOWED to fish during the tournament. Guides are allowed to cast for a team member and net a fish reeled to boat by an angler. Guides are NOT ALLOWED to hook a fish or assist anglers in reeling in the fish. The angler must hook, fight, and reel in the fish without aid.
- E. Please remember to tip your guides!

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**\*2023 NEW RULE \*- A fish may be entered in ONLY ONE category.**

*For example, if a fish is used in the Stringer Category it CAN NOT be weighed in the Grand Slam Category or in the Individual red fish or trout categories and vice versa. Teams must decide what fish to submit to Weigh Master for each category, he will NOT weigh all your fish and then let you choose.*

**WEIGH-IN**

- A. **All fish must be submitted for weigh-in by 1:00PM at Waterman's Marina.** Anglers must be in line with their fish in hand by 1:00PM. Weigh Master will have the official time. If you are not in line by 1:00PM, you will be disqualified and your fish will not be weighed. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please allow time for unexpected delays in getting back to weigh-in.
- B. All fish weighed must be caught on the day of the tournament during official tournament hours.
- C. All fish must be fresh and in edible condition. Fish that have been frozen, gutted, or mutilated will not be accepted and team will be disqualified.
- D. **The Weigh Master will have the ultimate ruling on all posted weights and determination if a fish is eligible to be included in the tournament.** Catch does not need to be live but Weigh Master will have the authority to disqualify any catch that is determined to be landed prior to the tournament start time.
- E. All fish entered are subject to inspection and seizure after dissection and/or Tory meter if the Weigh Master feels that the need is necessary.
- F. Any fish weighed in must be legal according to the regulations of TPWD.
- G. Although it is legal to retain and tag a Red Fish over 28 inches, **for the purpose of this tournament oversized or a tagged Red Fish WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A legal Redfish must be at least 20" and not greater than 28". (Slot reds only).**
- H. A Speckle Trout must be at least 15". Only one Speckle Trout per fisherman over 25 inches can be weighed into the tournament.
- I. All fish will be measured in accordance with TPWD rules on measuring fish. (Check it stick) Pinching of tail to get maximum length will be in place according to TPWD guidelines. **Any anglers knowingly attempting to weigh an undersized or over-sized fish will be disqualified, including all team members.**
- J. When a tie exists, with respect to weight, then the first fish/stringer weighed in will be declared the winner.
- K. All protests or disputes relating to any matter involving the rules and/or event must be registered in writing with a Tournament Director by 1:30PM and prior to delivery of any prizes or winnings. Protests made after the deadline will be disregarded and the participant may be subject to disqualification.
- L. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE WEIGH MASTER ARE FINAL.**

**TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS:**

There are two divisions being awarded prizes, the Women's Division and Men's Division. Teams can consist of both women and men and have a maximum of 3 anglers on team boat.

**\*For the purpose of TEAM PRIZES, the Women's Division will be defined as a team made up of WOMEN ONLY, no men are allowed to be on the team. The Men's Division CAN include both men and women on a team or can have all men on the team.**

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**TEAM CATEGORIES & PRIZES:**

- Heaviest Stringer** - A maximum team stringer consist of no more than FIVE eligible trout and redbfish. Only TWO eligible slot Redfish are allowed. (Slot reds 20 inches to 28 inches) No tagged redbfish are allowed and redbfish over 28 inches will be disqualified. The minimum length for trout is 15 inches. **One trout over 25 inches is allowed per TEAM. All 5 fish will be weighed-in together.** The winner will be determined by total weight of the combine 5 fish. Only one team from each division in the Stringer category will be awarded FIRST PLACE ONLY. A Trophy and Cash prize of \$200 will be awarded to each winning team member.
- Texas Grand Slam** - The Texas Grand Slam will be determined by the combined total weight of the 3 designated species listed; **1 redbfish, 1 trout and 1 flounder.** Slot redbfish only, 20"-28". All 3 fish will be weighed-in together. Minimum length for both trout and flounder is 15 inches. **One trout over 25 inches is allowed per TEAM.** One team will be awarded the winning trophy and a \$200 cash prize for each winning team member in the Texas Grand Slam.

**C. INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES & PRIZES:**

**Largest Redfish & Largest Trout Categories:**

A Trophy & Cash prize will be given to an INDIVIDUAL ANGLER for First and Second place, in the categories of Redfish and Trout for both the Women's & the Men's Division **Largest Redfish and Trout** caught will be determined by weight. Although it is legal to retain and tag a Red Fish over 28 inches, **for the purpose of this tournament no oversized or a tagged Red Fish will NOT be accepted. (Slot reds only 20"-28")**. Trout must be at least 15". Only one Speckle Trout over 25 inches can be weighed into the tournament per fisherman, whether it is for a team or for an individual category.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Red Fish Women's Division – \$900 (Individual cash prize)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Red Fish Red Fish Women's Division – \$450 (Individual cash prize)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Red Fish Men's Division – \$900 (Individual cash prize)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Red Fish Men's Division – \$450 (Individual cash prize)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Trout Women's Division – \$900 (Individual cash prize)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Trout Women's Division – \$450 (Individual cash prize)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Trout Men's Division – \$900 (Individual cash prize)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Trout Men's Division – \$450 (Individual cash prize)**

**Big Ass Fish (BAF)** - Largest NON-Tournament fish caught that will be determined by weight.

All entries must be a legal catch. A trophy and a \$200 cash prize will be awarded to only ONE INDIVIDUAL winner. **(Redfish, trout or flounder are not allowed)**

**"Winner Takes All Spot Pot"- MUST BE REGISTERED & PAID TO WIN**

Any team member can sign up & pay for the Spot Pot for \$20 (cash only) at the TEAM's Dinner on Thursday night at Fisherman's Wharf Seafood Restaurant or on Friday morning at Waterman's before boats leave at 6:30AM. The redbfish that has the most spots will determine the winner. Spots that are touching or overlapping one another will be counted as one spot. **Weigh Master will determine what spots count, no exceptions.**

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**\*MANDATORY TEAM MEETING & DINNER\***

The MANDATORY TEAM Meeting & Dinner will be held Thursday, September 21st from 6PM to 9PM at Fisherman's Wharf Seafood Grill, 2200 Harborside Drive, Galveston, 77550.

**It is mandatory that a minimum of one angler per team attend the meeting** however all team members are invited. Dinner, 2 drink tickets and one Door Prize entry is included with your team entry fee. All teams must sign-in at the check-in table. Door Prize drawings will be conducted at the dinner on Thursday night and you must be present to win. The purchase of additional door prize tickets are available online and will also be available at the event on Thursday night. Registration for the "Winner Takes All Spot Pot" side pot will take place on Thursday night at the at Captain's Dinner and on Friday morning at Waterman's before boats leave at 6:30AM. Spot Pot entry is \$20 (cash only) for registered anglers only.

**2023 Bay Area Builders Association Fishing Tournament Agenda**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

A team representative must **pick up the Boat Bags for the all their anglers on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the GHBA between 9AM and 4PM.**

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

The MANDATORY TEAM Meeting & Dinner will be on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6PM to 9PM at Fisherman's Wharf Seafood Grill, 2200 Harborside Drive, Galveston, 77550. Door Prize Drawings will be held at the dinner.

**Tournament Day - Friday, September 22, 2023**

**5:30AM – 6:30AM** - Breakfast tacos will be served at Waterman's Marina.

**6:30AM – Fishing Tournament start:** All teams will leave from Waterman's Marina at 6:30AM on Friday, Sept. 22nd.

**12:00PM – 2:00PM** Lunch will be served at Waterman's Marina

**1:00PM - Weigh-in Closes**

**2:00PM – Awards Luncheon and at Waterman's Marina.**