

2009 TOURNAMENT RULES & POINTS

1. IGFA Rules and Tackle Specifications apply. (Guides may not assist anglers, except to boat (net), measure, photograph and release fish.) Gaffing or chumming is not permitted.
2. Fish must be entered on score sheet by the scoring angler at time of release to avoid disqualification.
3. All participants must "sign-off" on Score Sheets at the end of each day.
4. The fish must be measured with the measuring device and released to constitute a catch. *Each measurement must be witnessed and attested to by the scoring angler and guide.
5. Redfish must be a minimum of fourteen (14) inches in length and trout must be a minimum of thirteen (13) inches in length measured from the SNOUT to the END OF THE TAIL. Measuring gauges and cameras will be given to the Guides at registration.
6. For an angler to enter a fish into the "largest" division they must obtain an accurate photograph with the fish on top of the measuring device so the length is clear.
7. No heavier than twenty (20) pound test (Manufacturer's Stated Test) may be used. There is no restriction on the test strength of leaders, tippets, shock tippets or bite tippets.
8. Fly and Spin/Plug (Lure, Synthetics, Plastics) divisions are "artificial lure" categories. No tipping or chumming is permitted. Tipping is permitted only in the Bait Division (Hooks or Jigs).
9. In the Fly division, "dropper rigs" are prohibited, and no additional weight, floating material, or other devices may be added to the leader (E.g. Strike indicators, yarn, sink aids of putty, tungsten, or lead, etc.)
10. Only one (1) working rod per angler is allowed in the water at any time.
11. There must be two (2) anglers on every participating boat. In the absence of a teammate or celebrity angler, a substitute angler will be appointed by the Tournament Committee. The Redbone tournaments are TEAM events. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, the guide will encourage equal casting opportunities (bow time) to both teammates. A team with a Pro-Celebrity is only eligible for individual awards. They are not eligible for Team awards.
12. All anglers must be accompanied by a USCG Licensed Captain approved by the Rules Committee. Captains/Guides may enter as anglers only with Tournament Committee approval.
13. Boats must depart from and return to Tournament Fishing Headquarters by water. No trailering. Anglers must fish from the SAME BOAT for both tournament days. The Tournament Committee will make an exception in case of mechanical difficulties. At the "Blessing of the Fleet" on Day I, boats must depart in the order they are announced.
14. Fishing is restricted to those waters inshore of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.
15. Fishing may only be caught between the hours of 7:30 am (boats depart) to 3 pm (lines out)
16. Guides must sign out before departure each day and sign in upon returning (by 4:30pm) regardless of catch.
17. Ties will be awarded to the angler who catches their last fish first.
18. The Rules Committee will make any weather decisions.
19. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final. Protests must be submitted in writing by 5:00PM.

*MEASURING EXCEPTION

Bull reds (approx. 28" and above) may be released without obtaining a measurement. This is to minimize trauma to these fish. Official release defined as either touching the fish or hook, or purposely cutting the leader within 6 inches of the hook. For the biggest redfish and trout award categories, fish do need to be photographed in the standard way, against the provided law stick/ruler in a clear manner.

POINTS

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>REDFISH</u>	<u>TROUT</u>	<u>SLAM BONUS (EACH SLAM)*</u>
General (Bait)	50	50	50
Spin/Plug	100	100	50
Fly	200	200	50

*For every combination of redfish and trout, combined over two days