

2012 Low Country RedFish Cup Rules and Regs

Registration: Registration will take place 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on the day prior to tournament.

Entry Fee: \$200.00 (cash only) per tournament. A one time 2012 Low country Redfish Cup Membership Fee of \$50.00 per team is due at the first tournament you participate in for the 2012 season.

Entry fee is non refundable once captains meeting starts. Payback Scale based on 30 Boats at \$200.00 per boat.

- 1st \$3,000
- 2nd \$1,000
- 3rd \$500
- 4th \$300
- 5th \$200

1st place is a Gauranteed Minimum payout of \$3,000. Number of places paid out may vary based on number of entries.

- \$250.00 per tournament goes into Team of The Year Award for a total award of \$1,000. Team of the year is the team with the most points going into the championship.

Low Country Redfish Cup is a non profit event

CAPTAIN'S MEETING: Captain's meeting at 7:00 PM on the day prior to tournament. All teams are expected to attend the Captain's Meeting, and sign in at the designated time and location. If a team is unable to attend a Captain's meeting due to valid emergency reasons, they may designate an alternate to draw their number and attend in their place. In addition they must contact the Tournament Director prior to the start of competition. A designated alternate may not represent more than two teams at a Captain's Meeting. Teams agree that it is their own responsibility to find out what was discussed at the Captain's meeting.

FISHING RULES: The events will be fished consistent with and enforced pursuant to the laws of the state. All contestants are expected to obey all applicable federal, state and local regulations and laws. Violation of such rules may result in your disqualification from the tournament. Repeated or flagrant violations will result in said contestants being banned from future participation in LowCountry Redfish Cup Events.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Participants in Lowcountry Redfish Cup Events are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon the LowCountry Redfish Cup, fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy, shall be reason for disqualification. Evidence of chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon the Lowcountry Redfish Cup efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and for disqualification. Any act deemed by the Tournament Committee that gives a team or angler an unfair advantage not specifically covered under this set of rules shall be grounds for disqualification. Any violation by an angler deemed intentional or preconceived by the Tournament Committee to gain an unfair advantage, would be grounds for permanent disqualification.

BOATING SAFETY: While operating, moored, anchored, fishing, safe boating practices shall be adhered to at all times. All competitors are required to wear a fastened, U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal floatation device (PFD) anytime the outboard or inboard engine is in use. All vessels shall be equipped with the minimum United States Coast Guard safety requirements for that vessel and an operational VHF Radio or cell phone. This does not refer to trolling motors. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the Committee.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: The Committee has the right to cancel the days fishing at the call of the 5:30 a.m. forecast. It will be the responsibility of competitors to communicate with the Cup Committee about Cup event cancellations. The Cup Committee reserves the right to terminate the day's fishing because of unsafe conditions at sea. If the unsafe conditions are the result of inclement weather, Cup Committee will notify all registered competitors of the rescheduled date. However, the tournament shall be considered complete if more than half the allotted time to fish has elapsed. If need be, an event will be rescheduled to a later date because of inclement weather. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the committee.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS: Any competitor using or carrying alcoholic beverages or illegal substances while engaged in the Low Country Redfish Cup events will be immediately disqualified. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the Committee.

AUTHORIZED FISHING TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Artificial lures is the only bait/lure that is permitted in the tournaments. All fish must be caught on a rod, reel and line. Snatching with multiple hooks, gigging and / or using multiple hooks (Treble Hooks) with any natural bait is prohibited. Treble hooks are permitted for lures only. Only one fishing rod may be used at a time per

competitor. A cast must be fully retrieved before a competitor may pick up another rod. Competitors may not use trolling as a method of fishing. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the Committee.

FISHING HOURS: The Cup events will start on Saturday, the day of the Cup event. No competitors will be allowed to fish prior to the start time. All competitors must be in weigh-in line by stated weigh-in time or the fish will not be recorded as a tournament catch. The Cup awards presentation will begin after weigh in. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the Committee.

REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBLE FISH: Eligible fish must be caught fresh within the stated boundaries the day of the tournament. Fish must be of legal state length to be considered in these Cup events. Redfish: Minimum length of 15 inches; maximum length of 23 inches pinched tail. No more than the state legal limit of redfish can be on the boat at any given time. Only two fish per team are allowed to be weighed in. There is 4(Four) ounce penalty per dead fish. Fish can not be kept on ice until weigh in. The tournament committee encourages catch and release after weigh in. The weigh-master reserves the right to hold and examine internally and externally any fish weighed in as a tournament catch to determine if the fish is eligible for an award. Any fish that has an unnatural material in, on it or tail has been altered in any way will be disqualified. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the Committee. Fish will be measured on an OFFICAL CHECK IT STICK DISPLAYED AT THE CAPTIANS MEETING AND WEIGHED ON DIGITAL SCALE. TEAMS MAY COMPARE THEIR MEASURING DEVICE TO THE LC REDFISH CUP OFFICAL CHECK IT STICK PRIOR TO WEIGH IN.

FISHING BOUNDARIES: Competitors may fish anywhere on Cup waters accessible to the public by boat. Competitors may not enter waters that are deemed closed by the SC or GA Wildlife Resources Commission or are private. Competitors may not fish within 50 yards of a competitor's boat, which was in a location first, anchored, or positioned by a pole type anchor. Competitors may not fish within 100 yards of the official check out area and where non-competitors are chumming or fishing with live or cut bait. If non-competitors will not refrain from chumming, competitors must leave the area. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the committee.

TEAMS MUST FISH IN BOATS ONLY: No competitor, at any time, may leave the boat to fish, or land a fish. Competitors must leave and return to the official check-out by boat. If competitors experience malfunctions, it is their responsibility to contact a member of the tournament Committee, by cell phone Fred (843) 714-9811 or Brian (843)384-1759. You must check in by the stated time the day of the event in order to weigh a fish. Competitors who violate the above rule will not be able to weigh-in and will forfeit entry fee. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the Committee.

OFFICIAL CHECKOUT: Teams will receive a number at the Captain's party by "luck of the draw". A representative from each team will draw a number and the number will determine the team's check out position. Teams can launch their boats anywhere they wish, but, must report to the host location and checkout to be eligible for the event.

After your vessel is found to be in compliance with tournament guidelines and USCG safety compliances competitors will either anchor or "jockey" around specific wait areas until the chairman releases the vessels and starts the Cup event.

Teams must proceed in a safe and no wake manner until clear of other teams and clear of any designated no wake areas. After the chairman officially checks you out, competitors can leave the marina or landing and head to their fishing destinations. Competitors should not advance position ahead of another team while boats are traveling in a No Wake Zone. There will be only one official check out in the morning and one official check in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat check out and check in will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon check-in. Competitors who fail to check out will not be allowed to weigh-in the day's catch for the Cup event or receive any points for the Series Championship. All teams are required to check in regardless of weighing a fish. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the Cup Committee.

Official check out and check in times will be announced at the captains meeting.

Points system starts at 100 points for first place. Each place thereafter will be a 2 point difference, all the way down through teams weighing fish (2nd Place will be awarded 98 points, 3rd place 96 points, etc). Any remaining teams NOT weighing in fish will be awarded 10 points less than the lowest team weighing fish with a minimum of 10 points awarded.

The top 15 teams in points after 4 events will qualify to participate in the Championship. The points will be determined from each team's best 3 of the 4 events. Only 15 teams will be allowed to participate in the championship. Should there be a points tie within the top 15 teams, the tied team with the largest single fish weighed within the regular season events will have precedence for participation in the championship. Location of the championship will be determined by the highest turnout of anglers in the two general geographic areas of Charleston or Beaufort/Hilton Head.

TIE. Ties shall be broken by the Largest Fish for the event. The team with the heaviest single fish shall receive precedence. In the event of identical weights, the team that weighed in first will have precedence. **THE DESIGNATED CAPTAIN MUST FISH THREE OF THE FOUR TOURNAMENTS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP. A ONE TIME ALTERNATE ANGLER IS ALLOWED BUT THE ALTERNATE ANGLER MUST FISH 2 OF THE 4 TOURNAMENTS IN ORDER FOR THAT TEAM TO QUALIFY FOR THE**

CHAMPIONSHIP. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, WITH COMMITTEE APPROVAL, A SUBSTITUTE ANGLER MAY BE USED.

NO SOLO FISHING IS ALLOWED.

ALL POINTS EARNED REMAIN WITH THE DESIGNATED TEAM CAPTIAN IN THE EVENT OF A TEAM BREAK UP.

PROTEST PROCEDURE: Protests must be presented in writing to the committee at the weigh-in station on the day of the alleged infraction, within fifteen (15) minutes of the stated weigh-in time. \$150 Cash Deposit, refundable if the protest is upheld, must accompany Protests. The Cup Committee will make all decisions, and their decision is final. If the protest is not upheld, then such deposit will be forfeited to the Cup event. Any ruling or event involving this rule will be left to the committee.