Saltwater Survival Series Rules

About: This is an individual kayak/wade event and All competitors must stay within 100 yards from another competitor unless invited in. You may fish with another angler but remember this is an individual tournament and no sharing or pooling of fish is allowed. First cast at 6 am.

Lures: All fish must be caught by rod and reel using any lure of choice any and all lures can be used

Regulations: All State and Federal Laws Apply. At all times anglers must comply with US Coast Guard and State rules and regulations for the area you are fishing. Upon signing the waiver before launching, you are agreeing to all terms and conditions and are stating that you have read the rules and understand the law. Every fisherman must have a valid Texas Fishing License.

Registration: Participation is open to all anglers 18 and up, minors 16 and 17 must have written guardian consent signed and verified 3 days prior to tournament date. Minors under 16 must have written consent and be accompanied by an adult during tournament. This tournament is limited to ONLY 150 anglers, so make sure you sign up as soon as registration is available. All participants will be required to sign the waiver form during the captain's meeting the night before. There are NO REFUNDS for cancelations.

Restrictions: This event is a wade/kayak/tournament only. No motorized boats are allowed. No ‘ferrying’ from a motorized watercraft is allowed. As this is an individual tournament, no tandem boats are allowed. You may walk in wade fish without a kayak. If you choose to wade fish you must walk in from a bank/shoreline. Motor Boats are prohibited and can not be used to get to wade location. If Participants may not hire a guide 7 days prior to tournament. No pre-fishing allowed 12hrs before tournament captains meeting. You must launch or walk in wade from a publically accessible area. No launching from private property allowed. First cast is at 6 am. The weigh in will start at 1:00pm and the line closes at 5:00pm. You must be checked in at the weigh in by 5:00 PM or your fish will not be counted. The awards will start once all results are in!

Safety: You must have your PFD within arm’s reach at all times. All anglers are responsible for their own well-being and determination of safe sea conditions.

Honor System: We trust that all anglers will abide by the honor system. Breaking the rules in any way will disqualify the angler from this tournament and all future Saltwater Survival Series tournaments. Breaking any rules to get an unfair advantage does not keep the playing field level and completely defeats the purpose of this tournament!!! Remember, there will be a large number of anglers leaving the same place and launching/fishing in the same areas at the same time, so please be courteous of other nearby anglers during the tournament.

Polygraph: Each contestant who fishes Saltwater Survival Series agrees to potentially submit to a polygraph examination at a time and location determined by the Tournament Directors following the end of the competition in each event and abides by its conclusion. Failure to pass the polygraph will result in disqualification. Protests: All protests must be submitted in writing along with a $150 cash deposit, within thirty (30) minutes of check-in time to the Tournament Director. The protester also agrees that if there is a question of verifying the charge of a protest that he or she also may be subject to take a polygraph and agree to testify in a court of law if necessary. If the Tournament Director, or polygraph, upholds the protest, the cash deposit shall be returned to the contestant submitting the protest. All prize money can or will be with held upon protest investigation if necessary by the tournament director.

Redfish Tournament Eligible Fish: This is a two redfish stringer. You will receive a 0.5 pound bonus for 1 live fish you bring in, if its on its last breath is alive but must show some sign of movement on its own. YOUR FISH MUST BE BETWEEN 20 AND 28 INCHES BEFORE YOU STRING IT. No frozen or mutilated fish will be accepted. The weigh master, scorekeeper, and tournament directors have the final say in determining whether or not a fish is considered mutilated or frozen. You may not alter your fish in any way. Before stringing your fish, make sure you sweep the tail to make sure it does not exceed 28 inches. If there is a tie, the angler that weighed in first wins the tie.

Flounder Tournament Eligible Fish: This is a two flounder stringer. You will receive a 0.5 pound bonus for 1 live fish you bring in, if its on its last breath is alive but must show some sign of movement on its own. YOUR FISH MUST BE BETWEEN MIN 14". No frozen or mutilated fish will be accepted. The weigh master, scorekeeper, and tournament directors have the final say in determining whether or not a fish is considered mutilated or frozen. You may not alter your fish in any way. Before stringing your fish, make sure you sweep the tail to make sure it is a min of 14" inches. If there is a tie, the angler that weighed in first wins the tie. Trout Tournament Eligible Fish: This is a 4 trout stringer. You will receive a 0.5 pound bonus for 1 live fish you bring in, if its on its last breath is alive but must show some sign of movement on its own. YOUR FISH MUST BE BETWEEN MIN 15" and only 1 fish may be weighed in over 25". No frozen or mutilated fish will be accepted. The weigh master, scorekeeper, and tournament directors have the final say in determining whether or not a fish is considered mutilated or frozen. You may not alter your fish in any way. Before stringing your fish, make sure you sweep the tail to make sure it is a min of 15" inches. If there is a tie, the angler that weighed in first wins the tie.

Side Pots: Side pots for Redfish, Trout and flounder is a 1 fish side pot for each species. Redfish must be 20"-28", Trout must be over 15”- 1 Trout can be over slot of 25”, Flounder must be min 14" . Slam Side pot will consist of 1 Red, 1 Trout, and 1 Flounder within slot limits and main fish weighed in can be used for slam side pot ,Most Spots a single slot redfish with most spots. Side pots will be measured on heaviest weight in each category. There will be no bonus for live fish. No frozen or mutilated fish will be accepted. The weigh master, scorekeeper, and tournament directors have the final say in determining whether or not a fish is considered mutilated or frozen. You may not alter your fish in any way. If there is a tie, the angler that weighed in first wins the tie.

Prizes: The top 10% will be paid with 75% of the entry fees. Side pots will pay out 100% of the entries to 1st place. One Raffle ticket will given away at check in both at weigh in and must be present to win.

Scoring: In the event of a tie, the first person to weigh in shall be declared the winner. If a tie occurs for Angler of the Year, the winner will be the angler with the greatest total weight for the season. Right of Refusal: Saltwater Survival Series reserves the right to refuse entry to a participant for any reason. If you have paid your entry & are denied entry to the event, you will be given a full refund.

Inclement Weather: If the weather looks to be inclement, it is the contestant’s responsibility to check Saltwater Survival Series website, Facebook or call the Tournament Directors to see if the event is canceled or not.

Tournament Directors: Daniel Hayes and Tony Keill email:

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Saltwater Survival Series Participant Waiver

I the below signed, agree to all rules above, understand and willingly know that by competing in the Saltwater Survival Series Tournaments I am on my own. There is no support staff in the competition while on the water. Any loss of equipment or injury sustained during the course of the competition is the responsibility of the contestant. I am responsible for my own actions and safety and will abide by all rules of the SSS Tournament and the practices and laws of U.S. Coast Guard and TPWD. I know this event as all outdoor and water activities are inherently dangerous and by signing this waiver release the Saltwater Survival Series owners and any affiliates or sponsors of any financial or legal responsibility for injuries, damages to personal equipment or vehicles, dismemberment or death. I understand that this is a paid competition and that there is the possibility that I might not win anything back in the competition. Each contestant is responsible for their own state or federal taxes on any winnings that may be earned. First & Last Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature

First & Last Name of Guardian ( if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature

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