

# 2024 CCBA Tournament Rules

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**2024 PRESENTING SPONSOR**



1. **Anglers not required to check-out in person; Check-out is honor system.**  
No lines in the water until 6am on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Tournament ends Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:00 pm.
2. Fish eligible for weighing in must be of a legal size, Florida Saltwater Fishing regulations and local fishing regulations apply and will be strictly enforced. It is the angler's responsibility to abide by Florida bag limits.  
**Slam stringer: Redfish, Trout, Snook (total combined weight, 1 each)**
3. **Eligible fish must be weighed in between 12pm and 4pm on Saturday, or 12pm to 3pm on Sunday.**
4. In the case of a jam up at the weigh in station – we will issue you a tag at the dock or in parking lot at MacRae's/The Shed. You/Your boat **MUST BE visually confirmed** by committee person no later than 3pm on Sunday to receive tag. No exceptions.
5. Scales will be set up at MacRae's/The Shed under a tent and will have the official tournament banner and weigh in board displayed.
6. No one is allowed in the weigh in station except tournament officials and the angler weighing in the eligible fish.
7. All eligible fish are determined by weight first, and in case of tie, by time weighed in. In the category of redfish most spots, a tie will be determined by weight first, and then time weighed in.
8. IGFA (International Game Fish Association) rules apply for all World Record competition.
9. All fish must be caught during tournament hours and within the boundaries of the Levy/Dixie County line (north) and the Hernando/Pasco County Line (south) and must be within the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and its tributaries
10. **All fish must be caught on hook and line. This includes Youth Tournament. There shall be no restriction on the line test. Live Bait is permitted**
11. Anglers must fish from the shore, dock or the boat(s) they have registered.
12. **Weather: Rain or shine, all anglers fish at their own discretion and accept full responsibility for their crew and boat.**

**\*\*\*ADDITIONAL RULES ON BACK\*\*\***

## **2024 CCBA Tournament Rules Cont.**

13. Fishing either day or partial day will constitute a tournament. Refunds or rollovers of entries, for cancellations received after March 4, 2024, are subject to approval by the committee on a case-by-case basis. Any cancellation or postponement of event, by the committee, will result in automatic refunds or rollover to next event, angler preference.
14. Cash prizes are based on 150 paid boat entries. Entries will be capped at 200 boats.
15. Awards will be presented at MacRae's of Homosassa on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at approximately 4 p.m. once final weights have been determined, protests/complaints and winning fish necropsies have been completed and reviewed.
16. No Angler shall win more than one place award per category.
17. **Angler must present CCBA entry number AND choose category for fish prior to entering weigh-station.**
18. All winners may be subject to a polygraph test. The Committee may conduct polygraph on any qualified entry (species).
19. Fraud complaints/protests must be submitted in writing, by a registered tournament angler, eligible for prize money, with a \$300 cash bond to the tournament committee no later than time that final weights are posted on the official weigh in board on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If a fraud complaint is received with bond, prize for that slot will be withheld and polygraph scheduled for earliest possible date/time. If offense is confirmed, bond will be returned to complainant and prize will be issued to next eligible angler. If offense is not confirmed, bond will be used to pay polygraph costs and prize will be awarded to the original winner.
20. All captains and anglers registered to the CCBA Annual Family Fishing Tournament must abide by current FWC Rules. Captain accepts full responsibility for the conduct and safety of any participant on their vessel and holds CCBA and MacRae's of Homosassa and any of their affiliated sponsors, employees, officers and directors, and volunteers harmless from any liability and all losses, costs, damages, and/or expenses. All participants also agree to allow CCBA to use their name and likeness in any Sponsorship or Promotional Materials.
21. All weighed fish will be returned to anglers upon request, at the end of the awards presentation.
22. 2024 Tournament rules are final and subject to change at the discretion of the CCBA Fishing Tournament Committee.