

South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce

2009 LKT Tournament Rules

Bay Division

1. All participants in the 2009 Ladies Kingfish Tournament must be aware of the Tournament Rules set forth by the Committee. Additional rules or rule changes set on Friday evening of the Tournament are final. Participants assume full responsibility for checking the rules.
2. IGFA rules apply in addition to rules stated in this document and at registration.
3. All Anglers and Boat Captains/Operators must be registered with the Tournament.
4. All participants must register the boat they will be fishing on by name. **THIS IS A BOAT TOURNAMENT. NO FISHING FROM DOCKS.** If you must switch boats due to mechanical problems, the LKT Committee must be notified.
5. Women anglers only. Men are encouraged to participate, but only as captains, boat operators and deckhands.
6. Men may not fish at any time during the Tournament. Captains/Boat Operators/Deckhands may bait the hook or release the fish, but may not hold the rod at anytime.
7. Only one rod per angler is allowed in the water at one time.
8. **IDENTIFY FISH BEFORE REACHING WEIGH-IN DOCK.** All fish must be in fresh, edible condition. **ANGLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPER IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR CATCH PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE DOCK. IMPROPER IDENTIFICATION OF CATCH WILL RESULT IN ANGLER DISQUALIFICATION.** Color rubber bands will be supplied at registration to assist with proper identification of each anglers fish (i.e.:1st angler – red, 2nd angler – blue, etc.) Anglers are responsible for transferring fish from their boat onto the dock. Dockhands will assist when fish are on the dock.
9. All fish must be caught by rod and reel. **No gigging. No surf fishing. No fishing from piers, docks or jetties. Wade fishing permitted from boat only.**
10. Fishing time begins no earlier than 6:30 a.m.
11. Weigh-In time begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. **No exceptions.** All fish brought in by land are subject to the same rules. Suspicious fish will be cut open. All boats must be **AT THE DOCK** no later than 5:30 p.m. Clock at dock will be official time. Dock Chief's decision is final.
12. Qualifying fish are Red Drum, Speckled Trout and Flounder.
13. Bag limits are one fish per species per angler. *Please practice conservation when possible.*
14. No tagged Red Drum over 28" allowed. If an untagged Red Drum over 28" is brought in, the angler will be disqualified from the Tournament.
15. Tournament Weigh-Card must be initialed by the angler when the fish are weighed in and prior to leaving the dock.
16. Fish will only be weighed in one time. Make sure the information is correct before signing the tournament boat card.
17. Removal/disposal of all fish caught is the responsibility of the angler.
18. Anyone attempting to defraud the Tournament will be disqualified for life.
19. Grievances must be filed in writing to the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce office at 600 Padre Blvd. between 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. or faxed to 761-2739 before 9:00 p.m., August 8, 2009. The decision of the Grievance Committee is final. Person filing grievance must be available between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Sunday, August 9, 2009 for questioning by Tournament Polygrapher.
20. Anglers and Boat Captains/Operators agree to submit to a polygraph test if requested by the Tournament Directors.
21. It is the duty of all persons entered in the Tournament to be familiar with State and Federal fishing regulations.
22. Tiebreakers will be based on weight / length / time.