

# South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce

## 2009 LKT Tournament Rules

### Offshore 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 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.** 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.
7. Chumming – While boat is anchored or drifting for chumming, no more than 2 rods per angler are allowed. Any rods not in rod holders must be handled by the angler. If necessary, the angler may be assisted to chair for safety reasons.
8. Trolling – With a trolling hook-up, the deckhand may move the rod from the holder to the angler in the chair for safety reasons. At this point only the angler may touch the rod and reel.
9. All fish must be caught by rod and reel. **No surf fishing. No fishing from piers, docks or jetties.**
10. **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.: 1<sup>st</sup> angler – red, 2<sup>nd</sup> angler – blue, etc.) Anglers are responsible for transferring fish from their boat onto the dock. Dockhands will assist when fish are on the dock. VHF Channel 68 will be monitored for docking purposes.
11. Fishing time begins no earlier than 6:30 a.m. All offshore boats must stop fishing by 5:30 p.m.
12. Weigh-In time begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. **No exceptions.** All fish brought in by land are subject to the same rules. All boats must be at the “No Wake” sign in the SouthPoint channel (across from Sea Cottages) NO LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. Clock at dock will be official time. Dock chief decision is final decision.
13. Qualifying fish are Kingfish, Dorado, Bonita and Blackfin Tuna.
14. Bag limits are one fish per species per angler. *Please practice conservation when possible.*
15. Large fish may be hung tail up before weighing in. What falls out stays out.
16. Tournament Weigh-Card must be initialed by angler when the fish are weighed in and prior to leaving the dock.
17. Fish will only be weighed in one time. Make sure the information is correct before signing the tournament weigh-card.
18. Removal/disposal of all fish caught is the responsibility of the angler.
19. Anyone attempting to defraud the Tournament will be disqualified for life.
20. 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.
21. Anglers and Boat Captains/Operators agree to submit to a polygraph test if requested by the Tournament Directors.
22. It is the duty of all persons entered in the Tournament to be familiar with State and Federal fishing regulations.
23. Tiebreaker will be based on weight / length / time.