



Roofing Contractors Association of Texas

FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES

The intent of this tournament is to promote overall good fellowship. Honesty and fair play are essential to the success and competition in any event and must be followed at all times. Only current members of RCAT can enter.

1. All anglers must carry a valid Texas Fishing License with saltwater stamp.
2. **GUIDED BOATS:** A maximum of four (4) anglers and one professional guide will be allowed per guided boat. Professional fishing guides will be assigned to each team prior to the tournament in a random "blind draw" manor.
3. **INDIVIDUAL BOATS:** A maximum of (5) anglers per boat without a professional guide. Individual boats are defined as "non-guided" boats. All rules that apply to guided boats with the exception of #6 below will apply to individual boat entrants.

Categories & Prizes (from combined results of Friday & Saturday fishing teams):

- a) **Heaviest Stringer** Largest Trout or Redfish may be entered in this category. Heaviest Stringer to be the total weight of up to **5 Redfish and 2 Trout per boat**. Fish weighed for heaviest Redfish or Trout categories can also be used in total stringer weight. Length prevails in case of a tie on weight for "Heaviest Trout" and "Heaviest Redfish" categories.
 - b) **Heaviest Redfish**
 - c) **Heaviest Trout**
 - d) **Redfish with Most Spots** - The redfish must have a minimum of 3 spots. If spots are connected, this is considered as one spot. In case of a tie the prize will be split.
4. Morning check-in FOR ALL TEAMS must be done at Woody's between 5:00 AM and 6:00 AM on the designated fishing day of the tournament to pick up **boat/weigh-in tag**. Guided boat flights will leave the dock beginning at 6:30 AM and following flights will leave in 15 minute intervals. Individual boats will fish on Saturday only and launch from Robert Point Park Boat Ramp. Individual boats may temporarily dock at Woody's to ensure that they make the scheduled weigh-in time.
 5. All fish must be within the legal limits permitted by law. All fish must be caught on rod and reel. No Redfish over 28" will be allowed to weigh-in in any category. **No sorting or substitutions** at the weigh-in table. Anglers may weigh-in fish beginning at 2:00 PM. Entrants must present weigh-in tag at the designated weigh-in station. Your weigh-in cut-off time will be staggered 9 hours from boat departure time. Anyone who has not presented their boat/weigh-in tag by their scheduled time will not be allowed to weigh in their fish.
 6. Guides can only have a maximum 1 Trout and 1 Redfish entered that they personally caught. A fish hooked by the guide, is a fish caught by the guide. A guide caught fish may win for the team.
 7. Entrants are subject to disqualifications from the Tournament in the event of any suspected foul play, to include the weighing in of fish, which appear to have been caught prior to the date of the Tournament.
 8. Fishing restricted to local bays and waterways, jetties, and surf within 20 miles of Port Aransas, TX.
 9. **Permitted Tournament Wade Fishing;** Wade fishing is allowed; participants must leave from and return to the official check in station. Teams who wish to **wade fish must remain within 300 yards of their boat**. No team member is permitted to net another team members catch while wade fishing. All team members must be in the boat prior to engine combustion, unless in case of emergencies.
 10. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place in categories a., b., and c from the combined results of all fishing teams on both Friday & Saturday. One prize will be awarded for category d. from the combined results. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place in categories e., f., and g. for the teams fishing on Saturday only in the Individual division.
 11. The "Weigh Master" shall have sole discretion in these matters and his decisions are **FINAL**.
 12. It is expressly understood that participants in this tournament enter at their own risk. RCAT assumes no liability for any accident or unfortunate event that may occur during the tournament.
 13. In the event of dangerous weather, cancellation of all or part of the event will be at the discretion of the tournament directors. RCAT reserves the right to cancel or postpone the tournament should weather conditions become unsafe. If dangerous weather prevents the tournament from proceeding on the scheduled date the board of directors will determine if the tournament can be re-scheduled for a later date. If the tournament is not re-scheduled the board of directors will determine if refunds will be given to registrants based on the total cost spent for the event prior to the originally scheduled date.
 14. Payment must accompany registration for this event. Any registration cancellations made after April 14, 2017 will not be refunded.

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14th Annual RCAT Fishing Tournament Cash Pool – Thursday April 27, 2017 5:00PM @ Woody's Sport Center

The purposes of the **FISHING TOURNAMENT CASH POOL** is to enhance the team competition of the tournament and to raise funds for the RCAT Annual Tournament.

THERE WILL BE TWO CASH POOLS: GUIDED BOAT DIVISION AND THE INDIVIDUAL BOAT DIVISION

1. The TOURNAMENT CASH POOL is an *optional* team competition based upon the total stringer weight of the fish as defined by the FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES. Participants will have the option of purchasing at auction a 50% stake in the potential prize money for each boat entered into the tournament. There are two auctions and divisions in this tournament: the Guided Boat division will have a cash pool from which prizes are awarded; and the Individual Boat division will have a separate cash pool from which prizes are awarded.

The total Cash Pool money raised at auction, for each division, will be divided as follows among the Heaviest Stringer winners:

1st Place	30 %
2nd Place	20 %
3rd Place	10 %
RCAT	40 %

2. All team sales are final. **All payments are due prior to the tournament start.** Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards are accepted.
3. Prize Money will be paid via check to the Team Captain listed on your registration after all payment checks and card charges have posted to the bank (approx. 10 days). The Team Captain is responsible for distribution of prize money to his fishing team.
4. The purchase of the "Front Half of Boat" (50%) has been covered in your tournament entry fee. For each boat entered the remaining "Back Half of Boat" (50%) will be auctioned to the highest bidder during the Cash Pool event with a minimum opening bid of \$200 per boat. The "Back Half of Boat" is sold to the highest bidder at auction. 50% of any prize money won by the boat will be awarded to the highest bidder and the other 50% to the registered Team Captain.
5. In the event that a team's "Back Half of Boat" is NOT purchased during the auction; the "Back Half of Boat" will belong to RCAT and 50% of any prize money won by that boat would be paid to the association.
6. Guided Boat Division teams will be assigned a fishing GUIDE & BOAT NUMBER and their fishing DAY in a random "BLIND DRAW" manor. If you are not present when called to draw for your guide/boat number an RCAT Tournament Official will draw on your behalf and you will not be allowed to "re-draw" later. YOU MAY PRE-SELECT YOUR FISHING DAY BY PURCHASING THE BACK HALF OF BOAT NOW FOR \$500. THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CASH POOL AND THE BOAT WILL NOT BE AUCTIONED OFF. YOUR GUIDE & BOAT NUMBER WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED BY THE WEIGH MASTER PRIOR TO THE KICKOFF EVENT.
7. The Cash Pool auction for the Guided Boat Division will be done in boat number order once the guide assignment and fishing day have all been drawn. The auction for the Individual Boat Division will be done in the order of entries received.
8. It is understood by all participants that the **FISHING TOURNAMENT CASH POOL** is a feature of the tournament solely to add to the fun and enjoyment of the tournament, to enhance team competition, and add to the camaraderie spirit of all RCAT members.