

Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Club



REDFISH FOR CASH



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OFFICIAL RULES OF THE 2009 "REDFISH FOR CASH"

Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the weigh master. OLL Men's Club fishing rodeo committee cannot override the weigh master's final decision. Decisions of the weigh master are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

1. Federal, State and Local Laws

All contestants are required to follow all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and laws. Any violation of such rules or the rules of the "REDFISH FOR CASH" rodeo may result in disqualification from the rodeo and the cash prize.

2. Eligibility

There are no eligibility requirements for anglers entering this contest. Any angler can enter into this competition. Any angler 17 Years of age or younger may fish with a parent or other adult but must provide written parental consent at registration. There can be no more than 3 team members per boat competing for the "Redfish for Cash" prize category. All "Redfish for Cash" team members must fish in the same boat.

3. Alternates

In the event one of the registered team members cannot fish, an alternate angler is allowed. The name of the alternate must be provided at the Captains meeting.

4. Sportsmanship

All contestants are required to practice courtesy, safety and follow local and state game laws. Anyone displaying poor sportsmanship or violating game laws will be subject to a fine or disqualification.

5. Permitted Fishing Locations

Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by local, state, or federal officials or within 50 yards (within a reasonable fishing distance of a competitor's boat). Fishing is not allowed within 100 yards of the tournament site. Teams may not fish near areas they know have been chummed within 10 days prior to competition.

6. Contestants Must Remain in Boat

All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. No tournament boat may be loaded on the trailer before the weigh-in except with

the permission of the tournament director. In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there will be only two permitted methods of returning to the official check-in: (1) by both partners remaining in their boat and being towed by water (a commercial licensed tow company may be utilized, or another team may tow a fellow competitor,) (2) by one or both anglers entering the boat of another tournament contestant. Under these two conditions the contestant's catches may be counted without a penalty (except for late penalties, dead fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules). Contestants who elect to return to the official check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day's catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Any contestant returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition only under the supervision of the tournament director or his designated tournament official. It is the sole responsibility of contestants to locate the tournament director or official to request a restart. Failure to render assistance when requested in an emergency situation is cause for immediate disqualification. Teams receiving assistance must communicate to the tournament official, the boat number(s) of the assisting boat and the assisted boat at time commencing aid.

7. Official Checkpoints

The Dock of Slidell will be the only official checkpoint for boat check in the morning and official checkpoint for check-in that afternoon. All tournament boats must be inspected by tournament official at the Dock of Slidell before blast-off (times will be announced at the Captains meeting Friday October 16th 7:00 p.m. at the Dock of Slidell). Any team arriving after blast off has started will have their boat inspected and then go to the back of the line. Failure to go through boat inspection and checkout in the morning will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon check-in. Teams that experience equipment failures may have them repaired and check out late for the event. However, it is the team's responsibility to find and notify the tournament director or tournament official in order to check out.

8. Polygraphs

Each contestant agrees to submit, by his/her Team Captain's signature on the official tournament entry form, to a polygraph examination and abide by its conclusion. All top ten winning team members and Captain's must sign a polygraph acknowledgement prior to leaving the final weigh-in to be eligible for cash prize.

9. Mandatory On-Site Captains Meeting

At least one member from each team must attend the Captains meeting. The Captains meeting will be held at 7:00 P. M. Friday October 16th 2009 at the Dock of Slidell. During the meeting, teams will complete all paperwork, receive any patches and decals, and draw team numbers.

10. Tournament Entry Fees & Registration Dates

Entry fee for the "Redfish for Cash" category is \$300.00 for up to 3 anglers per team. Registration deadline is October 9th 2009. A \$50.00 late fee will apply to entries after the deadline. Late entry forms will be accepted up until 8:00 p.m. October 16th, 2009 at the Captains meeting. Entry forms can be picked up at Toyota of Slidell or found on the web at REDFISHFORCASH.COM.

Check payable to: Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Club.

Mail completed entry form and check to:

Pete Cavnac

1278 Cutter Cove, Slidell, La. 70458.

Completed forms may also be faxed to: 985-649-6945.

For more information contact Ray Ohler at 985-788-4499 or Captain Britt Ordes at 985-259-1801.

OLL Men's Club reserves the right to limit the number of boats participating in the "Redfish for Cash" event.

11. Safety equipment

All boats must have a functional VHF radio on board. In addition, it must have a functional bilge pump and live well space, properly aerated to adequately maintain alive a limit catch of redfish by team members. The Tournament Director shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate. For the safety of all contestants, all boats must be equipped with some type of operable ignition kill switch. This ignition kill device must be attached to the driver's body anytime the combustion engine is operating. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, there must be a driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat. A small electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering. All bladder tanks and any other type of auxiliary gas tanks that are not installed by the boat manufacturer are prohibited. Fuel may be carried only in factory installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public.

12. Safety

Safe boating will be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened, vest-type or suspender-style U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal floatation device anytime the combustion engine is on.

13. Team Numbers and Flights

Team numbers will be drawn by each team at the Captains meeting. Tournament will be shotgun start at first safe light. All contestants will start and finish at The Dock of Slidell. It is the contestants' responsibility to know their flight number, official time and check-in time.

14. Bait and Tackle

Only artificial lures may be used with the exceptions of liquid bait attractants or pork strips. No live or dead bait. No trolling with the main engine. Only one rod at a time may be used per contestant. A cast must be fully retrieved before another rod is picked up. Fly-fishing and conventional tackle are allowed. All redfish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Foul hooked fish shall not be weighed during competition. A foul hooked fish is defined as a fish that does not have at least one hook in its mouth, and it must be released.

15. Live Fish

Every effort must be made to keep redfish alive. An eight (8) ounce or .50 pound penalty will be deducted from the contestants' total weight for each dead redfish presented for weigh-in. No mutilated or iced fish shall be accepted. No angler may manipulate the weight or length of any redfish with the intent of gaining an advantage over other tournament competitors during the tournament or any time six prior to the event.

16. Late Penalty

Contestants who are not at the official check-in area at the designated time will be penalized one (1) pound per minute from the total weight including any weight. Any contestant more than fifteen (15) minutes late will not receive credit for their catch and be disqualified from the event.

17. Scoring

Tournament standings shall be determined by the aggregate weight measured in pounds and 100ths of a pound of each team's catch during the tournament. Only redfish/red drum will be weighed, the limit

shall be two (2) fish per team. Contestants will at no time have in their live well more than the tournament limit of fish.

18. Tie

Heaviest redfish will be used as tie breaker. If there is still a tie. The two places will be combined and divided equally. If last place tie. The last place payout will be divided between the two teams.

19. Tournament slot limit

Redfish/red drum between minimum legal length and less than 27 inches measured with tail pinched (not swept). If Redfish tail touches the 27" line it will be disqualified. Any fish outside of the slot limit will not be weighed. The official "Redfish for Cash" sticker with team number assigned at the Captains meeting must be displayed in a visible location on the boat consol or windshield. If a boat does not have the proper decal prior to takeoff on the day of the event, that team will not be able to participate. Decals will be provided in advance with adequate time for proper placement.