



ANCIENT CITY GAME FISH ASSOCIATION (ACGFA) 10th ANNUAL BACKWATER CHALLENGE 2021 TOURNAMENT RULES

**NOW A
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RELEASE
TOURNAMENT!**

THE ACGFA AND ITS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES MAY REFUSE ANY INDIVIDUAL FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT, AT THEIR DISCRETION. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS AGREE THAT BY ENTERING THIS TOURNAMENT ALL RULE PROTESTS AND MANAGEMENT DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY FURTHER INTERPRETATION AND /OR LITIGATION.

SECTION I – GENERAL RULES

1. The Redfish Challenge is a TWO fish aggregate tournament. Only two redfish per day will be weighed, the heaviest two fish will count for the two fish aggregate weight. The heaviest REDFISH aggregate weight will win. Only one place per angler. All anglers on boat must be registered.
2. Registration is \$100 per angler and can be done by mail (registrations must be post dated by July 2nd), online at www.acgfachallenge.com or day of event at Camachee Cove Marina on Friday July 9th from 4:00 to 7:00. All registered anglers must attend the mandatory tournament meeting at 7:00pm. All tournament rules will be reviewed at the tournament meeting.
3. Advertised prizes are based on 100 paid anglers. Prizes will be awarded to the registered angler, and ONLY after completion of all required tax forms. Prize amounts will be adjusted based on the total number of paid entries.
4. Every effort must be made to keep redfish alive. No mutilated, iced, or altered redfish shall be accepted. All fish caught must be weighed in alive. If a dead fish is weighed in, as determined by the weight official, there will be a 1-pound penalty per each dead fish (maximum two Redfish per day).
5. If a redfish were to die at any time during your declared day, that fish must stay in your possession and be counted as one of your qualifying fish.
6. All anglers are responsible for following all Florida State fishing rules. Any angler receiving a citation from a law enforcement agency will be disqualified from the tournament. All anglers must have a valid Florida fishing license.
7. Anglers may only fish after safe light. Anglers may fish all inshore waters. Anglers may not fish offshore or east of any jetties or shore lines.
8. No transfer or pooling of fish shall be permitted between anglers.
9. All fish must be caught by rod and reel.
10. Go / No-Go weather decision to fish is left to the angler. Safety should ALWAYS come first.
11. No refund of entry fees unless the tournament committee cancels the tournament. In that case, a pro-rated entry fee will be returned after expenses.
12. Inshore TWT rules available at TWT registration table.

SECTION II – WEIGH-IN

1. Weigh-In will be at Camachee Cove Marina. All anglers can come by boat or vehicle. Weigh in times are 3:00-5:00pm on Saturday and 2:00-4:00pm on Sunday. Anglers must be in line before the end of weigh in.
2. The angler who caught the fish must accompany and present his/her fish to the scales, ONLY one angler is permitted at the scales at one time.
3. Anglers will be required to sign their weigh in slip and certify that they were the angler that caught the fish. All anglers shall have identification present at weigh-in.
4. Any 2 fish caught on either day are eligible for the largest aggregate prize. Anglers are responsible for determining which fish will be weighed. Once a fish has been placed on the official tournament scale, the fish will be recorded as a fish of record for the day and cannot be replaced.
5. All fish submitted for aggregate and TWT must be caught on the days of the tournament.
6. All fish must comply with federal, state, and local regulations. Any fish deemed to be spoiled, frozen, mutilated, or showing signs of unsportsmanlike handling may be disqualified by the Weigh Master. Weigh Master decisions are final.
7. In the case of a tie, the angler that weighs his or her fish first wins.

NOTICE: ALL ENTRANTS ARE SUBJECT TO A POLYGRAPH TEST TO RECEIVE A PRIZE. THESE ARE THE TOURNAMENT RULES. ANY LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS OR CHANGES DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANGLER'S MEETING. ANY RULES NOT SO PRESENTED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL.