



ANCIENT CITY GAME FISH ASSOCIATION(ACGFA) 11TH ANNUAL BACKWATER CHALLENGE 2022 TOURNAMENT RULES

**LIVE
RELEASE
TOURNAMENT!**

THE ACGFA AND ITS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE 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. The heaviest REDFISH aggregate weight will win. Only one place per angler. All anglers on boat must be registered.
2. Registration is \$60 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 8th 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. 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.
6. Anglers may only fish after safe light. Anglers may fish all inshore waters. Anglers may not fish offshore or east of any jetties. North boundary is Palm Valley bridge, south boundary is Bean's Landing. Matanzas River only. No fish from the St. Johns River.
7. No transfer or pooling of fish shall be permitted between anglers. No two boats shall come together.
8. All fish must be caught by rod and reel.
9. Go / No-Go weather decision to fish is left to the angler. Safety should ALWAYS come first.
10. 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.
11. 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. 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. All fish submitted for aggregate and TWT must be caught on the day of the tournament.
5. 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.
6. 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.