



2017 Reels for Heels Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations

Rules: Any angler who registers and participates in the DFSCC Reels for Heels tournament will abide by the following rules. All decisions made by tournament director and officials will be final in all matters. Please read the following rules/regulations and general release of liability prior to signing form.

Registration/Captain's Meeting: (Mandatory) *a representative from each team MUST check-in on registration day at the Captain's Party on Friday August 18, 2017. (Final registration, Check in, side pots, music and food will begin at 5:30pm.) Captain's meeting on rules & regulations will be at 7:00pm.*

Entry Fees/Registration: Entry fee is \$80.00 per person (until July 31, 2017)

Late registration: \$100.00 (August 1-18, 2017)

Junior Angler (Ages 15 years and younger) –Entry fee \$25.00

Any team that has not properly paid and registered by August 18, 2017 by 8:00pm can be withdrawn from the tournament.

Applicable laws/Safety*: All local, state and federal, Coast Guard and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulations and laws apply at all times during the tournament. You must have a valid/current fishing license from Texas Parks and Wildlife to fish in this tournament. The tournament directors highly recommend that kill switches be connected and U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets be worn while main engine is running.

Sportsmanship: Reels for Heels participants are expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and ethics. Please refer to the Texas Boating Safety Rules.

Boat Team: A team can consist of up to 4 anglers per boat for Guided and Non Guided divisions. You may hire a guide for the guided division but guides are not allowed to fish.

Kayak Team: A team will consist of one paid registrant per vessel. Only human powered vessels are approved watercraft (ie.Kayaks, canoes and rowboats.) No inflatable boats, paddleboats or stand up paddleboards are allowed. No gasoline or electric motor propelled boats, float tubes or poled boats are allowed.

Women's Division: A team can consist of up to 4 anglers per boat for Guided and Non Guided divisions. You may hire a guide for the guided division but guides are not allowed to fish. To

be entered in women's division the team must be women outnumbering the men 2 to 1 (example: team of 4 will consist of either – 3 females and 1 male or 4 females).

Junior Division: The tournament encourages the participation of junior anglers (16 years and younger & must be registered to fish with an adult team.) The junior angler must hook and reel in the fish to be eligible for awards in this category.

Definitions: Team Divisions – Guided and Non-Guided

Guided Division- Professional/Guides are persons who, for compensation, accompanies, assists, or transports anyone to engage in fishing in the waters of this state over the last 12 months.

Non-Guided Division anglers may not or shall not use professional guides or commercial fisherman to obtain fish. Any team that has a professional angler on board, or is aided by a professional angler, will qualify the entire team to be entered into the guided division.

Fishing: Fishing begins at safelight (Poles in the water.) Teams may only fish out of a boat, kayak or wading. No pier, jetty or surf fishing is allowed. Teams may launch from any legal and public launch site. No fishing near ferry's. Only one rod and reel per angler at any time. Any type of bait. Lures, Live bait or dead bait is allowed.

Weigh in: The official weigh-in station is at Marker 37 Marina & Pier, Corpus Christi, TX. Teams may launch at any location but must be in line to weigh in their fish starting no earlier than 1:00pm and no later than 3:00pm. (No weigh-ins accepted after 3:00pm). Each team may weigh in three fish, one per category. One Redfish (at least 20"- not greater than 28"), One Speckled Trout (at least 15"-not greater than 25") and One Flounder (at least 14".) Any fish which does not meet the legal minimum or is over the legal maximum size WILL NOT be accepted. Fish will be inspected for alterations in size, length and weight. Any altered fish will result in disqualification of any individual and or team. Tournament Officials have the final say as to compliance/weigh-ins/winners.) ****Special Note** Live fish will have head of line privilege at weigh in.**

Live Fish: Each live fish that is weighed in will receive a 0.5lb bonus added to its weight. If your team is weighing in a live fish please alert a tournament coordinator upon reaching weight in area to be escorted to the front of the line.

Stringer: The Stringer is a FULL 3 fish stringer consisting of 1 Trout, 1 Redfish and 1 Flounder. The Fish in the stringer will also be used for the individual fish categories and side pots.

Prizes: Trophy/prizes will be awarded to First and Second place for heaviest fish in each division. First place trophy/prize will only be awarded to the Junior Angler division for heaviest fish. First Place and overall tournament champion will be awarded to heaviest Stringer. In the event of a tie, heaviest stringer shall be broken by greatest length of the largest fish on the stringer. Ties for individual fish categories will be determined by length. Decisions of the weigh master and tournament officials are final.

Weather: Tournament will only be delayed or rescheduled in the event of a hurricane, tropical system or any inclement weather that would be unsafe for anglers/boaters and kayakers. There will be no refunds; any registration fees, will be carried over to new date should event be postponed.

Side pots: Side pot categories are \$25.00 per category. Side pots can only be entered at the Captain's party on Friday August 18, 2017 from 5:30pm-8:30pm. (CASH ONLY)

- *Heaviest Slot Redfish
- *Heaviest Speckled Trout
- *Heaviest Flounder
- *Heaviest Stringer
- *Most Spots Slot Redfish

Refusal: – Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse application of entry, with or without cause, at its sole discretion. Any applicant refused entry shall be entitled to a refund of their entry fee, but there will be no other refunds for any other reason.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT AND
GENERAL RELEASE OF ANGLER**

As with any recreational activity, participation in the Reels for Heels Fishing Tournament presents a certain degree of risk of personal injury. By electing to participate in the tournament, each participant agrees to assume such risk. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the tournament, and by so participating, each participant additionally agrees, individually and for such participant's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assignees, that he/she shall hold harmless and indemnify fully, and does thereby release, acquit and forever discharge, The Reels for Heels Tournament committee and Dress for Success Corpus Christi, its affiliates, agents, representatives, officers, directors, employees and sponsors from any and all claims, causes of action, demands, rights, damages and losses which may accrue on account of, or in any way arise from, his/her participation in said tournament, even if caused by the acts or omissions of others. By Signing, I attest and agree that I have read all the rules/regulations, hold harmless and acknowledgement form. General release form must be signed and dated by each member of each team. (Anglers under the age of 16) must have a parent also sign and consent.

Team Name: _____

Angler 1: Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Angler 2: Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Angler 3: Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Angler 4: Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____