



## **JEA's 7th Annual Charity Redfish Tournament Rules and Guidelines**

**February 23, 2026  
Palms Fish Camp Restaurant  
6359 Heckscher Drive Jacksonville, FL**

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1. It is the responsibility of all participants to read and understand the Tournament Rules included herein, and that the Angler will abide by such Rules and the decisions of the Tournament's Committee and Tournament personnel. The Tournament reserves the right to disqualify any Angler who violates Tournament Rules.

### **Registration**

2. Entry fee is \$100 per angler and is not refundable under any circumstances. If the tournament is called off due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for March 9, 2026. The Tournament within the Tournament (TWT) is a separate fee for each category and optional (\$25 per category). Jr Anglers (12 and under) fish free.
3. Each boat must be accompanied by a JEA Employee, Retiree, or Sponsor (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, or Title).
4. All registration forms and entry fees are due by the Captain's Meeting on Sunday, February 22, 2026, or alternate date if tournament is rescheduled (Note: early registration guarantees shirt size availability).

### **Captain's Meeting**

5. Captains or their authorized representative must attend the meeting. The meeting will be held at Palms Fish Camp on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 5:00pm or alternate date if tournament is rescheduled (onsite registration opens at 4:15pm). We will review the rules for the JEA's Annual Redfish Charity Tournament. The Tournament Rules Committee may amend the Tournament Rules prior to the start of fishing. Captains/Anglers are responsible for being informed of all the Tournament Rules and procedures.

### **Prizes**

6. All prizes are cash and will be awarded for General Redfish Tournament Angler 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> place Largest Redfish, 1<sup>st</sup> place Lady Angler Largest Redfish, and all Jr Anglers will be recognized. Tournament within Tournament (TWT) is independent of the General Tournament and is a 50/50 split prize structure in each category and based on number of participants.

### **Rules**

7. There will be no official check-in/check-out procedure for this Tournament. All boats may commence fishing as soon as there is safe light to fish. Hours of fishing are from safe light until 2:00pm on Monday, February 23, 2026, or alternate date if tournament is rescheduled, unless terminated earlier by the Tournament's Rules Committee.
8. Weigh-in will take place between 12:00pm and 3:00pm at Palms Fish Camp. All Anglers wishing to weigh a fish must be in the weigh-in line on site as established by the designated dock attendee by 3:00pm. Time of Angler arrival will be established by the designated dock attendee staged near the weigh-in scale.
9. All fish must comply with Florida Fish & Wildlife (FWC) Rules & Regulations.
10. Red Fish can only be weighed by an Angler in one general category but can be re-used in the tournament within the tournament entries.

11. All fish will be measured with the perfect pinch ruler to ensure all tails are pinched the same, no exceptions will be granted to this standard of measurement.
12. All natural black spots 11/64 or greater are counted. A clear and distinct line must be visible between spots. If not, it will be counted as one spot. Dead fish will be assessed a one-spot penalty.
13. This is a live catch tournament, and it is the Angler's responsibility to present a live fish at the scales. Any Angler presenting a dead fish at the scale will have a 1/2-pound penalty subtracted from the weight of the fish. All fish submitted for weigh-in must be of legal size and caught the day of the Tournament.
14. No mutilated fish may be weighed in and the final decision will be made by the Weigh Master.
15. All fish weighed, or spot counted will be returned to the Angler.
16. Legal methods for catching fish are rod and reel.
17. All fish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Teams may use live or artificial baits. No fishing within 50 yards of another boat. No netting or foul hooking fish will be accepted and any mutation of fish at weigh in will result in the team being disqualified. Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in immediate disqualification from the event.
18. You do not have to have a boat to participate. Fish may be weighed in by vehicle and caught from hook and line off dock/shore.
19. Fish to be weighed or spot-counted must be carried to the scales by the Angler. Shoes are required by all participants coming to the scales. A personal floatation device is required if a Jr Angler leaves the boat.
20. In the event of a tie in fish weights or spots, the winner shall be determined by the earliest check in time as recorded by the Weigh Master.
21. The general tournament will be scored based on the single legal redfish with the greatest weight. Anglers or boats may enter any of the following TWT side categories for an additional fee (per category, per angler OR boat): most spots on a legal redfish; largest trout (by weight); largest flounder (by weight); total weight slam (combined weight of one redfish, one trout, and one flounder). All TWT fish must be legal size. A redfish weighed in for the general tournament may also be used in TWT categories if it is entered under the same angler or boat entry. The same fish may NOT be used for multiple TWT entries by different anglers on the same boat.
22. All information printed on the weigh-in slip, including but not limited to the official weight, as accepted by the Angler, is binding.
23. The Tournament's Rules Committee may amend The Tournament Rules at any time prior to the start of fishing if requested by the majority.

## Safety

24. Every boat must meet all Federal, State and Local safety regulations for its size. All Captains are responsible to ensure that all applicable Federal, State and Local fishing laws and regulations are adhered to by all members of their crew. Violation of any statute or marine regulation or directive by a boat or any Angler may be grounds for disqualification at the sole discretion of the Tournament's Rules Committee.
25. It is recommended all boats be equipped with an operating Marine VHF-FM radio. The use of marine radios during the Tournament must comply with the FCC and USCG regulations. The use of profane or derogatory remarks may result in disqualification.

